

DEPARTMENT OF ART + DESIGN

2026-27 catalog 4-year degree pathway

College of Arts and Humanities

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Graphic Design Specialization

Sample only—your academic advisor will help you create an individualized plan. Students with more than one major should communicate with their advisor prior to enrollment. Upper-division (UD) electives should be selected in consultation with advisor and department faculty members.

Actual courses offered may be in different terms than the quarter listed in this sample plan.

YEAR 1	Fall Quarter		Winter Quarter		Spring Quarter		
	UNIV 101	Transition to CWU (1)	K1 Option	Academic Writing II (5)	*QR Option	Quantitative Reasoning (5)	
	*AWI	Academic Writing I (5)	ART 172	Computer Fundamentals (3)	ART 171	Three-Dimensional Design (3)	
	Option						
	ART 150	Intro to Drawing (3)	ART 250	Figure Drawing (3)	ART 274	Beginning Typography (4)	
ART 170	Two-Dimensional Design (3)	Elective	Explore/minor (4)	Elective	Explore/minor (4)		
Total Quarter Credits		12	Total Quarter Credits		15	Total Quarter Credits	16

YEAR 2	Fall Quarter		Winter Quarter		Spring Quarter		
	K2 Option	Community, Culture, & Citizenship (5)	K3 Option	Creative Expression (5)	K4 Option	Global Dynamics (5)	
	ART 235	History of World Art I (3)	ART 236	History of World Art II (3)	ART 237	History of World Art III (3)	
	ART 283	Beginning Graphic Interface Design (4)	ART 251	Beginning Illustration (4)	ART 351	Intermediate Illustration (4)	
	ART LD	Beginning studio (4)	ART 225	Beginning Photography (4)	Elective	Explore/minor (4)	
Total Quarter Credits		16	Total Quarter Credits		16	Total Quarter Credits	16

YEAR 3	Fall Quarter		Winter Quarter		Spring Quarter		
	K5 Option	Humanities (5)	ART 370	Beginning Layout & Design (4)	K6 Option	Individual & Society (5)	
	ART 414	Recent Art (4)	ART 383	Intermediate Graphic Interface Design (4)	ART 371	Intermediate Layout & Design (4)	
	ART LD	Beginning studio (4)	ART 361	Beginning Motion Graphics (4)	ART 374	History of Graphic Design (4)	
	Elective	Explore/minor (4)	Elective	Explore/minor (4)	ART 376	Professional Practices (2)	
Total Quarter Credits		17	Total Quarter Credits		16	Total Quarter Credits	15

YEAR 4	Fall Quarter		Winter Quarter		Spring Quarter		
	K7 Option	Physical & Natural World (5)	K8 Option	Science & Technology (5)	ART 472	Intermediate Design & Production (4)	
	ART 372	Beginning Design & Production (4)	ART 471	Corporate Graphic Design (4)	ART 483	Advanced Graphic Interface (4)	
	ART 470	Advertising Graphic Design (4)	ART 474	Intermediate Typography (4)	ART 476	Studio Project (2)	
					Elective	If needed for financial aid (2)	
Total Quarter Credits		13	Total Quarter Credits		13	Total Quarter Credits	10-12

SUMMER		
	ART 490	Internship (5)
Total Degree Credits		180-182

K1, K2, etc. = Knowledge Area (Gen Ed)
 LD = Lower Division (100-200 level)
 UD = Upper Division (300-400 level)

*Assumes appropriate placement. If placement needs are different, your advisor will help you create a suitable first-year Math/Academic Writing sequence to set you up for success.

GRAPHIC DESIGN, BFA							
BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS CORE							
BFA Core Credit Requirements: 29			Credits	Prerequisites	Fall 26	Winter 27	Spring 27
ART	150	Introduction to Drawing	3		✓	✓	✓
ART	170	Two-Dimensional Design	3		✓	✓	✓
ART	171	Three-Dimensional Design	3		✓	✓	✓
ART	235	History of World Art I	3		✓	✓	
ART	236	History of World Art II	3	ART 235		✓	✓
ART	237	History of World Art III	3	ART 235, 236	✓		✓
ART	250	Figure Drawing	3	ART 150		✓	✓
ART	376	Professional Practices	2				✓
ART	414	Recent Art	4	ART 237	✓	✓	
ART	476	Studio Project	2		✓	✓	✓
Total			29				
GRAPHIC DESIGN SPECIALIZATION							
Prerequisite Lower-Division Credits: 15							
ART	172	Cmptr Fndmntls Grph Design	3		✓	✓	✓
ART	225	Beginning Photography	4		✓	✓	✓
ART	274	Beginning Typography	4	ART 172	✓		✓
ART	283	Begin Graphic Interface Design	4	ART 172	✓		
Total			15				
Art History Credits: 4							
ART	374	History of Graphic Design	4				✓
Total			4				
Lower-Division Required Credits: 12							
ART	251	Beginning Illustration	4	ART 150, 172	✓	✓	
Select an additional two studio courses from:							
ART	241	Beginning Wood Design	4		✓	✓	
ART	246	Beginning Jewelry/Metals	4		✓	✓	✓
ART	260	Beginning Painting	4		✓	✓	✓
ART	265	Beginning Ceramics	4		✓	✓	✓
ART	280	Beginning Sculpture	4		✓	✓	✓
Total			12				
Upper-Division Required Credits: 49							
370, 371, 371 & 470, 471, 472 are sequential							
ART	351	Intermediate Illustration	4	ART 251			✓
ART	361	Beginning Motion Graphics	4	ART 274, 283		✓	
ART	370	Beginning Layout and Design	4	ART 283		✓	
ART	371	Intermediate Layout and Design	4	ART 370			✓
ART	372	Beginning Design & Production	4	ART 371	✓		
ART	383	Inter Graphic Interface Design	4	ART 283		✓	
ART	470	Advertising Graphic Design	4	ART 371	✓		
ART	471	Corporate Graphic Design	4	ART 470		✓	
ART	472	Inter Design and Production	4	ART 471			✓
ART	474	Intermediate Typography	4	ART 274		✓	
ART	483	Adv. Graphic Interface Design	4	ART 383			✓
ART	490	Cooperative Education	5+		Usually completed in summer term		
Total			49				
TOTAL CREDITS			109				