

2023 - 2024 Old Dominion University Catalog Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) Graphic Design Major w/VCCS Equivalencies

Sample four year curriculum with a suggested ordering of courses. Students may re-order as needed.

** indicates not automatically waived with transferrable associates degree, C or better required for transfer.*

Courses in green are waived by the completion of an Associate degree (Not eligible for Applied Associate degrees).

YEAR 1 - FRESHMAN (30 CREDITS)

FALL SEMESTER (15 credits)

General Education Coursework:
ENGL 110C (Grade of C or better required)
Mathematical Skills
Human Behavior
Major Coursework:
ARTS 202
ARTS 231

VCCS Equivalency:
ENG 111*
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ART 131, 135, 203 or 204*
ART 120, 121, ,138, 124, or 138*

SPRING SEMESTER (15 credits)

General Education Coursework:
ENGL 211C or 231C (Grade of C or better required)
Interpreting the Past
Oral Communication
Major Coursework:
ARTS 203
ARTS 279

VCCS Equivalency:
ENG 112, 210, 115 or 131*
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ART 132, 134 or 235*
ART 116, 117, 180, 263, 264, 279, 283,
284, 291 or 292*

YEAR 2 - SOPHOMORE (32 CREDITS)

FALL SEMESTER (16 credits)

General Education Coursework:
The Nature of Science I
Literature
Major Coursework:
GDES 280
ARTH 150
ARTS 204

VCCS Equivalency:
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ART 217*
ART 101+102 or ART 201*

SPRING SEMESTER (16 credits)

General Education Coursework:
The Nature of Science II
Major Coursework:
ARTS 200 Level Course
ARTS 200/300-level elective course**
ARTH 200-level survey course**
ARTS 200/300-level elective course**

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ART 202*

YEAR 3 - JUNIOR (30 CREDITS)

FALL SEMESTER (15 credits)

Major Coursework:
Human Creativity (May not use ARTH 121A or ARTS 122A)
Philosophy and Ethics
GDES 371
ARTS or GDES 200/300/400- Level Course
ARTH Writing Intensive Course**

VCCS Equivalency:
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SPRING SEMESTER (15 credits)

Major Coursework:
GDES 365
GDES 300/400- Level graphic Design Elective course
ARTH 300/400- level Elective course**
ARTS Studio Elective course**
GDES 373

VCCS Equivalency:

YEAR 4 - SENIOR (30 CREDITS)

FALL SEMESTER (15 credits)

Major Coursework:
ARTH 300/400-level elective course**
GDES 300-/400-level Graphic Design elective course**
GDES 300-/400-level Graphic Design elective course**
GDES 490
Impact of Technology (may be fulfilled in the major with ARTH 435W)

VCCS Equivalency:

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SPRING SEMESTER (15 credits)

General Education Coursework:
Information Literacy and Research
Major Coursework:
GDES 491
GDES 300-/400-level Graphic Design elective course**
Upper Division Gen. Ed. Coursework:***
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VCCS Equivalency:
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This four-year plan is a suggested curriculum to complete this degree program in four years. It is just one of several plans that will work and is presented only as broad guidance to students. Each student is strongly encouraged to develop a customized plan in consultation with their academic advisor. Additional information can also be found in Degree Works.

Language and Culture I & II (6 credits) may be waived and are not included in this 4-year plan. Please see catalog for requirement details.

***See course listings in catalog and consult with your advisor.*

****Upper Division General Education may be satisfied by*

Requirements for graduation include a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 overall and in the major, a grade of C or better in all courses required for the major, including prerequisite courses, 120 credit hours, which must include both a minimum of 30 credit hours overall and 12 credit hours in upper-level courses in the major program from Old Dominion University, completion of ENGL 110C, ENGL 211C or 221C or 231C, and a writing intensive (W) course in the major with a grade of C or better, and completion of Senior Assessment.