2024 - 2025 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)	VCCS Equivalency:	SPRING SEMESTER (15 credits)	VCCS Equivalency:
General Education Coursework:		General Education Coursework:	
ENGL 110C (Grade of C or better required)	ENG 111*	ENGL 211C or 231C (Grade of C or better required)	ENG 112, 210, 115 or 131*
Mathematical Skills	Transfer Guide	Interpreting the Past	Transfer Guide
Human Behavior	Transfer Guide	Oral Communication	Transfer Guide
Major Coursework:		Major Coursework:	
ARTS 202	ART 131, 135, 203 or 204*	ARTS 203	ART 132, 134 or 235*
ARTS 231	ART 120, 121, ,138, 124, or 138*	ARTS 279	ART 116, 117, 180, 263, 264, 279, 283, 284, 291 or 292*

YEAR 2 - SOPHOMORE (32 CREDITS)

FALL SEMESTER (16 credits)	VCCS Equivalency:	SPRING SEMESTER (16 credits)	VCCS Equivalency:
General Education Coursework:		General Education Coursework:	
The Nature of Science I	Transfer Guide	The Nature of Science II	Transfer Guide
Literature	Transfer Guide	Major Coursework:	
Major Coursework:		ARTS 200 Level Course	
GDES 280	ART 217*	ARTS 200/300-level elective course**	
ARTH 150	ART 101+102 or ART 201*	ARTH 200-level survey course**	ART 202*
ARTS 204		ARTS 200/300-level elective course**	

YEAR 3 - JUNIOR (30 CREDITS)

FALL SEMESTER (15 credits)	VCCS Equivalency:	SPRING SEMESTER (15 credits)	VCCS Equivalency:
Major Coursework:		Major Coursework:	
Human Creativity (May not use ARTH 121A or ARTS 122A)	Transfer Guide	GDES 365	
Philosophy and Ethics	Transfer Guide	GDES 300/400- Level graphic Design Elective course	
GDES 371		ARTH 300/400- level Elective course**	
ARTS or GDES 200/300/400- Level Course		ARTS Studio Elective course**	
ARTH Writing Intensive Course**		GDES 373	

YEAR 4 - SENIOR (30 CREDITS)

FALL SEMESTER (15 credits)	VCCS Equivalency:	SPRING SEMESTER (15 credits)	VCCS Equivalency:
Major Coursework:		General Education Coursework:	
ARTH 300/400-level elective course**		Information Literacy and Research	Transfer Guide
GDES 300-/400-level Graphic Design elective course**		Major Coursework:	
GDES 300-/400-level Graphic Design elective course**		GDES 491	
GDES 490		GDES 300-/400-level Graphic Design elective course**	
Impact of Technology (may be fulfilled in the major with ARTH 435W)	Transfer Guide	Upper Division Gen. Ed. Coursework:***	
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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.