

# MAJOR MAP FOR BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS IN GRAPHIC DESIGN (GDESBFA) 2022-23 THROUGH 2024-25 CATALOG YEARS

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Graduation Semester: \_\_\_\_\_

## GDESBFA Degree Snapshot

### University Perspectives (0-1 hr)

\_\_\_\_\_ UNIV 10051, University Perspectives or exemption

### State Core English Composition (0-6 hrs)

\_\_\_\_\_ ENGL 10103, Composition 1 or exemption

\_\_\_\_\_ ENGL 10203, Composition 2 or exemption

### State Core US History or Government (3 hrs)

\_\_\_\_\_ US HIST/PLSC \_\_\_\_\_

### State Core Mathematics (3 hrs)

\_\_\_\_\_ MATH \_\_\_\_\_

### State Core Natural Sciences w/ labs (8 hrs)

\_\_\_\_\_ Science w/ lab \_\_\_\_\_

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### State Core Social Sciences (9 hrs)

\_\_\_\_\_ Social Science \_\_\_\_\_

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### State Core Fine Arts (0 hrs)

Met with ARHS courses in major

### State Core Humanities & and required PHIL for Major (3 hrs)

\_\_\_\_\_ PHIL 20003, Introduction to Philosophy

### Studio Foundations (18 hrs)

\_\_\_\_\_ ARTS 19139c, Studio Foundations I

\_\_\_\_\_ ARTS 19239c, Studio Foundations II

### Art History (15 hrs)

\_\_\_\_\_ ARHS 20003, Art History Survey I

\_\_\_\_\_ ARHS 21003, Art History Survey II

\_\_\_\_\_ ARHS 48203, History of Graphic Design

\_\_\_\_\_ ARHS 30000+ \_\_\_\_\_

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### ARTS Electives (12 hrs)

\_\_\_\_\_ ARTS \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ ARTS, ARHS, ARED, or GDES \_\_\_\_\_

### Interdisciplinary Elective (3 hrs, Requires faculty approval)

\_\_\_\_\_ Elective \_\_\_\_\_

### Graphic Design Electives (39 hrs, Grouped by semester taken)

\_\_\_\_\_ GDES 23103, Design Tools and Concepts

\_\_\_\_\_ GDES 33103, Typographic Systems I

\_\_\_\_\_ GDES 33203, Typographic Systems II

\_\_\_\_\_ GDES 33803, User Experience  
(Students also take ARHS 48203 this semester)

\_\_\_\_\_ GDES 33903, Identity Systems I

\_\_\_\_\_ GDES 43103, Interactive Language

\_\_\_\_\_ GDES 43003, Professional Development and Seminar

\_\_\_\_\_ GDES 43403, Identity Systems II

\_\_\_\_\_ GDES 43203, Technology in Context

\_\_\_\_\_ GDES 43503, Human Centered Design

\_\_\_\_\_ GDES 43703, Typography Systems III

\_\_\_\_\_ GDES 43603, Design for Complexity

\_\_\_\_\_ GDES 43803, Degree Project

### General Electives (0-6 hrs)

How you use these hours will depend on your educational and career goals. Early in your degree you might use this section to jot down ideas for how to plan. As you get closer to graduation, you might use this section to track which classes you've taken outside the above requirements.

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**Advising Notes**

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**Graduation Plan**

Use the following additional resources, in addition to this major map, to complete your graduation plan ([Catalog](#), and your [Degree Audit](#) in UAconnect). Many students have more than one major, minor, or pre-professional goal that has additional required classes. This tool allows you to combine all your educational goals in to one plan.

High School credit	List all Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Dual or Concurrent credit			
Year	Fall	Spring	Summer	Total
Year 1				Total 1 <sup>st</sup> year credit hours (aim for 30):
Year 2				Total 2 <sup>nd</sup> year credit hours (aim for 60):
Year 3				Total 3 <sup>rd</sup> year credit hours (aim for 90):
Year 4				Total 4 <sup>th</sup> year credit hours (Must be at least 120):

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## Graduation Checklist (does your plan include the following):

- 2.0 minimum overall UofA GPA (Courses taken at other colleges or universities are not factored into this GPA)
- All state minimum core requirements
- All Major(s)/Minor(s) requirements
- [Writing requirement](#) complete
- At least 50% of each major/minor taken from UofA
- 24 hours of 30000+ classes exclusively from Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences classes
- 30 hours of 30000+ classes exclusively from the University of Arkansas. This can include courses taken for the 24-hour rule.
- 40 hours of upper-level classes. (30000+ or 20000+ with a pre-requisite. Can include transfer credit.) This can include courses taken for the 24-hour and 30-hour rules.
- 120 total eligible credit hours (see below for a list of ineligible classes)

## **Program Information:**

BFA Application Process: Students must apply to and be accepted to a BFA in graphic design through the school of art. (Prior to acceptance, they will be declared PGDES, Pre-Graphic Design BFA.) Students must be enrolled in or done with ARTS 1929 to apply. Applications to the program occur once a year in the spring. More information about the application process can be found at the school of art [website](#).

Graduation Timeline: The graphic design is a highly sequenced and cohort driven program that has 8 semesters of required classes. This major cannot be completed in fewer than 8 semesters.

Students Transferring from NWACC with an Associate of Applied Science in Graphic Design: Students from NWACC with a completed AAS in Graphic Design may apply directly to the BFA in Graphic Design. If accepted, students will enter the program in year three. Students will apply directly through the [school of art](#) (in addition to their university application) and are responsible for letting their academic advisor know if they are applying through this program. Prospective applicants who have questions about the program should reach out to Donna Smith Jones, the Director of Recruitment and Outreach for the School of Art. Transfer students who do not have a completed AAS in Graphic Design from NWACC may still apply for the Graphic Design BFA, but if accepted will begin the program in year two.

Please visit <https://catalog.uark.edu/undergraduatecatalog> for an extensive list of core, major, graduation, and pre-requisite requirements. To read more about individual classes, visit the [courses of instruction](#) page for course descriptions.

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## Degree Requirement Breakdown by Category

The following information is designed to help you navigate your experience in your degree and answer common questions that may come up for each requirement.

Category	Degree Requirements	Curriculum Notes
<a href="#">UNIVERSITY PERSPECTIVES</a>  0-1 hr	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UNIV 10051, University Perspectives (or UNIV 100H1)</li> </ul>	Or equivalent from another University of Arkansas college. (AFLS 102H3, ARSC 12001, GNEG 11101, GNEG 111H1, HIST 1003(H), HIST 10001, HIST 100H1, PLSC 10003, PLSC 100H3, BUSI/WCOB 11101, WCOB/BUSI 111H1)  <b>Note:</b> students who transfer to the University of Arkansas with at least 24 credit hours will have this requirement waived.
<a href="#">STATE CORE COMPOSITION</a>  0-6 hrs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ENGL 10103, Composition 1 or SAT/ACT exemption (or ENGL 101H3)</li> <li>ENGL 10203, Composition 2 or SAT/ACT exemption (or ENGL 102H3)</li> </ul>	See <a href="#">Catalog</a> for information about placement and/or exemption.
<a href="#">STATE CORE US HISTORY or GOVERNMENT</a>  3 hrs	<b>Choose 1: *</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HIST 20003, History of the American People to 1877</li> <li>HIST 20103, History of the American People 1877 to Present</li> <li>PLSC 20003, American National Government (or PLSC 200H3)</li> </ul>	*Some courses may appear as options in multiple areas of the State Core. You can only count each course 1 time in the State Core and will need unique courses in each of the content areas below.
<a href="#">STATE CORE MATHEMATICS</a>  3 hrs	<b>Choose 1:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>MATH 11003, College Algebra</li> <li>MATH 11103, Quantitative Reasoning</li> <li>MATH 15104, Calculus with Algebra and Trigonometry</li> <li>MATH 21003, Principles of Statistics</li> <li>Any higher-level mathematics course with MATH 11003 as a pre-requisite</li> </ul>	Based on ACT/SAT or other math placement scores, students may need to enroll in additional remediation related courses. See <a href="#">catalog</a> or <a href="#">math placement</a> website for additional information.
<a href="#">STATE CORE NATURAL SCIENCES CORE</a>  8 hrs	<b>Choose 2:</b> (each class will have a required lecture and lab component): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ANTH 10143/ANTH 10141, Intro to Biological Anthropology (or ANTH 101H3/101H1)</li> <li>ASTR 20003/20001, Survey of the Universe (or ASTR 200H3/200H1)</li> <li>BIOL 10004, Biological Principles</li> <li>BIOL 10103/10101, Principles of Biology (or BIOL 154H3/154H1)</li> <li>BIOL 10104, Biology for Majors</li> <li>BIOL 10303/10301, Plant Biology</li> <li>BIOL 10503/10501, Principles of Zoology</li> <li>BIOL 24003/24001, Human Anatomy</li> <li>BIOL 24103/24101, Human Physiology</li> <li>CHEM 10003/10001, Chemistry in the Modern World</li> <li>CHEM 12103/12101, Fundamentals of Chemistry</li> <li>CHEM 12073/12071, Chemistry for Majors I</li> <li>CHEM 12283/12281, Chemistry for Majors II</li> <li>CHEM 14103/14101; University Chemistry I</li> <li>CHEM 14203/14201, University Chemistry II (or CHEM 142H3/142H1)</li> <li>ENSC 10003/10001, Environmental Science (or ENSC 100H3/100H1)</li> </ul>	Some classes will have pre-requisites

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ENTO 10203/10201, Insects, Science, and Society</li> <li>• GEOL 11103/11101, Physical Geology (or GEOL 111H3/111H1)</li> <li>• GEOL 11203/11201, Earth Science</li> <li>• GEOS 11504, Introduction to Geology for Science Majors</li> <li>• PHYS 10243/10241, Physics and Human Affairs (or PHYS 102H3/102H1)</li> <li>• PHYS 10304, Physics for Elementary Education Majors</li> <li>• PHYS 10404, Physics for Architects I</li> <li>• PHYS 10504, Physics for Architects II</li> <li>• PHYS 20103/20101, College Physics I</li> <li>• PHYS 20203/20201, College Physics II</li> <li>• PHYS 20304, University Physics I (or PHYS 203H4)</li> <li>• PHYS 20404, University Physics II (or PHYS 204H4)</li> </ul>	
<p><b><u>STATE CORE</u></b> <b><u>SOCIAL SCIENCES</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>9 hrs</b></p>	<p><b>Choose 3: *</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AGEC 11003, Principles of Agriculture Microeconomics (or AGEC 110H3)</li> <li>• AGEC 21003, Principles of Agriculture Macroeconomics (or AGEC 210H3)</li> <li>• ANTH 10203, Intro to Cultural Anthropology (or ANTH 102H3)</li> <li>• COMM 10203, Communication in a Diverse World (or ANTH 102H3)</li> <li>• ECON 21003, Principles of Macroeconomics (or ECON 210H3)</li> <li>• ECON 22003, Principles of Microeconomics (or ECON 220H3)</li> <li>• ECON 21403, Basic Economics: Theory and Practice (or ECON 214H3)</li> <li>• EDST 20003, Introduction to Educational Studies</li> <li>• GEOG 11103, Human Geography (or GEOG 111H3)</li> <li>• GEOG 21003, World Regional Geography (or GEOG 210H3)</li> <li>• HDFS 14003, Life Span Development (HDFS 140H3)</li> <li>• HDFS 24103, Family Relations (or HDFS 241H3)</li> <li>• HDFS 26003, Rural Families &amp; Communities (HDFS 260H3)</li> <li>• HIST 11193, Institutions and Ideas of World Civilizations I (or HIST 111H3)</li> <li>• HIST 11293, Institutions and Ideas of World Civilizations II (or HIST 112H3)</li> <li>• HIST 20003, History of the American People to 1877</li> <li>• HIST 20103, History of the American People 1877 to Present</li> <li>• HIST 20903, Animals in World History</li> <li>• HUMN 111H4, Honors Roots of Culture to 500 C.E. (Honors only)</li> <li>• HUMN 211H4, Honors Birth of Modern Culture, 1600-1900 (honors only)</li> <li>• INST/PLSC 28103, Intro to International Relations &amp; Global Studies (or INST/PLSC 281H3)</li> <li>• JOUR 10203, Media and Society</li> </ul>	<p>Students must take classes from at least two departments in the Social Sciences category.</p> <p>*Some courses may appear as options in multiple areas of the State Core. You can only count each course 1 time in the State Core and will need unique courses in each of the content areas below.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PLSC 20003, American National Government (or PLSC 200H3)</li> <li>PLSC 20103, Intro to Comparative Politics</li> <li>PLSC 21003, State and Local Government</li> <li>PSYC 20003, General Psychology (or PSYC 200H3)</li> <li>RESM 28503, Leisure and Society (or RESM 285H3)</li> <li>SOCI 10103, General Sociology (or SOCI 201H3)</li> <li>SOCI 20103, Social Problems             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>STEM 20003, The Art of STEM Communication</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b><u>STATE CORE FINE ARTS</u></b>  <b>0 hrs</b>	Met by taking ARHS 20003 and 21003 in the major.	
<b><u>STATE CORE HUMANITIES &amp; REQUIRED PHIL FOR MAJOR</u></b>  <b>3 hrs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PHIL 20003, Introduction to Philosophy</li> </ul>	
<b><u>STUDIO FOUNDATIONS</u></b>  <b>18 hrs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>ARTS 19139c</b>, Studio Foundations I (should be taken first semester in the program)</li> <li><b>ARTS 19239c</b>, Studio Foundations II (Pre-req: ARTS 19139)</li> </ul>	Students transferring 9-18 hours of ARTS classes should consult with their advisor about possible substitutions.
<b><u>ART HISTORY</u></b>  <b>15 hrs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>ARHS 20003</b>, Art History Survey I</li> <li><b>ARHS 21003</b>, Art History Survey II</li> <li><b>ARHS 48203</b>, History of Graphic Design (taken in a specific semester.*</li> <li>Take <b>6 hrs</b> additional ARHS 30000+ courses</li> </ul>	<p>Students in this major meet the state minimum core fine arts requirement with ARHS 20003 and 21003. Many upper level ARHS classes require ARHS 20003 or 21003 first.</p> <p>* While ARHS 21003 is listed as a pre-req, students will be pre-enrolled even if they haven't taken ARHS 21003 yet.</p> <p>ARHS 3999T and 4999T classes transferred from other schools can automatically count in "ARHS 30000+" category.</p>
<b><u>ARTS ELECTIVES</u></b>  <b>12 hrs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take <b>9 hrs</b> ARTS electives.</li> <li>Take an additional <b>3 hrs</b> of any ARTS, ARED, ARHS, or GDES electives (with the exception of ARHS 10003, which may not count here).</li> </ul>	ARTS, ARED, ARHS, or GDES 999T transfer classes at any level may count in this category if not being used for ARTS 19139 or 19239 substitutions.
<b><u>INTERDISCIPLINARY ELECTIVE</u></b>  <b>3 hrs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take a <b>3 hr</b> 30000+ elective outside the school of art based on Faculty approval.</li> </ul>	Students are required to take one interdisciplinary elective for three credit hours numbered at the 30000-level or higher in a program outside the School of Art. It must have a clear connection to design and/or to the student's chosen topic for their Degree Project. The course can be taken at any time, but it is recommended during the final year. Interdisciplinary electives require approval by the program director using an internal department form. See program director for the form.
<b><u>GRAPHIC DESIGN CLASSES</u></b>  <b>39 hrs</b>	<p><b>Broken down by Semester:</b></p> <p><b>Fall (pre-req for this semester, ARTS 19139 &amp; 19239 and acceptance into the program):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>GDES 23103</b> Design Tools and Concepts</li> <li><b>GDES 33103</b> Typographic Systems I</li> </ul> <p><b>Spring:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>GDES 33203</b> Typographic Systems 2</li> <li><b>GDES 33803</b> User Experience</li> <li>(ARHS 48203 also pre-enrolled in this semester)</li> </ul>	Each semester of GDES classes serve as the pre-requisite to the next semester. Classes in this section are instructor consent and pre-enrolled for students by the graphic design faculty and cannot be taken in alternate semesters.

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	<p><b>Fall:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>GDES 33903</b> Identity Systems I</li> <li>• <b>GDES 43103</b> Interactive Language</li> </ul> <p><b>Spring:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>GDES 43003</b> Professional Development and Seminar</li> <li>• <b>GDES 43403</b> Identity Systems II</li> </ul> <p><b>Fall:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>GDES 43203</b> Technology in Context</li> <li>• <b>GDES 43503</b> Human Centered Design</li> <li>• <b>GDES 43703</b> Typography Systems III</li> </ul> <p><b>Spring:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>GDES 43603</b> Design for Complexity</li> <li>• <b>GDES 43803</b> Degree Project</li> </ul>	
<p><a href="#"><u>GENERAL ELECTIVES</u></a></p> <p>0-6 hrs</p>	<p>Hours will vary depending on whether a student is exempt from ENGL 10103 and 10203.</p>	
<p><a href="#"><u>WRITING REQUIREMENT</u></a></p>	<p>Students majoring in the school of art will automatically satisfy the Fulbright College writing requirement in one of two ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion of any ARHS 30000+ level class with a final grade of at least a 'C'.</li> <li>• Successful Honors Thesis Defense</li> </ul>	
<p><a href="#"><u>HONORS</u></a></p>	<p><b>Minimum Requirements for Honors:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain cumulative grade point average of 3.5 in all coursework.</li> <li>• Complete a minimum of 12 hours of honors courses from the UofA.</li> <li>• Complete and defend Honors Thesis</li> </ul> <p>See <a href="#"><u>Catalog</u></a> for full description of requirements.</p>	<p><b>Honors Thesis Timeline:</b> Honors students should consistently check the <a href="#"><u>honors thesis timeline</u></a> to stay on track to complete your honors thesis.</p> <p><b>College Honors:</b> Students who also are following the College Honors Plan need to complete additional requirements. Those can be found on the advising website (consult with an academic advisor if you have questions about your catalog year): <a href="#"><u>Academic Planning Resources</u></a></p>