

ACADEMIC ROADMAP

Art & Design, BFA Concentration in Painting (PTG)
BFA-AS-AAD (PTG)
Spring 2026, GE26

Freshman Year (30 credits)

FIRST SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
College Writing I or IF Math	GE CWP 101*	
AAD 101	Drawing I	
AAD 102	Introduction to 2D Design	
AAD 150	Themes & Issues in Contemporary Art	
Art History I or II	GE Credits from 3 diff. categories, 1st course* Arts AAD 251 or AAD 252	

SECOND SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
College Writing II	GE CWP 102*	CWP 101
Introduction to 3D Design	AAD 103	
Drawing II	FAR 102	AAD 101
Intro Painting	FAR 210	AAD 101
Art History I or II	GE Credits from any category, any combination, 1 st course* Arts AAD 251 or AAD 252	

Notes and recommendations: Attend at least one faculty office hour; visit Academic Commons (Math & Writing Centers, tutoring); view your degree audit sheet in Degree Works

Sophomore Year (60 credits)

THIRD SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Digital Presentation Methods	AAD 104	
Art History I or II	AAD 251 or AAD 252	
Drawing III	FAR 300	FAR 102
Intermediate Painting I	FAR 311	FAR 210
	GE MATH *	

FOURTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Intro to Printmaking	FAR 230	AAD 101
Intermediate Painting II	FAR 312	FAR 311
Art History Upper Level	FAR 3XX	AAD 251 & 252
Modeling	FAR 203	
	GE Nat. Sci./Sci Reason* GE Diversity* 3XX UL**	

Notes and recommendations: A portfolio review is required after completion of AAD 101, AAD 102, AAD 103, AAD 104, and the completion of the introductory course in the major (DES 220). To continue in the B.F.A. degree program, the student must maintain a 2.5 grade point average in the major. Form a study group.

Junior Year (90 credits)

FIFTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Digital Design and Fabrication	AAD 105	
Intro to Sculpture	FAR 240	
Advanced Painting (1 of 3)	FAR 313	FAR 312
	GE Credits from 3 diff. categories, 2nd course*	
	GE Credits from 3 diff. categories, 3rd course*	

SIXTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Advanced Painting (2 of 3)	FAR 313	FAR 312
Drawing IV	FAR 400	FAR 300
	DES/FAR 3XX UL** Studio Elective	Intro course in area
	GE Credits from any category, any combination, 2nd course*	
	Elective	

Notes and recommendations:

Visit the Career Development Center; talk to your faculty advisor about graduate school options

Senior Year (120 credits)

SEVENTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Advanced Painting (3 of 3)	FAR 313	FAR 312
	DES/FAR 3XX UL** Studio Elective	Intro course in area
	GE Credits from any category, any combination, 3rd course*	
	3XX or 4XX UL** Elective	
	Elective	

EIGHTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Senior Seminar	AAD 470	Senior status. Art and Design majors only.
Senior Studio Painting	FAR 410	FAR 313
	DES/FAR Studio Elective	
	3XX UL** Elective	
	Elective	

Notes and recommendations:

Apply for graduation; apply to graduate school, if applicable; visit the Career Development Center to have your resume reviewed

B.F.A. concentration requirements total 78 credits. The course sequence may be subject to change.

*General Education (GE) courses, **3XX or 4XX UL refers to an upper-level course. 45 UL credits needed.

For additional information about the Painting Concentration, please contact:

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