

## ACADEMIC ROADMAP

Art & Design, BFA Concentration in Metals/Jewelry (BFA-AS-MJD)

Fall 2026

### Freshman Year (30 credits)

#### FIRST SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
College Writing I	CWP 101	
Drawing I	AAD 101	
Introduction to 2D Design	AAD 102	
Introduction to 3D Design	AAD 103	
Art History I or II	AAD 251 or AAD 252, or GE Credits from 3 diff. categories	

#### SECOND SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Argumentation and Research	CWP 102	CWP 101
Digital Presentation Methods	AAD 104	
Themes/Issues in Contemporary Art	AAD 150	
Art History I or II	AAD 251 or AAD 252, or GE Credits from 3 diff. categories	
Introduction to Jewelry Design	DES 230	

#### Notes and recommendations:

You should attend at least one faculty office hour, visit [Academic Center for Excellence | SUNY Buffalo State University](#) (math, writing, and general tutoring), and view your degree audit sheet in Degree Works.

### Sophomore Year (60 credits)

#### THIRD SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Introduction to Digital Fabrication	AAD 105	
DES220 Ceramics I or DES242 Fibers I or DES250 Wood Design I	DES 220 or 242 or 250	
History of Craft	DES 312	
Applied Jewelry Design	DES330	DES230
	GE	

#### FOURTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
DES 220 Ceramics I or DES242 Fibers I or DES 250 Wood Design I	DES 220 or 242 or 250	
Jewelry: Junior Studio	DES 331	DES 330
3D Computer Modeling & Rendering	DES 338	AAD 105
	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 230). To continue in the B.F.A. degree program, the student must maintain a 2.5 grade point average in the concentration. Form a study group.

## Junior Year (90 credits)

### FIFTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
DES 220 Ceramics I or DES 242 Fibers I or DES 250 Wood Design I	DES 220 or 242 or 250	
Metalsmithing I	DES 336	DES 330
Introduction to Sculpture	FAR 240	
	GE Credits from 3 diff. categories, 2 <sup>nd</sup> course*	
	GE Credits from 3 diff. categories, 3 <sup>rd</sup> course*	

### SIXTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Jewelry: Junior Studio or Metalsmithing: Junior Studio	DES 331 or 337	DES 330 or DES 336
	DES/FAR 3XX UL **Studio Elective	Intro. Course in area
	DES/FAR 3XX UL **Studio Elective	Intro. Course in area
	GE Credits from any category, any combination, 2 <sup>nd</sup> course*	
	Elective	

#### Notes and recommendations:

Visit the [Career and Professional Education | SUNY Buffalo State University](#) to discuss appropriate career options; speak with your faculty advisor about graduate school options.

## Senior Year (120 credits)

### SEVENTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Jewelry Senior Studio	DES 431	DES 331
Select one three-credit hour course from: DES 320, DES342, DES 350, DES 488	DES 3XX UL **Studio Elective	Intro. Course in area. DES 488 = Senior Status, Art & Design Majors, Instructor Permission
	GE Credits from any category, any combination, 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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
Jewelry: Senior Studio	DES 431	DES 331
	DES/FAR Studio Elective	
	3XX or 4XX UL **Elective	
	Elective	

#### Notes and recommendations:

Apply for graduation; apply to graduate school, if applicable; visit the [Career and Professional Education | SUNY Buffalo State University](#) 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 Metals/Jewelry Concentration, please contact:*

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