

ACADEMIC ROADMAP

Art & Design, B.A. (ARD)

BA-AS-ARD

Spring 2026, GE 23

Freshman Year (30 credits)

FIRST SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
College Writing I	CWP 101	
Drawing I	AAD 101	
Introduction to 2-D Design	AAD 102	
Themes/ Issues in Contemporary Art	AAD 150	
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)
Argumentation and Research	CWP 102	CWP 101
Introduction to 3D Design	AAD 103	
Digital Presentation Methods	AAD 104	
Art History I or II	GE Credits from any category, any combination, 1st course* Arts AAD 251 or AAD 252	
Mathematics & Quantitative Reasoning	GE Math *	

Notes and recommendations:

You should attend at least one faculty office hour, visit Academic Excellence Center (math, writing, and general tutoring), and view your degree audit sheet in Degree Works this year.

Sophomore Year (60 credits)

THIRD SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Introduction to Digital Fabrication	AAD 105	
Studio Concentration Emphasis Introductory Level Course (1 of 4)	DES/FAR 2XX Studio Concentration	
	GE Nat. Sci./Sci Reason*	
	GE Diversity* 3XX UL**	
	ACE	

FOURTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Introductory Level Art or Design Elective	DES/FAR 2XX Elective	
Studio Concentration Emphasis 2 nd Level Course (2 of 4)	DES/FAR 3XX Studio Concentration	Studio Concentration Emphasis Introductory Level Course

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
	GE Credits from 3 diff. categories, 2nd course*	
	GE Credits from 3 diff. categories, 3rd course*	
	ACE – 3XX UL	

Notes and recommendations:

Studio Concentration Emphasis Requirement: Take four sequential courses in the same studio concentration. Select one concentration emphasis from: *Ceramics, Fibers, Metals/Jewelry, Painting, Photography, Printmaking, Sculpture, or Wood/Furniture*. Consider enrolling in a second major, minor, or certificate program. Form a study group.

Junior Year (90 credits)

FIFTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Studio Concentration Emphasis 3rd Level Course (3 of 4)	DES/FAR 3XX Studio Concentration	Studio Concentration Emphasis 2 nd Level Course
Introductory Level Art or Design Elective	DES/FAR 2XX Elective	
	GE Credits from any category, any combination, 2nd course*	
	GE Credits from any category, any combination, 3rd course*	
	ACE – 3XX UL	

SIXTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Studio Concentration Emphasis 3rd Level Course (4 of 4)	DES/FAR 3XX Studio Concentration	Studio Concentration Emphasis 3rd Level Course
Upper-Level Art or Design Elective	DES/FAR 3XX or 4XX Elective	See specific course prerequisite
	ACE	
	ACE– 3XX UL	
	ACE- 3XX UL	

Notes and recommendations:

Visit the Career & Professional Education Center to discuss appropriate career options.

Senior Year (120 credits)

SEVENTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Upper-Level Art or Design Elective	DES/FAR 3XX or 4XX Elective	See specific course prerequisite
	ACE	
	ACE	
	ACE – 3XX UL	
	ACE – 3XX UL	

EIGHTH SEMESTER

Course Title	Catalog Number	Prerequisite(s)
Upper-Level Art or Design Elective	DES/FAR 3XX or 4XX Elective	See specific course prerequisite
Senior Seminar	AAD 470	Senior status, Art and Design majors only
	ACE	
	ACE	
	ACE – 3XX UL	

Notes and recommendations:

Apply for graduation; apply to graduate school, if applicable; visit the Career & Professional Education Center to have your resume reviewed.

Art and Design Elective Courses: 15 credits selected by advisement from Art Education (AED), Design (DES) or Fine Arts (FAR) *courses outside the Studio Concentration*. Three of the five courses must be upper level.

*GE23 = General Education courses, 33credits

2XX=200 level, 3XX=300 level, 4XX 400 level, ACE = All College Elective, UL = upper level (300 or 400 level)

B.A. degree major requirements total 54 credits. The course sequence may be subject to change.

*For additional information about the BA in Art & Design program, please visit
artdesign.buffalostate.edu/programs*