



College of Visual Arts and Design

B.F.A. Communication Design— Concentration in Graphic Design

2023-2024 Texas Common Course Numbering System Transfer Guide

This four-year plan provides a model for on-time completion of this UNT program using as many TCCNS courses as possible. The four-year plan also shows the first point when no TCCNS options are available for this program. See the current [Undergraduate Catalog](#) for course prerequisites. Course availability at UNT is subject to change, and the plan shown below may change based on updates to UNT's course offerings.

FIRST YEAR FALL		FIRST YEAR SPRING	
UNT Requirement	TCCNS Option	UNT Requirement	TCCNS Option
ART 1600	ARTS 1316	ART 1800	ARTS 1311
ART 1700	ARTS 1312	ART 1900	ARTS 1317
ART 2350	ARTS 1303	ART 2360	ARTS 1304
ADES 1500	N/A	ADES 1540	N/A
ENGL 1310	ENGL 1301	ENGL 1320 or TECM 2700	ENGL 1302 or ENGL 2311
Candidacy portfolio review at end of Fall semester		**Entry Portfolio Review at end of Spring Semester**	

SECOND YEAR FALL		SECOND YEAR SPRING	
UNT Requirement	TCCNS Option	UNT Requirement	TCCNS Option
ADES 1510	N/A	ADES 2510	N/A
ADES 2515	N/A	ADES 2520	N/A
ART 2370	N/A	UNT Core: Core Option Course	See list of approved courses
Menu I Course	Consult UNT advisor	UNT Core: American History	See list of approved courses
UNT Core: Mathematics	See list of approved courses	UNT Core: Social & Behavioral Sciences	See list of approved courses

THIRD YEAR FALL		THIRD YEAR SPRING	
UNT Requirement	TCCNS Option	UNT Requirement	TCCNS Option
ADES 3500	N/A	ADES 3545	N/A
ADES 3510	N/A	ADES 3545	N/A
Art History (Advanced)	N/A	ARTH 4842	N/A
UNT Core: American History	See list of approved courses	Menu 2 Course (Advanced)	N/A
UNT Core: Life & Physical Sciences	See list of approved courses	UNT Core: Life & Physical Sciences	See list of approved courses

FOURTH YEAR FALL		FOURTH YEAR SPRING	
UNT Requirement	TCCNS Option	UNT Requirement	TCCNS Option
ADES 4520	N/A	ADES 4533	N/A
ADES 4541	N/A	ADES 4525	N/A
Art History (Advanced)	N/A	Elective (Advanced)	N/A
Elective (Advanced)	N/A	Elective	Consult UNT advisor
PSCI 2305	GOVT 2305	PSCI 2306	GOVT 2306



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- In addition to the university admission requirements, students wishing to major in any program in the College of Visual Arts and Design must meet minimum academic requirements to be classified as a pre-major. Admission to the college through this process does not guarantee acceptance into the chosen major. See "Admission Requirements" on page two for specific guidelines.
- Design programs have strict course sequencing, and some required lower-level art courses are not offered at the community college. To Complete a design program within four years, community colleges students should consult with a College of Visual Arts and Design Studies (CVAD) advisor at the beginning of their academic career to establish an ideal timeline for transferring to UNT. Students interested in completing an associate's degree at a community college are strongly encouraged to consult with a CVAD advisor about concurrent enrollment options.
- To complete the Communication Design program within four years, students must have completed ADES 1500 (*available only at UNT*), ARTS 1311, ARTS 1316, and the candidacy review and subsequent entry review in the first year. This program takes four years to complete from time of passed review.

Courses Recommended for Transfer

The UNT Core requirements are shown with Texas Common Course Numbering System values only when UNT offers equivalent courses. There may be other courses in transfer that apply toward the specific degree requirement, but those listed are known to apply.

UNT Core: Communication

ENGL 1301; and ENGL 1302 or 2311

A grade of 'C' or better is required on courses applied toward this requirement.

UNT Core: Mathematics

One course chosen from: **MATH** 1316, 1324, 1325 or 1425, 1332, 1342 or 1442 or 2342 or 2442, 1350, 2312 or 2412, 2313 or 2413 or 2513

UNT Core: Life & Physical Sciences

For students **not** majoring in Science, Mathematics, or Engineering, completing two courses from the list below is recommended (consult UNT advisor for more options).

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| • ANTH 2301 | • GEOL 1403 |
| • ASTR 1403 | • PHYS 1403 |
| • ASTR 1404 | • PHYS 1404 |
| • BIOL 1308 or 1408 | • PHYS 1410 |
| • BIOL 2306 or 2406 | • PHYS 1415 |
| • GEOL 1401 | |

UNT Core: American History

Two courses chosen from: **HIST** 1301, 1302, 2301

UNT Core: Government/Political Science

GOVT 2305 and 2306

UNT Core: Creative Arts

This requirement will be met by fulfilling the B.F.A. Communication Design (Graphic Design) program requirements (see next column).

UNT Core: Language, Philosophy and Culture

This requirement will be met by fulfilling the B.F.A. Communication Design (Graphic Design) program requirements (see next column).

UNT Core: Social & Behavioral Sciences

One course chosen from: **ANTH** 2346 or 2351; **COMM** 1307; **CRIJ** 1301; **ECON** 2301 or 2302; **GEOG** 1303; **PSYC** 2301 or 2330; **SOCI** 1301; **SOCW** 2361; **SPCH** 1318; **TECA** 1354

UNT Core: Core Option Courses

One course for this requirement will be met by fulfilling the Communication Design program requirements.

In addition, choose one of the following courses from either category:

Option A: **ANTH** 2301, 2346, or 2351; **ARTS** 1301, 1303 or 1304; **ASTR** 1403 or 1404; **BIOL** 1306 or 1406, 1307 or 1407, 1322, 1308 or 1408, 2301 or 2401, 2302 or 2402, 2306 or 2406; **CHEM** 1311 or 1411, 1312 or 1412; **COMM** 1307 or 2300; **CRIJ** 1301; **DRAM** 1310; **ECON** 2301 or 2302; **ENGL** 1301, 1302, 2311, 2321, 2326, 2331, 2332, 2333, 2341, or 2351; **GEOG** 1303; **GEOL** 1401 or 1403; **HECO** 1322; **HIST** 1301, 1302, 2321, or 2322; **MATH** 1316, 1324, 1325, 1332, 1342 or 1442, 1350, 2312 or 2412, 2313 or 2413, 2314 or 2414; **MUSI** 1306 or 1307; **PHIL** 1301, 1304, 2303, or 2306; **PHYS** 1301 or 1401, 1302 or 1402, 1403, 1404, 1410, 1415, 2325 or 2425, or 2326 or 2426; **PSYC** 2301 or 2330; **SOCI** 1301; **SOCW** 2361; **SPCH** 1315, 1318 or 2341; **TECA** 1354

Option B: **COMM** 2302; **SPCH** 1311; **TECA** 1303

Communication Design: Core Course Requirements

- ARTS 1303 (also fulfills Language, Philosophy and Culture core requirement)
- ARTS 1304 (also fulfills Creative Arts core requirement)
- ARTS 1311
- ARTS 1312
- ARTS 1316
- ARTS 1317
- ARTS 2370 ((at UNT only) is a required course for the major & will fulfill a portion of the core option courses core requirement)

Courses listed above are TCCNS options and do not include all courses required for the UNT B.F.A. Communication Design major.

Communication Design: Other Course Requirements

There are no TCCNS course options for UNT's Design (ADES) courses.

- 24 advanced hours must be completed at UNT
- 36 hours of art (including at least 12 advanced hours) must be completed at UNT



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Admission Requirements

Admission to the Communication Design major: To be admitted to the communication design major (and to be eligible to enroll in advanced art courses), a pre-major must meet all the following requirements:

Complete at least 30 hours of college courses (including those listed below) and have:

- completed ARTS 1311, 1312, 1316, 1317 and ADES 1500 (*available only at UNT*) with a grade of C or better
- submitted an entry portfolio (<https://cvad.unt.edu/design/comm-design-bfa#app>) to the Communication Design Entry Portfolio Review and have been admitted prior to starting the Communication Design Freshman and Sophomore studio Sequence
- completed ADES 1510, 1540, and 2515 (*ADES courses available only at UNT*) with a grade of C or better
- submitted a portfolio (<https://cvad.unt.edu/design/graphicdesign-epr#digital-portfolio>) and passed the Communication Design Mid Point Portfolio Review and during the sophomore year.
- earned at least a 2.75 GPA on the required Art courses
- earned a minimum 2.25 UNT grade point average

There are no TCCNS course options for UNT's Communication Design (ADES) courses. ADES courses are offered only at UNT.

Special Notes

Hours Required and General/College Requirements: A minimum of 120 semester hours, of which 42 must be advanced, and fulfillment of degree requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree as specified in the general university requirements section of the UNT catalog and the College of Visual Arts and Design requirements.

Academic Requirements: Art majors and art minors must take courses in sequence and must maintain at least a 2.75 grade point average in all art courses. Only grades of C (2.0) or better in art courses will count toward a student's degree requirements.

Portfolio Review: Each major has a review system. Some majors require an entry-level portfolio review and a mid-point portfolio review, which the student must pass to continue in the major. All majors require that seniors pass an exit review prior to graduation. Students who do not pass one or another of the successive required reviews should consult with their faculty advisor and/or the department chair regarding further options. Students should contact a faculty advisor in their major for specific expectations and procedures for all portfolio reviews.

Transfer Credits: A transferred course must be reviewed for approval in order to be substituted for a required art course. Transfer credits in art from other schools can be substituted for UNT degree requirements only when content of the two courses is the same. Art core courses (Design I, Design II, Drawing I, Drawing II, Art History Survey I and Art History Survey II) are transferable from a Texas Community College. The student should provide a transcript of all college work so an advisor may better assist the student with course selection.

UNT Core Curriculum/Transfer of Core Curriculum: UNT complies with the mandate of the Texas Legislature regarding [Core Requirements](#) for state-assisted institutions. Students who successfully complete the common core curriculum (in whole or in part) at a Texas state-assisted institution of higher education are eligible to transfer as "core complete" for those categories in the UNT University Core Curriculum.

Individual academic programs may require courses contained in parts of the University Core Curriculum. Students who wish to take courses that will fulfill both core and major/program requirements simultaneously should check with academic advisors for assistance in selecting core courses.

Choice of Catalog: Any student transferring directly from a Texas public community college to UNT shall have the same choice of catalog designating degree requirements as the student would have had if the dates of attendance at the university had been the same as the dates of attendance at the community college.

The College of Visual Arts and Design required curriculum and policies are located in the [undergraduate catalog](#) under the corresponding catalog year.

For additional program information, contact the College of Visual Arts and Design recruiter at <https://art.unt.edu/people/deans-office>