



College of Visual Arts & Design

B.F.A. Communication Design with a concentration in User-Experience Design

2024-2025 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
ENGL 1310	ENGL 1301	ENGL 1320 or TECM 2700	ENGL 1302 or 2311
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 1543	N/A
Candidacy Portfolio Review at the end of the Fall semester		Entry Portfolio Review at the end of the Spring semester	

Second Year Fall		Second Year Spring	
UNT Requirement	TCCNS Option	UNT Requirement	TCCNS Option
ADES 1513	N/A	ADES 2518	N/A
ADES 2513	N/A	ADES 2523	N/A
ART 2370	N/A	UNT Core: Core Option Course	See list of approved courses
Menu I Course ¹	Consult UNT advisor	UNT Core: Mathematics	See list of approved courses
UNT Core: American History	See list of approved courses	UNT Core: American History	See list of approved courses

Third Year Fall		Third Year Spring	
UNT Requirement	TCCNS Option	UNT Requirement	TCCNS Option
ADES 3503	N/A	ADES 3548	N/A
ADES 3513	N/A	Menu II Course ²	N/A
Advanced Art History	N/A	ARTH 4842	N/A
UNT Core: Social & Behavioral Sciences	See list of approved courses	Advanced Elective	N/A
UNT Core: Life & Physical Sciences	See list of approved courses	UNT Core: Life & Physical Sciences	See list of approved courses



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Fourth Year Fall		Fourth Year Spring	
UNT Requirement	TCCNS Option	UNT Requirement	TCCNS Option
PSCI 2305	GOVT 2305	PSCI 2306	GOVT 2306
ADES 4518	N/A	ADES 4528	N/A
ADES 4523	N/A	Menu II Course ²	N/A
Advanced Art History	N/A	Advanced Elective	N/A
Advanced Elective	N/A	Elective	Consult UNT advisor

¹ Menu I Courses include courses taken in ceramics, drawing and painting, metalsmithing and jewelry, new media art, printmaking, photography, or sculpture.

² Menu II Courses include the following UNT courses: **ADES** 3548, **ART** 4120, 4570, 4900, and 4910.



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The College of Visual Arts and Design requires that all major courses taken must be completed with a grade of 'C' or higher.

Students wishing to major in the Communication Design program in the College of Visual Arts and Design (CVAD) will be initially classified as a Pre-Communication Design major. To progress with the Communication Design program, students must complete ADES 1500 (available only at UNT in the Fall semesters) at least 2 courses from ART 1311, 1312, 1316, and 1317, and pass Candidacy Portfolio review. Once passed, there will be a subsequent Entry Review in the following Spring term which students must also pass before being admitted into the full major. For more information about the reviews, visit: cvad.unt.edu/design/comm-design-bfa.

Due to the highly sequenced curriculum, ADES courses cannot be taken concurrently unless otherwise listed as such. This means that regardless of the required total remaining credit hours, students should anticipate 4 years (8 Fall/Spring semesters) to complete to the BFA in Communication Design. For this reason, community college students should consult with a College of Visual Arts and Design (CVAD) advisor at the beginning of their academic career to establish expectations for the time to degree completion after transferring to UNT.

Undergraduate Degree Program Options

B.F.A., Communication Design:

- User-Experience Design
- Graphic Design

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 higher is required on courses applied toward this requirement.

UNT Core: Mathematics

One course chosen from: **BUSI** 2305; **MATH** 1324, 1325, 1332, 1342, 2312 or 2412, 2313 or 2413

UNT Core: Life and 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).

- ANTH** 2401 or 2301/2101
- ASTR** 1403
- ASTR** 1404
- BIOL** 1408 or 1308/1108
- BIOL** 2406 or 2306/2106
- GEOL** 1401
- GEOL** 1403
- PHYS** 1403
- PHYS** 1404
- PHYS** 1410
- PHYS** 1415

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 (User-Experience Design) major requirement.

UNT Core: Language, Philosophy and Culture

This requirement will be met by fulfilling the B.F.A. Communication Design (User-Experience Design) major requirement.

UNT Core: Social and Behavioral Sciences

One course chosen from: **ANTH** 2346, 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 B.F.A. Communication Design (User-Experience Design) major requirements. In addition, complete one course from Option A or Option B.

Option A: **ANTH** 2401 or 2301/2101, 2346, or 2351; **ARTS** 1301, 1303 or 1304; **ASTR** 1403 or 1404; **BIOL** 1306 or 1406, 1307 or 1407, 1322, 1408 or 1308/1108, 2301 or 2401, 2302 or 2402, 2406 or 2306/2106; **BUSI** 1307 or 2305; **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, 2341, or 2351; **GEOG** 1303; **GEOL** 1401 or 1403; **HECO** 1322; **HIST** 1301, 1302, 2301, 2321, or 2322; **MATH** 1324, 1325, 1332, 1342, 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: Major Requirements

TCCNS options:

- ARTS** 1303 (also fulfills Language, Philosophy & Culture core requirement)
- ARTS** 1304 (also fulfills Creative Arts core requirement)
- ARTS** 1311
- ARTS** 1312
- ARTS** 1316
- ARTS** 1317

Courses listed above are TCCNS options and do not include all courses required for the B.F.A. Communication Design (User-Experience Design) major.

Communication Design: Additional Requirements

No TCCNS options available for UNT's Design (**ADES**) courses.

In addition, students must also have the following:

- 24 advanced hours must be completed at UNT
- 36 hours of art (including at least 12 advanced hours) must be completed at UNT
- Transfer course work substituted for required UNT art courses must be approved by a student's faculty advisor during the degree audit process
- A 2.5 grade point average must be maintained in all art courses; only a grade of 'C' (2.0) or higher in art courses will count toward degree requirements; this also applies to any transfer coursework used towards the major



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Communication Design: Pre-Major

To be admitted to the communication design major (and to be eligible to enroll in subsequent major-specific course work), a pre-major must meet all the following requirements:

Completed at least 30 hours of college courses (including those listed below) and have completed the following courses with a grade of 'C' or higher:

- **ARTS 1311**
- **ARTS 1312**
- **ARTS 1316**
- **ARTS 1317**
- **ADES 1500** (at UNT only)

Additional requirement for the User-Experience Design concentration:

- **ADES 1543** (at UNT only)

GPA Requirements:

- Have a minimum 2.75 GPA on required art courses
- Have a minimum 2.25 UNT GPA

Portfolio Reviews:

- Communication Design Candidacy Portfolio Review: Successful completion of Candidacy Portfolio Review is required for **ADES 1543**. This occurs at the end of the Fall semester of a student's first year at UNT.
- Communication Design Entry Portfolio Review: Successful completion of Entry Portfolio Review is required for admission to major and subsequent courses in the degree. This occurs at the end of the Spring semester of a student's first year at UNT.

For more information about the portfolio reviews, visit cvad.unt.edu/design.

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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 Fine 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' or higher in art courses will count toward a student's degree requirements.

Portfolio Review: All design and studio art majors require an entry portfolio review, which students must pass to continue in the major. Students who do not pass one or another of the successive required reviews should consult with their academic advisor regarding further options. Students should contact the department associated 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. Art foundation 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 and contact information, contact the College of Visual Arts and Design recruiter at <https://cvad.unt.edu/people/deans-office>.