



College of Visual Arts & Design

B.F.A. Communication Design with a concentration in Graphic Design

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This four-year plan provides a model for on-time completion of this UNT program. Texas Common Course Numbering System (TCCNS) show how course transfers apply to UNT degree requirements. 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
ADES 1500	N/A	ADES 1540	N/A
ART 1600	ARTS 1316	ART 1800	ARTS 1311
ART 1700	ARTS 1312	ART 1900	ARTS 1317
ART 2350	ARTS 1303	ART 2360	ARTS 1304
ENGL 1310	ENGL 1301	ENGL 1320 or TECM 2700	ENGL 1302 or 2311
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
UNT Core: American History	See list of approved courses	UNT Core: American History	See list of approved courses
ADES 1510	N/A	UNT Core: Core Option Course	See list of approved courses
ADES 2515	N/A	UNT Core: Mathematics	See list of approved courses
ART 2370	N/A	ADES 2510	N/A
Menu I Course ¹	Consult UNT advisor	ADES 2520	N/A

Third Year Fall		Third Year Spring	
UNT Requirement	TCCNS Option	UNT Requirement	TCCNS Option
UNT Core: Life & Physical Sciences	See list of approved courses	UNT Core: Life & Physical Sciences	See list of approved courses
UNT Core: Social & Behavioral Sciences	See list of approved courses	ADES 3545	N/A
ADES 3500	N/A	ADES 3545	N/A
ADES 3510	N/A	ARTH 4842	N/A
Menu II Course ²	N/A	Art History Course (Advanced)	N/A

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 4700**, **ART 4120**, **ANTH 3101**, **3130**, **3140**, **3300**, **BEHV 3150**, and **MKTG 3650**



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Fourth Year Fall		Fourth Year Spring	
UNT Requirement	TCCNS Option	UNT Requirement	TCCNS Option
ADES 4520	N/A	ADES 4525	N/A
ADES 4533	N/A	PSCI 2306	GOVT 2306
ADES 4541	N/A	Elective	Consult UNT advisor
PSCI 2305	GOVT 2305	Elective (Advanced)	N/A
Art History Course (Advanced)	N/A	Elective (Advanced)	N/A



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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 the 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 Concentration Options

B.F.A., Communication Design:

- Graphic Design
- User-Experience 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 or 1303/1103
- **ASTR** 1404 or 1304/1104
- **BIOL** 1408 or 1308/1108
- **BIOL** 2406 or 2306/2106
- **GEOL** 1401 or 1301/1101
- **GEOL** 1403 or 1303/1103
- **PHYS** 1403 or 1303/1103
- **PHYS** 1404 or 1304/1104
- **PHYS** 1410 or 1310/1110
- **PHYS** 1415 or 1315/1115

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) major requirement.

UNT Core: Language, Philosophy and Culture

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

UNT Core: Social and Behavioral Sciences

One course chosen from: **ANTH** 2346, 2351; **BUSI** 1307; **COMM** 1307; **CRIJ** 1301; **ECON** 2301 or 2302; **GEOG** 1303; **PSYC** 2301; **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 (Graphic 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 1303/1103, or 1404 or 1304/1104; **BIOL** 1306 or 1406, 1307 or 1407, 1322, 1408 or 1308/1108, 2401 or 2301/2101, 2402 or 2302/2102, 2406 or 2306/2106; **BUSI** 1307 or 2305; **CHEM** 1411 or 1311/1111, 1412 or 1312/1112; **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 1301/1101, or 1403 or 1303/1103; **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** 1401 or 1301/1101, 1402 or 1302/1102, 1403 or 1303/1103, 1404 or 1304/1104, 1410 or 1310/1110, 1415 or 1315/1115, 2425 or 2325/2125, or 2426 or 2326/2126; **PSYC** 2301; **SOCI** 1301; **SOCW** 2361; **SPCH** 1315, 1318 or 2341; **TECA** 1354

Option B: **COMM** 2302; **COSC** 1301; **SPCH** 1311; **TECA** 1303

ANTH 3101, 3130, 3140, and 3300 (all at UNT only) are course options for the B.F.A. Communication Design (Graphic Design) major requirements and can also be used to satisfy 3 hours of the Core Option Courses core requirement.

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 (Graphic Design) major.



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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 applied 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 of the following requirements:

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 Graphic Design concentration:

- **ADES** 1540 (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** 1540 (at UNT only). 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.

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/about/departments>.