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Welcome to CSU Art & Design, the perfect place to study creative arts, design, or art education. Our degree programs prepare you with skills for a career or graduate study. The Art & Design program (including the MAT in visual art) is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD).

Student-Centered Education

CSU prepares graduates for the future. Many attributes for successful careers are cultivated through the study of visual arts and design. The Art & Design Bachelor of Arts degree offers options and a flexible curriculum, encouraging students to follow their passion and learn skills to succeed.

"When I first began my journey at Chicago State University, I was very unsure of my artistic abilities. I never could have imagined how much I could grow in so little time."

"The faculty always pushed me to do my very best and took the time to get to know me as an individual artist ... small class sizes allowed classes to be more intimate and interactive, allowing my peers and I to receive the guidance we needed from our professors"

Our Mission

The Art & Design program prepares a diverse student population to succeed in visual arts, art education, and design. Our courses are an inherent part of a university liberal arts education, teaching students to be highly proficient in art & design skills, critical thinking, synthesis, creativity, respect, and ethics. Faculty and students are engaged in exhibitions, programs, and public projects connecting the university to the community — showcasing art and design as integral parts of culture.

Highlights

Art & Design has spacious and well-equipped design, photography, printmaking, drawing/painting, fiber arts/weaving, ceramics, and sculpture/metalsmithing studios. Students can major in graphic design, 2D studio art, 3D studio art, or art education PK-12. It has two galleries. Both professional artists' work and student work are shown in the President's Gallery; students can exhibit their work and curate exhibitions in the University Gallery. In addition, students lead art activities in Student Affairs, collaborate on mural projects, and have opportunities to participate in internships. Faculty all have terminal degrees in their fields and teach all courses; there are no graduate students teaching courses at CSU. Please visit the department webpages at www.csu.edu/artanddesign/ for more information.

Advisor Contact Information

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Articulation Crosswalk for BA in Art: Design Option, Graphic Design–ADGD

Chicago City Colleges Associate in Arts (0210) AA			Chicago State University BA in Art: Design Option, Graphic Design (ADGD)		
Course #	Title	Credit Hours	Course #	Title	Credit Hours
ENG 101	Composition I	3	ENG 1270	Composition I	3
ENG 102	Composition II	3	ENG 1280	Composition II	3
MATH	IAI Mathematics	4*	MATH	IAI Mathematics	3 (4)
SPEECH 101	Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3	CMAT 2030	Basic Speech Communications	3
Social Science**	IAI Social Science	3	Social Science	IAI Social Science	3
Social Science**	IAI Social Science	3	Social Science	IAI Social Science	3
Social Science**	IAI Social Science	3	Social Science	IAI Social Science	3
Physical Science***	IAI Physical Science	3 (or 4)	Physical Science	IAI Physical Science	3 (4)
Life Science***	IAI Life Science	3 (or 4)	Life Science	IAI Life Science	3 (4)
Humanities	IAI Humanities	3	Humanities	IAI Humanities	3
Recommended General Education Courses:					
FIN ART 107	History of Architecture, Painting & Sculpture I	3	ART 2101	Ancient through Medieval Art	3
FIN ART 108	History of Architecture, Painting & Sculpture II	3	ART 2102	Renaissance through Baroque Art	3
Recommended Electives:					
ART 131	General Drawing (Elective Art Studio Course)	3	ART 1200	Drawing I	3
ART 144	Two Dimensional Design	3	ART 1280	2D Design	3
	World Language I	3		Foreign Language (satisfies CSU A&S requirement)	3
Electives:					
	Elective****	3		Elective	3
	Elective****	3		Elective	3
	Elective****	3		Elective	3
	Elective****	3		Elective	3
	Elective****	3		Elective	3
Total Credits		**62**	**Total Credits Accepted Towards Degree Requirements**		**62**

*Math courses and science lab courses that equal 4 credit hours at City Colleges transfer as such to CSU.
**One course must fulfill the CCC Human Diversity (HD) requirement.
***One science course must include a lab.

Courses Required at CSU for BA in Art, Design Option: Graphic Design (ADGD)	Credit Hours
ART 1101 Seminar I	waived
ART 1104 Writing about Art	1
ART 1105 Art Careers Seminar	1
ART 1290 3D Design	3
ART 2103 Modern Art	3
ART 2105 African Art or ART 2110 Non-Western Art or ART 4120 African American Art	3
ART 2710 Illustrator/Photoshop Lecture and Studio	3
ART 2712 Graphic Design I	3
ART 2714 Typography I	3
ART 2350 Color Photography I	3
ART 2360 Digital Photography II	3
ART 3360 Digital Photography II	3
ART 3722 Graphic Design II (may be waived with a satisfactory portfolio submission)	3
ART 3724 Graphic Design III	3
ART 3726 Design for Interactive Media	3
ART Supportive Elective	3
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ART 4950 Portfolio Preparation	3
ART 3730 Web Page Design (may be waived with a satisfactory portfolio submission)	3
Elective	3
Elective	3
Elective	2
CSU Completion Credit Hours	**58**

CCC Transferred Credit Hours	**62**
CSU Completion Credit Hours	**58**
Total Degree Credit Hours	**120**