

GRAPHIC ARTS

Associate of Arts

The Associate of Arts with a field of study in Graphic Arts is a program of study that combines studio courses in art and design with a broad range of liberal arts courses. The two-year degree program prepares students for creative positions in the workforce, and provides skills, values and knowledge in the liberal and creative arts. Additionally, students are prepared for transfer into university bachelor's degree programs and are trained in computer graphics software and portfolio preparation.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Students will demonstrate the ability to communicate concepts of design.
2. Students will analyze and integrate trends of contemporary design to produce original works, using computer-based media.
3. Students will demonstrate critical thinking skills by communicating specific concepts using photographic imagery.
4. Students will demonstrate competency in applying the steps of the effective workflow as it relates to graphic design.
5. Students will demonstrate creative thinking by creating appropriate visual images for specific audiences or occasions.

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Courses of Study - 18 Credit Hours ¹

ARTS 1316	Drawing I	3
ARTS 1311	Design I	3
ARTS 2333	Printmaking	3
ARTS 2348	Digital Media	3
ARTS 2313	Graphic Design	3
ARTS 2356	Photography I (Fine Arts Emphasis)	3

STC Core Curriculum - 42 Credit Hours

Complete 42 credit hours of required Core Curriculum including the following: ^{2,3} 42

<i>Creative Arts</i>		
ARTS 1303	Art History I	
<i>Language, Philosophy & Culture</i>		
ARTS 1304	Art History II	
Total Credit Hours		60

¹ **NOTE:** Additional materials and supplies may be required. It is the responsibility of the student to purchase these materials when needed.

² In addition to the courses in the Field of Study, the student is required to take 42 credit hours from the STC Core Curriculum. These courses must not duplicate courses taken to fulfill field of study requirements.

³ Students who select a 3 credit hours Mathematics course to fulfill the Mathematics component of the Core Curriculum must take 4 credit hours to complete the Component Area Option for the Core Curriculum.

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Recommended Course Sequence

Course	Title	Credit Hours
First Year		
Fall		
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3
HIST 1301 or HIST 2327	United States History I or Mexican-American History I	3

ARTS 1316	Drawing I	3
ARTS 1311	Design I	3
Credit Hours		12
Spring		
ENGL 1302	Composition II - Rhetoric	3
HIST 1302 or HIST 2328	United States History II or Mexican-American History II	3
ARTS 2333	Printmaking	3
Social and Behavioral Sciences Elective - Core Curriculum		3
Credit Hours		12
Summer		
GOVT 2305	Federal Government	3
Speech Elective - Component Area Option - Core Curriculum		3
Recommended:		
SPCH 1311	Introduction to Speech Communication	
SPCH 1315	Public Speaking	
Credit Hours		6
Second Year		
Fall		
Life and Physical Sciences Elective - Core Curriculum		4
Mathematics Elective - Core Curriculum		3-4
Recommended:		
MATH 1332	Contemporary Mathematics	
MATH 1414	College Algebra	
ARTS 1303	Art History I (Creative Arts Elective Core Curriculum)	3
ARTS 2348	Digital Media	3
Component Area Option - Core Curriculum (if required)		1
Credit Hours		14
Spring		
GOVT 2306	Texas Government	3
Life and Physical Sciences Elective - Core Curriculum		4
ARTS 1304	Art History II (Language, Philosophy & Culture Elective Core Curriculum)	3
ARTS 2356	Photography I (Fine Arts Emphasis)	3
ARTS 2313	Graphic Design	3
Credit Hours		16
Total Credit Hours		60