

VISUAL ARTS

Associate of Arts

The Associate of Arts with a field of study in Visual 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 portfolio preparation.

If transferring to another college, check with an advisor to see specific program requirements for the Visual Arts requirement.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Students will apply critical thinking skills using the formal elements and principles of design in two-dimensional media.
2. Students will apply critical thinking skills using the formal elements and principles of design in three-dimensional media.
3. Students will demonstrate their ability to develop a theme using media as a means of personal expression.
4. Students will demonstrate their research of their surroundings using Art Historical References, with an emphasis on composition and context.
5. Students will demonstrate their ability to create a digital artwork portfolio.

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Field of Study - 18 credit hours

| <i>Fine Arts Foundation</i> ¹ | | |
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| ARTS 1311 | Design I | 3 |
| ARTS 1312 | Design II | 3 |
| ARTS 1316 | Drawing I | 3 |
| ARTS 1317 | Drawing II | 3 |
| ARTS 2348 | Digital Media | 3 |

| <i>Fine Arts Elective</i> ¹ | | |
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| Select one of the following: | | 3 |

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| ARTS 2316 | Painting I | |
| ARTS 2317 | Painting II | |
| ARTS 2326 | Sculpture | |
| ARTS 2333 | Printmaking | |
| ARTS 2341 | Metals | |
| ARTS 2346 | Ceramics I | |
| ARTS 2347 | Ceramics II | |
| ARTS 2356 | Photography I (Fine Arts Emphasis) | |
| ARTS 2357 | Photography II (Fine Arts Emphasis) | |

STC Core Curriculum - 42 credit hours

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

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| <i>Creative Arts Elective</i> | | |
| ARTS 1303 | Art History I | |

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| <i>Language, Philosophy & Culture Elective</i> | | |
| ARTS 1304 | Art History II | |

Total Credit Hours 60

¹ Additional materials and supplies will be required in all Fine Arts foundation and elective studio courses. 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.

³ Students who select a 3 credit hour 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 |
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| First Year | | |
| Fall | | |
| HIST 1301 or HIST 2327 | United States History I or Mexican-American History I | 3 |
| ENGL 1301 | Composition I | 3 |
| ARTS 1316 | Drawing I | 3 |
| ARTS 1311 | Design I | 3 |
| Credit Hours | | 12 |
| Spring | | |
| HIST 1302 or HIST 2328 | United States History II or Mexican-American History II | 3 |
| ENGL 1302 | Composition II - Rhetoric | 3 |
| ARTS 1317 | Drawing II | 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 | | |
| Mathematics Elective - Core Curriculum | | 3-4 |
| Recommended | | |
| MATH 1332 | Contemporary Mathematics | |
| MATH 1414 | College Algebra | |
| Life and Physical Sciences Elective - Core Curriculum | | 4 |
| ARTS 1312 | Design II | 3 |
| ARTS 1303 | Art History I | 3 |
| Component Area Option - Core Curriculum (if required) | | 1 |
| Credit Hours | | 14 |
| Spring | | |
| GOVT 2306 | Texas Government | 3 |
| ARTS 1304 | Art History II | 3 |
| Life and Physical Sciences Elective - Core Curriculum | | 4 |
| Fine Arts Elective - Field of Study ¹ | | 3 |
| ARTS 2348 | Digital Media | 3 |
| Credit Hours | | 16 |
| Total Credit Hours | | 60 |

¹ Courses to be chosen from Field of Study