

## Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) Visual Communication Design

2024-2026

		Course #	Course Title	Min. Grade	GEC Prerequisite	Additional Notes						
	3	Choose 1	Communication	С	010 For all 010 courses: Satisfactory scores on English portion of ACT test and TSI examination or ENGL 0301. For ENGL 1302, a grade of "C" or better in ENGL 1301.	See General Education Core for more details Option: ENGL 1301						
	3	Choose 1	American History		060	See General Education Core. Options: HIST 1301 or HIST 2327						
	3	Choose 1	Mathematics	С	020 College Ready TSI status in Mathematics or MATH 0314/0332/0342.	See General Education Core for course options. MATH 1314 or higher recommended.						
ALL	3	ARTS 1311	2D Foundations	С		Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.						
"	3	ARTS 1316	Drawing I			Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.						
		UNIV	1301 Learning Framework 1101 Academic and Career Success 1001 Living and Working by Design			As required, based on credit hours earned, TSI status, High School rank, major declaration.						
YEAR	15 Semester Total Hours											
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	3	Choose 1	American History		060	See General Education Core. Options: HIST 1302 or HIST 2328						
S ING	3	POLS 2305	U.S. Federal Govt & Politics		070							
SPR	3	ARTS 1312	3D Foundations	С		Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.						
	3	ARTS 2333	Printmaking I			Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.						
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The 2024-2026 list of core courses can be found in the 2024-2026 Undergraduate Catalog: www.utrgv.edu/catalog > See 'Bachelors Degree Program Regulations'

Symbols Key

Minimum Grade: A - Excellent; B - Good; C - Satisfactory; D - Below Average; CR - Credit; P - Passing; S - Satisfactory.

Bolded Course #: Program Admission Requirement

General Education Core (GEC) Sections: 010 - Communication; 020 - Mathematics; 030 - Life and Physical Sciences; 040 - Language, Philosophy & Culture; 050 - Creative Arts; 060 - American History, 070 - Government/Polifical Science; 080 - Social and Behavioral Sciences; 090 - Applied Communication and Literacies; 090 - Humanities; 090 - Leadership; 090 - Science Labs; 090 - Interdisciplinary; 090 - Technologies; 090 - Language Diversity & Writing.

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	3	Choose 1	Social and Behavioral Sciences		080		See General Education Core for course options.							
	3	Choose 1	Language, Philosophy & Culture		040		See General Education Core for course options.							
=	3	ARTS 2331	Visual Communication Design I	С		Grade of 'C' or better in ARTS 2363 and ARTS 2356.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.							
FALL	3	ARTS 3354	History of Graphic Design				Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.							
	3	ARTS 43XX	Prescribed Elective				See Degree plan for course options.							
	15	15 Semester Total Hours												
YEAR	3	Choose 1	Integrative/Experiential Learning Option		090		See General Education Core for course options.							
THIRD	3	ARTS 3333	Print Design and PrePress	С		Grade of "C" or better ARTS 2331 or ARTS 3331.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.							
SPRING	3	ARTS 3330	Image and Illustration	С			Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.							
SPR	3	ARTS 4338	Interactive Design			Grade of "C" or better in [ARTS 2331 or ARTS 3331].	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.							
	3	ARTS 3337	Typography II			Grade of "C" or better in ARTS 2331 or ARTS 3331.	See Degree plan for course options.							
	15	15 Semester Total Hours												
MER	3	ARTS 4333	Visual Communication Design II	С		Grade of "C" or better in ARTS 3330 and ARTS 3333.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.							
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	3	ARTS 4334	Visual Communication Design III	С		Grade of "C" or better in ARTS 4333.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.							
	3	ARTS 4330	Animation 2D			Grade of "C" or better in [ARTS 2331 or ARTS 3331].	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.							
FALL	3	ARTS 43XX	Prescribed Elective				See Degree plan for course options.							
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SPRING	3	ARTS 4339	Portfolio for Visual Communication Design			Grade of "C" or better in ARTS 4334.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.							
S	3	ARTS 4396	BFA Visual Communication Design (Capstone)	С		Grade of "C" or better in ARTS 4334 and senior standing.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.							
	12	12 Semester Total Hours												

120 TOTAL HOURS

(42) ADVANCED MINIMUM CREDIT HOURS

Revised: Thursday, August 29th, 2024