

Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA)
Visual Communication Design

The 2026-2027 list of core courses can be found in the 2026-2027 Undergraduate Catalog: www.utrgv.edu/catalog > See 'Bachelors Degree Program Regulations'

Symbols Key										
Campus: B - Offered in Brownsville; E - Offered in Edinburg; O - Offered Online; T - Travel Required										
Bolted Course Number*: Program Admission Requirement										
Min Grade: A - Excellent; B - Good; C - Satisfactory; D - Below Average; CR - Credit; P - Passing; S - Satisfactory.										
Core: 010 - Communication; 020 - Mathematics; 030 - Life and Physical Sciences; 040 - Language, Philosophy & Culture; 050 - Creative Arts; 060 - American History; 070 - Government/Political Science; 080 - Social and Behavioral Sciences;										
Core: 090 - Applied Communication and Literacies; Humanities; Leadership; Science Labs; Interdisciplinary; Technologies; Language Diversity & Writing										
Year	Semester	Credit Hours	Campus	Course Number	Course Title	Minimum Grade	Core	Prerequisite	Additional Notes	
1	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Communication	C	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	
1	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	American History		060		See General Education Core. Options: HIST 1301 or HIST 2327	
1	Fall	3	B/E	ARTS 1311	2D Foundations	C			Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
1	Fall	3	B/E	ARTS 1316	Drawing I				Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
1	Fall	3	B/E	ARTS 1312	3D Foundations	C			Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
1	Fall		B/E/O	UNIV	1301 Learning Framework 1101 Academic and Career Success 1001/1300 Living and Working by Design				As required, based on a number of factors such as credit hours earned, TSI status, high school rank, major declaration, etc.	
1	Fall	15	Semester Total Hours							
1	Spring	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Communication	C	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 Options: ENGL 1302 or ENGL 1305	
1	Spring	3	E/O	ARTS 2313	Design Communications I	C		Students in the BFA in Visual Communication Design (or BFA in Graphic Design) must complete ARTS 1311 and ARTS 1312 with a Grade of C or better.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
1	Spring	3	B/E/O	POLS 2305	U.S. Federal Govt & Politics		070			
1	Spring	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Mathematics	C	020	College Ready TSI status in Mathematics or MATH 0314/0332/0342.	See General Education Core for course options. MATH 1314 or higher recommended.	
1	Spring	3	B/E	ARTS 2333	Printmaking I				Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
1	Spring	15	Semester Total Hours							
Year	Semester	Credit Hours	Campus	Course Number	Course Title	Minimum Grade	Core	Prerequisite	Additional Notes	
2	Fall	4	B/E/O	Choose 1	Life and Physical Sciences		030	May apply pending course selection	See General Education Core for course options. 1 credit hour of lab may apply to category 090.	
2	Fall	3	B/E	ARTS 1303 or 1304	Art History I or Art History II		050		Satisfies General Education Core and Major-Specific Requirement	
2	Fall	3	O	ARTS 2314	Design Communications II	C		Grade of 'C' or better in ARTS 2313.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
2	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	American History		060		See General Education Core. Options: HIST 1302 or HIST 2328	
2	Fall	1	B/E/O	Choose 1	Integrative/Experiential Learning Option		090		See General Education Core for course options.	
2	Fall	3	B/E	ARTS 1317	Drawing II				Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
2	Fall	17	Semester Total Hours							
2	Spring	4	B/E/O	Choose 1	Life and Physical Sciences		030	May apply pending course selection	See General Education Core for course options. 1 credit hour of lab may apply to category 090.	
2	Spring	3	B/E	ARTS 1303 or 1304	Art History I or Art History II				ARTS 1303 and ARTS 1304 must both be completed. One will be applied to the core curriculum, the other to the major requirements.	
2	Spring	3	B/E	ARTS 2363	Typography I	C		Grade of 'C' or better in ARTS 2313 and ARTS 2314.		
2	Spring	3	B/E	ARTS 2356	Photography I	C			Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement. Student must provide own 35mm camera.	
2	Spring	3	B/E/O	POLS 2306	Texas Government & Politics		070			
2	Spring	16	Semester Total Hours							

Year	Semester	Credit Hours	Campus	Course Number	Course Title	Minimum Grade	Core Prerequisite	Additional Notes	
3	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Social and Behavioral Sciences		080	See General Education Core for course options.	
3	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Language, Philosophy & Culture		040	See General Education Core for course options.	
3	Fall	3	B/E	ARTS 2331	Visual Communication Design I	C		Grade of 'C' or better in ARTS 2363 and ARTS 2356. Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
3	Fall	3	E/O	ARTS 3354	History of Graphic Design			Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
3	Fall	3	B/E/O	ARTS 43XX	Prescribed Elective			See Degree plan for course options.	
3	Fall	15	Semester Total Hours						
3	Spring	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Integrative/Experiential Learning Option		090	See General Education Core for course options.	
3	Spring	3	B/E/O	ARTS 3333	Print Design and PrePress	C		Grade of "C" or better ARTS 2331 or ARTS 3331. Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
3	Spring	3	B/E	ARTS 3330	Image and Illustration	C		Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
3	Spring	3	B/E/O	ARTS 4338	Interactive Design			Grade of "C" or better in [ARTS 2331 or ARTS 3331]. Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
3	Spring	3	B/E	ARTS 3337	Typography II			Grade of "C" or better in ARTS 2331 or ARTS 3331. See Degree plan for course options.	
3	Spring	15	Semester Total Hours						
3	Summer	3	B/E	ARTS 4333	Visual Communication Design II	C		Grade of "C" or better in ARTS 3330 and ARTS 3333. Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
3	Summer	3	Semester Total Hours						
Year	Semester	Credit Hours	Campus	Course Number	Course Title	Minimum Grade	Core Prerequisite	Additional Notes	
4	Fall	3	B/E	ARTS 4334	Visual Communication Design III	C		Grade of "C" or better in ARTS 4333. Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
4	Fall	3	B/E	ARTS 4330	Animation 2D			Grade of "C" or better in [ARTS 2331 or ARTS 3331]. Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
4	Fall	3	B/E/O	ARTS 43XX	Prescribed Elective			See Degree plan for course options.	
4	Fall	3	B/E/O	ARTS 43XX	Prescribed Elective			See Degree plan for course options.	
4	Fall	12	Semester Total Hours						
4	Spring	3	B/E/O	ARTS 43XX	Prescribed Elective			See Degree plan for course options.	
4	Spring	3	B/E/O	ARTS 43XX	Prescribed Elective			See Degree plan for course options.	
4	Spring	3	B/E	ARTS 4339	Portfolio for Visual Communication Design			Grade of "C" or better in ARTS 4334. Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
4	Spring	3	B/E	ARTS 4396	BFA Visual Communication Design (Capstone)	C		Grade of "C" or better in ARTS 4334 and senior standing. Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
4	Spring	12	Semester Total Hours						

120 TOTAL HOURS
(42) Advanced minimum credit hours