



Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) Visual Communication Design

2025-2026

		H	Course #	Course Title	Min. Grade	GEC	Prerequisite	Additional Notes
FIRST YEAR	FALL	3	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
		3	Choose 1	American History		060		See General Education Core. Options: HIST 1301 or HIST 2327
		3	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.
		3	ARTS 1311	2D Foundations	C			Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
		3	ARTS 1316	Drawing I				Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
			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.
	15 Semester Total Hours							
	SPRING	3	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
		3	Choose 1	American History		060		See General Education Core. Options: HIST 1302 or HIST 2328
		3	POLS 2305	U.S. Federal Govt & Politics		070		
		3	ARTS 1312	3D Foundations	C			Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
		3	ARTS 2333	Printmaking I				Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
	15 Semester Total Hours							
SECOND YEAR								
	FALL	4	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.
		3	ARTS 1303 or 1304	Art History I or Art History II		050		Satisfies General Education Core and Major-Specific Requirement
		3	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	Choose 1	Integrative/Experiential Learning Option		090		See General Education Core for course options.
		3	ARTS 1317	Drawing II				Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
		14 Semester Total Hours						
	SPRING	4	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.
		3	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.
		3	ARTS 2314	Design Communications II	C		Grade of 'C' or better in ARTS 2313.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
		3	ARTS 2356	Photography I	C			Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement. Student must provide own 35mm camera.
		3	POLS 2306	Texas Government & Politics		070		
	16 Semester Total Hours							
	SUMMER	3	ARTS 2363	Typography I	C		Grade of 'C' or better in ARTS 2313 and ARTS 2314.	
		3 Semester Total Hours						

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/Political 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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THIRD YEAR	FALL	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	C		Grade of 'C' or better in ARTS 2363 and ARTS 2356.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
		3	ARTS 3354	History of Graphic Design				Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
		3	ARTS 43XX	Prescribed Elective				See Degree plan for course options.
	15 Semester Total Hours							
	SPRING	3	Choose 1	Integrative/Experiential Learning Option		090		See General Education Core for course options.
		3	ARTS 3333	Print Design and PrePress	C		Grade of "C" or better ARTS 2331 or ARTS 3331.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
		3	ARTS 3330	Image and Illustration	C			Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
		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 Semester Total Hours							
	SUMMER	3	ARTS 4333	Visual Communication Design II	C		Grade of "C" or better in ARTS 3330 and ARTS 3333.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
	3 Semester Total Hours							
FOURTH YEAR	FALL	H	Course #	Course Title	Min. Grade	GEC	Prerequisite	Additional Notes
		3	ARTS 4334	Visual Communication Design III	C		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.
		3	ARTS 43XX	Prescribed Elective				See Degree plan for course options.
	SPRING	3	ARTS 43XX	Prescribed Elective				See Degree plan for course options.
		12 Semester Total Hours						
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		3	ARTS 4339	Portfolio for Visual Communication Design			Grade of "C" or better in ARTS 4334.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
		3	ARTS 4396	BFA Visual Communication Design (Capstone)	C		Grade of "C" or better in ARTS 4334 and senior standing.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.
	12 Semester Total Hours							

120 TOTAL HOURS

(42) ADVANCED MINIMUM CREDIT HOURS

Revised: Tuesday, February 18th, 2025