

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Design - Graphic Design (2D)

2026-2028 Undergraduate Catalog

Suggested Arrangement of Courses

120 Credit Hours

credit hours	YEAR ONE		YEAR TWO		YEAR THREE		YEAR FOUR	
	fall	spring	fall	spring	fall	spring	fall	spring
1	INTRO SKILLS (DES 301, 310T, or 310T)	INTRO SKILLS (DES 301, 310T, or 310T)	INTRO SKILLS (DES 301, 310T, or 310T)	DES 260	DES 325	DES 160I	DES 374	DES 374P
2				UPPER-DIV DES HISTORY		UPPER-DIV DES RESEARCH		
3				UPPER-DIV DES HISTORY		UPPER-DIV DES RESEARCH		
4	INTRO STUDIOS (DES 304, 305, or 306)	INTRO STUDIOS (DES 304, 305, or 306)	INTRO STUDIOS (DES 304, 305, or 306)	UPPER-DIV 2D STUDIO	UPPER-DIV DES HISTORY	UPPER-DIV DES RESEARCH	UPPER-DIV DES RESEARCH	UPPER-DIV 3D STUDIO
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7	DES 307 or 313	ARH 303 (VISUAL/PERFORMING ARTS)	DES 310T (PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT)	UPPER-DIV 2D STUDIO	UPPER-DIV 2D STUDIO	UPPER-DIV 2D STUDIO	ELECTIVE*	ELECTIVE*
8								
9								
10	COMMUNICATION (RHE 306)	MATH	NAT SCIENCE/TECH I	NAT SCIENCE/TECH I	NAT SCIENCE/TECH II	ELECTIVE*	ELECTIVE*	ELECTIVE*
11				U.S. HISTORY				
12								
13	SIGNATURE (UGS 302 or 303)	SOCIAL/BEHAV SCI	U.S. HISTORY	GOVERNMENT	GOVERNMENT	GOVERNMENT	HUMANITIES (E 316L/M/N/P)	WRITING
14								
15								
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KEY

Fixed Courses

Should be taken no later than the semester prescribed above; consult with your advisor if adjustments are needed or desired.

University and College Core

May be taken in any order; the Signature Course (UGS 302 or 303) must be taken in the first year; Communication (RHE 306) should be taken prior to Core Humanities (E 316L/M/N/P) or Core Writing.

Other Requirements

May be taken in any order, though generally after most essential major courses and University Core requirements have been completed; see Notes.

NOTES

*The number of required electives can vary according to other chosen courses (e.g., satisfying multiple requirements with a single course, credit disparities in language or science sequences, etc.). Be sure to track your progress with your Academic Advisor or Interactive Degree Audit (IDA): <https://utdirect.utexas.edu/apps/degree/audits/>