

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS • Design Major

Degree Guideline

This degree guideline provides only a summary of the requirements for the degree and major indicated above. For complete information about degree requirements, consult *The Undergraduate Catalog* and the pertinent *General Information* catalog. For questions, please contact the Office of the Dean, Student Affairs in DFA 1.103 (512-471-5011).

See reverse side for "Notes" and additional requirements.

Area/Requirement	Course	Hrs
Core Curriculum¹		42
First-year Signature Course	<i>UGS 302 or 303</i>	3
English Composition (Communication)	<i>RHE 306</i>	3
	<i>Writing Course</i>	3
Humanities	<i>E 316L/M/N/P</i>	3
American & Texas Government	<i>GOV 310L</i>	3
	<i>GOV 312L</i>	3
American History	<i>6 hours</i>	6
Social & Behavioral Sciences	<i>3 hours</i>	3
Mathematics	<i>3 hours</i>	3
Natural Science & Technology	<i>9 hours</i>	9
Visual & Performing Arts	<i>3 hours</i>	3

Flags²	
Writing ³	<i>2 courses</i>
Quantitative Reasoning	<i>1 course</i>
Global Cultures	<i>1 course</i>
Cultural Diversity	<i>1 course</i>
Independent Inquiry	<i>1 course</i>
Ethics	<i>1 course</i>

Entrance Deficiencies⁴	
Foreign Language, Language Arts, Social Science, Natural Science, Math	

Area/Requirements	Course	Hrs
Major Requirements		66
Design Core	<i>DES 304</i>	3
	<i>DES 305</i>	3
	<i>DES 306</i>	3
	<i>DES 308</i>	3
	<i>ARH 303⁵</i>	3
Design or related fields ^{6, 7}	<i>DES 309</i>	3
	<i>15 hours</i>	15
Performance Review ⁸	<i>DES 131</i>	1
Upper-division Design ⁶	<i>DES 360⁹</i>	1-3
	<i>DES 374¹⁰</i>	3
	<i>DES 375¹⁰</i>	3
	<i>17 hours upper-div DES</i>	17
Art, Design History, Theory, Criticism	<i>DES 336 or 337.1¹¹</i>	3
	<i>3 hours¹²</i>	3

Electives¹³	
Completed hours	

Minimum Hours Required	120
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- 1 Consult the School of Undergraduate Studies for complete lists of courses that may be used fulfill the core curriculum requirements.
- 2 Courses used to fulfill flag requirements may fulfill other degree requirements as well; therefore, students should select courses carefully. If flag requirements are not satisfied within the minimum number of semester hours required for the degree and major, the student will need to complete additional coursework to fulfill these flag requirements.
- 3 Courses used to fulfill a writing flag requirement may also be used to fulfill other degree requirements, except RHE 306.
- 4 Courses used to fulfill entrance deficiencies do not count toward the degree; all entrance deficiencies must be removed by appropriate courses in order to graduate.
- 5 Three semester hours of art history used to fulfill major degree requirements may also be counted toward the visual and performing arts requirement of the core curriculum. Please consult the School of Undergraduate Studies for a complete list of courses that may be used for the visual and performing arts requirement.
- 6 In order to enroll in courses numbered DES 340 or higher, a design major must first pass a performance review conducted by the design faculty.
- 7 For a complete list of courses that will satisfy the degree requirement of “15 hours Design or related fields”, see list of supportive courses in the office of the Undergraduate Academic Advisor of the School of Design and Creative Technologies. Students may initiate a substitute petition with COFA if they take a different course of comparable content.
- 8 A design major must register for the performance review course during the second semester of sophomore year, and present a portfolio of his or her works for review by designated design faculty at the end of the semester. The works to be included for review are specified by the design faculty.
- 9 To fulfill this requirement, students may either enroll in DES 360 or a combination of DES 260 and DES 160.
- 10 DES 374 and 375 must be completed with a grade of at least C-.
- 11 Students must enroll in Topic 1: History of Graphic Design to receive credit for this requirement.
- 12 Three semester hours of lower or upper-division ARH, or DES 337, AMS 330, ARC 368R, ARC 318L, or ARC 308. Students may initiate a substitute petition with COFA if they take a different course of comparable content.
- 13 Students who complete all stated degree requirements without earning the 120 semester hours required for the B.F.A.: Design Major must complete additional elective coursework until 120 hours are earned.

General Degree Requirements

Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirements: To graduate, students must have a GPA of at least 2.00 based on all courses undertaken at the university; a 2.50 GPA is required on all upper-division design courses taken in residence at the university.

Flag Requirements: Extra courses may be necessary if all flag requirements are not met through regular degree requirements, so courses should be chosen carefully. The following flags are required of all students in the College of Fine Arts: Quantitative Reasoning, Global Cultures, Cultural Diversity, Independent Inquiry, Ethics, and Writing (2 courses). Courses used to fulfill flag requirements may also be used to fulfill degree requirements. For more information, see the *2020-2022 Undergraduate Catalog*.

Residency Requirements: Students must fulfill all residency requirements in order to graduate. Refer to chapter 1 in the *2020-2022 Undergraduate Catalog* for university residency requirements; refer to the College of Fine Arts' chapter for college residency requirements.

- Students must complete at least 60 semester hours of coursework counted toward the degree in residence.
- At least 6 semester hours of upper-division coursework in the major must be completed in residence.
- The last 18 hours of coursework in the major must be taken in residence.

Completing Degree Requirements: A minimum of 120 hours and all degree requirements stated in the *2020-2022 Undergraduate Catalog* must be completed in order to earn the degree.