



Bachelor of Fine Arts: Graphic Design

Fall 2022/Spring 2023

Major Checklist

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Note: This checklist is not intended to replace advising from the major department. Students should consult with the major advisor to determine the appropriate sequence of courses. This checklist is to inform students of major requirements and course prerequisites only. CSULB Enrollment Services prepares the Academic Requirements Report, which is the official graduation verification.

✓ Course	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Notes
LOWER DIVISION REQUIREMENTS (30 units)		
Complete the following courses (12 units total):		
Art History 111A. Foundation Art History: Prehistory-c. 1500, Middle East, North Africa, Europe (GE Category C1)	Pre/Coreq: One GE Foundation course	MSR Course
Art History 111B. Foundation Art History: c.1300-present, Europe and the Unites States (GE Category C3)	Pre/Coreq: One GE Foundation course	MSR Course
Art 130. Foundation Two-Dimensional		MSR Course
Art 131. Foundation Three Dimensional		MSR Course
Complete the following courses (3 units total):		
Art 101. Artists in Their Own Words (GE Category E - 1 unit)		
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Art 121. Safety & Sustainable Practices for Studio Artists (GE Category E - 1 unit)	One GE Foundation course	
Complete the following courses (9 units total):		
Art 181. Foundation Drawing		Required to apply to BFA
Art 184. Foundation Life Drawing	ART 181	Required to apply to BFA
Art 223. Intro Studio: Graphic Design - Typography	ART 130, ART 181	Required to apply to BFA
Complete 1 of the following courses (3 units total):		
Art 132, Art 241, Art 270, or Art 287 (Choose 1)	Refer to college catalog	
Complete 1 of the following courses (3 units total):		
Art History 111C, 111D, 111E, 111F, or 111G (GE Category C1) (Formerly AH 112, 113A/B, 114, 116) (Choose 1)	Pre/Coreq: One GE Foundation course	
UPPER DIVISION REQUIREMENTS (51 units)		
Complete the following courses (36 units total):		
Art 311. Writing About Visual Arts (GE Category Writing Intensive and Upper Division C or F "Capstone") or Art 333. Global Art Scenes (GE Category Upper Division C or F "Capstone") (Choose 1)	Refer to college catalog	
Art 318. Type II: Intermediate Typography	Art 130, 131, 181, 184, 223; Art 132, 241, 270, or 287; AH 111A, AH 111B. Minors: 223	Required to apply to BFA
Art 321. Graphic Design I: Introduction to Graphic Design	Art 130, 131, 181, 184, 223; Art 132, 241, 270, or 287; AH 111A, AH 111B. Minors: 223	Required to apply to BFA
Art 327. Graphic Design II: Intermediate Graphic Design	Art 223, 318, 321. Minors: 223	Required to apply to BFA
Art 331. Advertising I: Intro to Concept Development	Art 130, 131, 181, 184, 223, 318, 321; Art 132, 241, 270, or 287; AH 111A, AH 111B. Graphic Dsgn Minors	Required to apply to BFA
Art 334. Core Studio: Graphic Design - Exploration and Experimentation	Art 327 and Art 331, BFA Graphic Design Major	Junior 1
Art 335. Core Studio: Graphic Design - Concept Development	Art 327 and Art 331, BFA Graphic Design Major	Junior 2
Art 336. Core Studio: Graphic Design - Development and Analysis	Art 334 and Art 335, BFA Graphic Design Major	Junior 1
Art 337. Core Studio: Graphic Design - Packaging	Art 334 and Art 335, BFA Graphic Design Major	Junior 2
Art 419. Advanced Studio: Graphic Design - 5D	Art 336 and Art 337, BFA Graphic Design Major	Senior 1
Art 423. Advanced Studio: Graphic Design - Advanced Topics I	Art 336 and Art 337, BFA Graphic Design Major	Senior 1
Art 424. Advanced Studio: Graphic Design - Advanced Topics II	Art 419, Art 423	Senior 2 Taken Last Semester
AH 444. History of Graphic Design	AH 111A and AH 111B	
Complete 1 of the following courses (6 units total):		
Art 365, 366, 420, 421, 442, 486, or 499S (Choose 1)	Refer to college catalog	
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Complete the following courses (6 units total):		
Upper Division Art History (AH) (300-499 Level)	Refer to college catalog	
Art or Art History Upper Division outside of Graphic Design (300-499 Level)	Refer to college catalog	



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5 year plan - 132 units required

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Courses in bold must be completed with a C or higher to meet major specific admission criteria

2.5 overall GPA; 2.5 in bold art/art history courses required for admission to major.

The following courses are MAJOR ONLY REQUIREMENTS

They do not include General Education Requirements or elective units needed in order to graduate

Refer to your Academic Requirements Report for your GE pattern

The following Roadmap is an example of what we recommend as a sequence of courses. Some courses MUST be taken in a certain order, while others can be flexible. Work with an art advisor to help plan your semester schedule.

Semester 1		Units	Semester 2		Units
Art 130 Foundation Two Dimensional		3	Art 131 Foundation Three Dimensional		3
Art 181 Foundation Drawing		3	Art 184 Foundation Life Drawing		3
			Art History 111A or 111B Foundation Art History (GE/C1)		3
Semester 3			Semester 4		
Art 132, 241, 270, OR 287		3	Art 318 Type II: Intermediate Typography		3
Art 223 Intro Studio: Graphic Design - Typography		3	Art 321 Graphic Design I: Introduction to Graphic Design		3
Art History 111A or 111B Foundation Art History (GE/C3)		3	Art History 111C, 111D, 111E, 111F, or 111G (Formerly AH 112, 113A/B, 114, 116) (GE/C1)		3
Art 101 Artists in Their Own Words (GE/E)		1	Art 121 Safety & Sustainability for Studio Artists (GE/E)		1
Semester 5			Semester 6		
Art 327 Graphic Design II: Intermediate Graphic Design		3	Art 365, 366, 420, 421, 442, 486, OR 499S		3
Art 331 Advertising I: Introduction to Concept Development		3	Art or Art History Upper Division (300-499) Outside Graphic Design		3
			Art 311 Writing about Visual Art or Art 333 Global Art Scenes (GE/UD-C/F)		3
Junior 1			Junior 2		
Art 334 Core Studio: Graphic Design - Exploration & Experimentation		3	Art 335 Core Studio: Graphic Design - Concept Development		3
Art 336 Core Studio: Graphic Design - Development & Analysis		3	Art 337 Core Studio: Graphic Design - Packaging		3
Art History 444 History of Graphic Design		3	Upper Division Art History (AH) (300-499 Level)		3
Senior 1			Senior 2		
Art 419 Advanced Studio: Graphic Design - 5D		3	Art 424 Advanced Studio: Graphic Design - Advanced Topics II		3
Art 423 Advanced Studio: Graphic Design - Advanced Topics I		3	Art 365, 366, 420, 421, 442, 486, OR 499S		3
Art 101 Artists in Their Own Words (GE/E)		1			

4 year roadmaps are available upon request from the Art Advising Center via email: soa-advising@csulb.edu

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