

Undergraduate Major Map

Catalog Year: 2023
College / School: Communication, Arch + The Arts
Major: Art - BFA
Track / Concentration: Graphic Design
Career Path: Four Year Freshman

Fall Term 2023				Term Hours: 13	Cum GPA: 2
Course Group	Course Required	Course Description	Credit Hours	Course Notes	
Visual Art Prerequisites - Art History Survey	ARH 2050	Art Hist. Survey I	3	Also satisfies UCC Arts course. (1) See endnotes	
Visual Art Prerequisites - Design	ART 1201C	2d Design	3		
UCC Communication	ENC 1101	Writing and Rhetoric I	3		
UCC First Year Experience	SLS 1501	First Year Exper	1		
UCC Mathematics Group One			3	(1) See endnotes	

Spring Term 2024				Term GPA: 2	Term Hours: 15	Cum GPA: 2
Course Group	Course Required	Course Description	Credit Hours	Course Notes		
Visual Art Prerequisites - Art History Survey	ARH 2051	Art Hist. Survey II	3			
Visual Art Prerequisites - Design	ART 1203C	3d Design	3			
UCC Communication	ENC 1102	Writing and Rhetoric II	3	(4) See Endnotes		
UCC Mathematics Group Two			3	(1) See Endnotes		
UCC Social Science Group One			3	(8) POS 2041 or AMH 2020 recommended if Civic Literacy requirement is not met.		

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Summer Term 2024 Use this Semester to catch up on coursework or to work towards the Summer Hours Requirement (3) if necessary.				Term GPA: 2 Term Hours: 6 Cum GPA: 2
Course Group	Course Required	Course Description	Credit Hours	Course Notes
General Electives			3	
UCC Social Science Group Two			3	(1) See endnotes. 2. May select a course that meets the GRW requirement.

Fall Term 2024				Term GPA: 2 Term Hours: 16 Cum GPA: 2
Course Group	Course Required	Course Description	Credit Hours	Course Notes
Visual Art Prerequisites - Drawing	ART 2300C	Beginning Drawing	3	
UCC Humanities Group One	ARH 2000	Exploring Art	3	(1) See endnotes. Satisfies the UCC Humanities Group I course requirement. Global Learning Foundations
Visual Art Prerequisites - Beginning Studio			3	ART or PGY 2XXXC
UCC Natural Science - Group One			3	(1) See endnotes Take Lab with corresponding Lecture
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Visual Thinking	ART 3820	Research & Development	3	C is required for this course. Discipline Specific Global Learning (Visual Thinking I and II must be taken in sequence)

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Spring Term 2025				Term GPA: 2
				Term Hours: 13
				Cum GPA: 2
Course Group	Course Required	Course Description	Credit Hours	Course Notes
Visual Art Prerequisites - Figure Drawing	ART 2330C	Begin Figure Drawing	3	
UCC Humanities - Group Two			3	(1) See endnotes. 2. May select a course that meets the GRW requirement
UCC Natural Science - Group Two			3	(1) See endnotes Take Lecture with corresponding Lab
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Visual Art Prerequisites - Beginning Studio	ART 2602C	Digital Imaging	3	Digital Imaging

Summer Term 2025				Term GPA: 2
Use this Semester to catch up on coursework or to work towards the Summer Hours Requirement (3) if necessary.				Term Hours: 6
May use one General Elective as an ART/PGY 2XXX course.				Cum GPA: 2
Course Group	Course Required	Course Description	Credit Hours	Course Notes
Visual Art Prerequisites - Beginning Studio			3	ART/PGY 2xxxC (C is required for this course)
Visual Art Prerequisites - Beginning Studio	ART 2608C	Digital Media	3	

Fall Term 2025				Term Hours: 12
May use one General Elective to satisfy the Elective Outside the Major requirement (if needed)				Cum GPA: 2
Course Group	Course Required	Course Description	Credit Hours	Course Notes
Visual Art Upper Level - Art History	ARH 4450	Modern Art	3	
Art Electives - Studio Level			3	ART/PGY/ARH Elective
Art Electives - Studio Level			3	ART/PGY/ARH Elective
Additional Lower Division Requ	GRA 2111	Graphic Design I	3	ARH 4710 Recommended for Photographers

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Spring Term 2026 6-9 credits of 3000/4000 level courses must be taken outside of ART, PGY, or ARH				Term Hours: 12 Cum GPA: 2
Course Group	Course Required	Course Description	Credit Hours	Course Notes
Visual Art Upper Level - Art History	ARH 4470	Contemporary Art	3	
Visual Thinking	ART 3822	Creative Practice	3	Visual Thinking I and II must be taken in sequence.
Upper Division Requirements	GRA 3817	Graphic Design II	3	ART/PGY/ARH Elective
Art Electives - Art History			3	ARH3xxx/4xxx

Summer Term 2026 Use this semester to catch up on coursework and/or to satisfy the 9 unit summer requirement (if needed). (3) See endnotes	

Fall Term 2026				Term Hours: 15 Cum GPA: 2
Course Group	Course Required	Course Description	Credit Hours	Course Notes
Upper Division Requirements	GRA 3817	Graphic Design II	3	Graphic design II
Art Electives - Art History			3	ARH3xxx/4xxx
Upper Division Requirements	GRA 4818	Graphic Design III	3	Graphic design III
Art Electives - Studio Level			3	ART/PGY Elective
Art Electives - Studio Level			3	ART/PGY Elective

Spring Term 2027				Term Hours: 12 Cum GPA: 2
Course Group	Course Required	Course Description	Credit Hours	Course Notes
Upper Division Requirements	GRA 4189C	Thesis I/Portfolio	3	Thesis I and II must be taken in sequence at the completion of Visual Thinking I and II.
Art Electives - Studio Level			3	ART/PGY Research
Art Electives - Studio Level			3	ART/PGY Elective
Art Electives - Studio Level			3	ART/PGY/ARH Elective

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<p>Summer Term 2027 Use this Semester to catch up on coursework if necessary.</p>	<p>Cum GPA: 2</p>
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General Requirements

Critical Indicator is the minimum grade indicated in specific courses to demonstrate proficiency and progress in major. Earning less than the minimum grade is a trigger for a conversation with advisor

GENERAL UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS

See your Panther Degree Audit (PDA) for a real-time update on your academic career progress and additional information on University and major requirements at <http://my.fiu.edu>.

(1) UCC: Students must meet the University Core Curriculum (UCC) requirements. For a full list of UCC courses, see <http://undergrad.fiu.edu/advising/university-core-curriculum.html> or speak with your advisor. Students requesting to be transient must receive permission from the Dean of Undergraduate Education.

(2) Global Learning: Freshmen entering FIU Summer B 2010 or later must take at least two Global Learning (GL) designated courses at FIU. See <http://goglobal.fiu.edu>. Courses must be:

- 1 GL foundation course, which must be taken from the University Core Curriculum (UCC).
- 1 GL discipline-specific course (3000/4000 level)

(3) Summer Hours Requirement: All students entering FIU or any university within the State University System (SUS) of Florida with fewer than 60 credit hours are required to earn at least nine credit hours prior to graduation by attending one or more summer terms at a university in the SUS.

(4) Gordon Rule: All Gordon Rule courses (i.e., UCC Communication, UCC Mathematics, and Gordon Rule with Writing (GRW) courses) must be completed with a minimum grade of "C." This requirement must be fulfilled within the first 60 credits. Students are required to complete at least two Gordon Rule with Writing (GRW) designated courses.

(5) Foreign Language Requirement for Graduation (FLENT/FLEX): A student who did not complete two years of the same foreign language in high school or at a post-secondary institution must successfully complete 8-10 credit hours of instruction in one foreign language prior to graduation. Exceptions include appropriate CLEP, AP, IB, TOEFL, or transfer credit. Contact your advisor for more information.

(6) UCC Mathematics: Math courses are categorized into either Group One or Group Two. One math course from each group is required unless the first math taken is from Group Two and has an immediate prerequisite in Group One. In this case, students will take two Math courses from Group Two. However, one of the two Math courses must have a MAC, MGF, or MTG prefix.

College of Communication, Architecture + the Arts: Selected BFA Art Major Requirements

Grades: Students must earn a grade of "C" or higher in all courses required for the major. A grade of "C-" or lower is not acceptable in any required course.

This four-year plan assumes that students will already have satisfied FIU's foreign language requirement.

Students take twenty-seven (27) credits in studio and Art History classes, with a maximum of twelve (12) credits in Art History.

This document only lists SELECTED requirements. See your Panther Degree Audit for all CARTA and major requirements at <http://my.fiu.edu>.