KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

College of Arts and Sciences

Student Name _____

Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) WID or KSIS ID _____

Visual Communication Design Catalog Year 2026-2027

See your Degree Audit (DARS) for a full list of courses that can fulfill requirements.

A/Pass/Fail: Students are encouraged to work with their academic advisor prior to selecting this option. Courses with the A/P/F grading scale are not eligible for KSC, major, program requirements, or any secondary major/minor/certificate.

This document is meant as a guide for you and your advisor to use as you track progress towards degree completion and should not be viewed as an official document.

K-State Core (34-35 credits)

https://www.k-state.edu/provost/kstate-core/index.html		Credits	Grade
Requirement 1: English		**6**	
Complete both courses below.			
ENGL 100	Expository Writing I		
ENGL 200	Expository Writing II		
Requirement 2: Communication		**3**	
Choose from one course (3 credits): COMM 106, COMM 109, or COMM 130			
Requirement 3: Math & Statistics		**3**	
Choose one course from the Math and Statistics list.			
Requirement 4: Natural & Physical Sciences		**4-5**	
Choose one subject area which must include a lab, from the Natural & Physical Sciences List.			
Requirement 5: Social & Behavioral Sciences		**6**	
Choose at least two (2) courses from two (2) subject areas on the Social & Behavioral Sciences List			
Requirement 6: Arts & Humanities		**6**	
Choose at least two (2) courses from two (2) subject areas on the Arts and Humanities List.			
Requirement 7: Free Electives		**6**	
Includes ALL 100 and 200 level courses at K-State or in Transfer. See full listing of K-State 100/200 level courses via the University Course Catalog.			
TOTAL CREDITS COMPLETED/IN-PROGRESS:		**0**	

K-State University Requirements

Transfer and Prior Learning credits applied to degree:	
KSU graded and non-graded credits applied to degree:	
Current semester credits in progress:	
TOTAL credits completed/in-progress	**0**
Remaining credits required for degree completion:	**120**
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45 credits at 300-level or higher required. Remaining credits:	
Minimum 30 credits at K-State	
15 of the last 30 credits earned must be completed at K-State	
Max of 75 credits transfer from an accredited two-year college	
Max of 30 credits from Credit for Prior Learning (CPL)	

Course Retakes

*The first **five** retaken courses during a student's academic career at K-State will replace the original grade in the student's cumulative grade point average.*

Visual Communication Design (77 credits)

		Credits	Grade
Art & Design Foundation		**12**	
ART 174	A&D: Mixed Media Process & Exploration Lab		
ART 180	A&D: Color, Light, & Perception Lab		
ART 194	A&D: Community & Env Engagement Lab		
ART 200	A&D: Vis. Representation and Fabrication		
VCD Concentration Required Courses		**24**	
ART 285	VCD Fundamentals		
ART 290	VCD I: Typography and Design Principles		
ART 310	VCD II: Methods and Processes		
ART 390	Design for Digital Media I		
ART 395	Introduction to Digital Photography		
ART 400	VCD III: Storytelling in Design		
ART 420	VCD IV: Design and Context		
ART 590	Design for Digital Media II		
VCD Capstone & BFA Exhibition Courses		**8**	
ART 576	VCD Capstone I: Research		
ART 580	VCD Capstone II: Project		
ART 585	VCD BFA Portfolio & Professional Practices *(2 credits)*		
Art History		**15**	
Choose one course (3 credits): ART 195 or ART 197			
ART 196	Survey of Western Art II		
ART 601	Graphic Design History/Theory/Criticism		
2 courses in 20th Century Art History: ART 545, 550, 602, 603			
Art Electives		**18**	
Choose six courses (18 credits) of any ART class 200 level and above. Courses may not be duplicated with the above requirements.			
TOTAL CREDITS COMPLETED/IN-PROGRESS:		**0**	

Arts & Sciences Program Requirements (1 credits)

		Credits	Grade
Orientation		**1**	
ART 105	A&D Career & Creative Ind: Seminar		
Overlays		**[9]**	
May be filled in K-State Core, electives, or the program itself.			
Ethical Reasoning: 1 course			
Global Perspectives: 1 course			
US Multicultural: 1 course			
TOTAL CREDITS COMPLETED/IN-PROGRESS:		**0**	

Free Electives (8+ credits)

Course credits to complete the 120 credits required for graduation.

TOTAL CREDITS COMPLETED/IN-PROGRESS:		**0**	

Specific Major Requirements

Formal evaluation of student work prior to admission to a chosen area of concentration, Studio Art or Visual Communication Design, is required upon completion of the Art and Design Foundation courses. Visual course work must meet faculty approval, and students enrollment in some art courses may depend on having passed the portfolio review.

K-State GPA	
Major GPA	