

ART + DESIGN**www.art.neu.edu**

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The visual arts are our oldest form of artistic expression. Yet today, the newest digital technologies have transformed and expanded artistic practice, production, and dissemination. More than ever, the ability to understand and use visual language is an essential part of the contemporary world. The Department of Art + Design is committed to teaching visual literacy and effective communication in many forms within the context of a broad liberal arts education. Excellent faculty and facilities make for a supportive and active place to study art and design.

BA in Art

The art major at Northeastern University is a general studio-based program that balances art history with studio art projects and classes in drawing and painting. It focuses on a well-rounded liberal arts education with a breadth of general studies in the arts and humanities, the natural and physical sciences, and the social sciences. Art majors have the option to take introductory courses in digital art and graphic design. A selection of studio courses can also be taken at the nearby School of the Museum of Fine Arts.

BFA in Digital Art

Digital art is an evolving field for artists who use the computer as the primary medium for exploring, creating, and distributing their works of art. The digital art major at Northeastern University comprises the three principle technologies of dynamic and static image generation—photography, animation, and video. Students have the option of either focusing on one of these areas or creating their own path by exploring courses from all the areas. An intensive studio-based program, the curriculum seeks to provide students with knowledge in the efficacy of digital media in conjunction with critical theory. Extensive computer facilities afford students an opportunity to become highly proficient in the leading-edge skills necessary to produce their work.

BFA in Graphic Design

Graphic design is the practice of visualizing ideas and information to enhance human understanding. The graphic design major at Northeastern focuses on the ability to create and compose visual and verbal components to construct meaning in diverse knowledge fields. An intensive studio-based program, the curriculum balances design history and theory with studio projects in both dynamic and static media to provide a broad understanding of the principles of perception and communication. As active participants in the interpretation and production of meaning itself, students have the opportunity to integrate the many facets of their University-based liberal arts experience. Extensive computer facilities afford students an opportunity to become proficient in the leading-edge skills necessary to produce their work for both the virtual and concrete worlds.

Minors and Additional Majors

The Department of Art + Design also offers the following majors and minors:

- Multimedia studies dual major: Specific requirements and electives are listed and described beginning on page 179.
- Minors in art, art history, digital art, and graphic design are also available.
- BFA and MFA degrees in studio art are available in collaboration with the School of the Museum of Fine Arts.

Admission Requirements for Art + Design

There are specific admissions criteria for students entering majors in the Art + Design department. See “Admission Requirements for Art + Design” in the Admission section of this catalog, page 5.

Transferring to the Major

Students already enrolled at the University may apply to transfer into the Department of Art + Design. Students wishing to transfer should do the following:

- Submit a transfer petition to the chair of the department.
- Apply with a minimum GPA of 2.500.
- Have the Art + Design chair assign them a faculty advisor.
- Fulfill the portfolio requirement at the time of application or on a schedule designated by the department chair.

Academic Progression Standards

Same as college standards.

BA in Art

Note: “TBD” stands for “to be determined.”

NU CORE REQUIREMENTS

See page 42 for requirement list.

COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS FOR BA

See page 69 for requirement list.

ART + DESIGN CORE**Art + Design at Northeastern**

Complete the following course:

ART U100	Art + Design at Northeastern	1 SH
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Art + Design Foundations

Complete the following eight courses with corresponding tools courses, as indicated:

ART U102	Color 1 Foundation	1 SH
ART U104	Color 2 Foundation	1 SH
ART U121	Drawing 2 Foundation	4 SH
ART U124	Basic Drawing	4 SH
ART U130	Visual Studies Foundation 1	4 SH
with ART U123	2D Tools for ART U130	1 SH
ART U131	Visual Studies Foundation 2	4 SH
with ART U125	3D Tools for ART U131	1 SH
ART U132	4D Foundation	4 SH
with ART U133	4D Tools for ART U132	1 SH
ART U134	Interactive Foundation	4 SH
with ART U135	Interactive Tools for ART U134	1 SH

Art + Design History

Complete the following three courses:

ART U101	History of Art before 1400	4 SH
ART U103	History of Art since 1400	4 SH
ART U210	Art + Design History, 1900 to 1945	4 SH

ADDITIONAL ART REQUIREMENTS**Required Courses**

Complete the following three courses:

ART U211	Art + Design History, 1945 to Present	4 SH
ART U685	Interarts	4 SH
TBD	Contemporary Directions in Art	4 SH

Art Electives

Complete two courses from the following list:

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ART U127	Basic Painting	4 SH
ART U310	Nineteenth-Century Art	4 SH
ART U320	American Art	4 SH
ART U354	Figure Drawing	4 SH
ART U468	Art in Ireland	4 SH
ART U469	Venetian Art History	4 SH
ART U500	Arts of the African Diaspora	4 SH
ART U514	Topics in Contemporary Art	4 SH
TBD	Drawing in Mixed Media	4 SH

DIGITAL ART

ART U275	Animation Studio 1	4 SH
ART U360	Photography 2	4 SH
ART U375	Animation Studio 2	4 SH
ART U381	Video Project	4 SH
ART U385	Still Digital Imaging	4 SH
ART U475	Animation Studio 3	4 SH
ART U514	Topics in Contemporary Art	4 SH
ART U601	Alternative Analog and Digital Processes	4 SH

TBD	Studio Photography	4 SH
TBD	Video 2	4 SH
TBD	Video 3	4 SH

ART + DESIGN GPA REQUIREMENT

Minimum 2.500 GPA required in art + design courses

GENERAL ELECTIVES

Additional courses taken beyond college and major course requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

If elected

UNIVERSITY-WIDE REQUIREMENTS

128 total semester hours required

Minimum 2.000 GPA required

BFA in Digital Art

Note: "TBD" stands for "to be determined."

NU CORE REQUIREMENTS

See page 42 for requirement list.

ART + DESIGN CORE**Art + Design at Northeastern**

Complete the following course:

ART U100	Art + Design at Northeastern	1 SH
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Art + Design Foundations

Complete the following eight courses with corresponding tools courses, as indicated:

ART U102	Color 1 Foundation	1 SH
ART U104	Color 2 Foundation	1 SH
ART U121	Drawing 2 Foundation	4 SH
ART U124	Basic Drawing	4 SH
ART U130	Visual Studies Foundation 1	4 SH
with ART U123	2D Tools for ART U130	1 SH
ART U131	Visual Studies Foundation 2	4 SH
with ART U125	3D Tools for ART U131	1 SH
ART U132	4D Foundation	4 SH
with ART U133	4D Tools for ART U132	1 SH
ART U134	Interactive Foundation	4 SH
with ART U135	Interactive Tools for ART U134	1 SH

Art + Design History

Complete the following three courses:

ART U101	History of Art before 1400	4 SH
ART U103	History of Art since 1400	4 SH
ART U210	Art + Design History, 1900 to 1945	4 SH

DIGITAL ART REQUIREMENTS**Photography, Animation, and Video**

Complete the following five courses with corresponding tools courses, as indicated:

ART U160	Photography 1	4 SH
with ART U161	Photo Tools for ART U160	1 SH
ART U175	Animation Basics	4 SH
with ART U176	Animation Tools for ART U175	1 SH

ART U180	Video Basics	4 SH
with ART U181	Video Tools for ART U180	1 SH
ART U212	Survey of the Still and Moving Image	4 SH
TBD	Contemporary Directions in Digital Art	4 SH

Digital Art Electives

Complete four courses from the digital art or art lists:

DIGITAL ART

ART U275	Animation Studio 1	4 SH
ART U360	Photography 2	4 SH
ART U375	Animation Studio 2	4 SH
ART U381	Video Project	4 SH
ART U385	Still Digital Imaging	4 SH
ART U475	Animation Studio 3	4 SH
ART U514	Topics in Contemporary Art	4 SH
ART U601	Alternative Analog and Digital Processes	4 SH
TBD	Studio Photography	4 SH
TBD	Video 2	4 SH
TBD	Video 3	4 SH

ART

ART U127	Basic Painting	4 SH
ART U310	Nineteenth-Century Art	4 SH
ART U320	American Art	4 SH
ART U354	Figure Drawing	4 SH
ART U468	Art in Ireland	4 SH
ART U469	Venetian Art History	4 SH
ART U500	Arts of the African Diaspora	4 SH
ART U514	Topics in Contemporary Art	4 SH
TBD	Drawing in Mixed Media	4 SH

Design Requirement

Complete the following course with corresponding tools course:

ART U334	Typography 1	4 SH
with ART U338	Type Tools for ART U334	1 SH

Design Elective

Complete one course from the following list:

ART U333	Design 1 and Drawing	4 SH
ART U635	Time-Based Design	4 SH
ART U644	Interactive Design	4 SH

Digital Art Degree Project

Complete one of the following courses:

ART U575	Animation Studio 4	4 SH
or ART U710	Senior Project in Photography 1	6 SH

ART + DESIGN GPA REQUIREMENT

Minimum 2.500 GPA required in art + design courses

GENERAL ELECTIVES

Additional courses taken beyond college and major course requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

If elected

UNIVERSITY-WIDE REQUIREMENTS

128 total semester hours required
Minimum 2.000 GPA required

BFA in Graphic Design

Note: "TBD" stands for "to be determined."

NU CORE REQUIREMENTS

See page 42 for requirement list.

ART + DESIGN CORE**Art + Design at Northeastern**

Complete the following course:

ART U100	Art + Design at Northeastern	1 SH
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Art + Design Foundations

Complete the following eight courses with corresponding tools courses, as indicated:

ART U102	Color 1 Foundation	1 SH
ART U104	Color 2 Foundation	1 SH
ART U121	Drawing 2 Foundation	4 SH
ART U124	Basic Drawing	4 SH
ART U130	Visual Studies Foundation 1	4 SH
with ART U123	2D Tools for ART U130	1 SH
ART U131	Visual Studies Foundation 2	4 SH
with ART U125	3D Tools for ART U131	1 SH
ART U132	4D Foundation	4 SH
with ART U133	4D Tools for ART U132	1 SH
ART U134	Interactive Foundation	4 SH
with ART U135	Interactive Tools for ART U134	1 SH

Art + Design History

Complete the following three courses:

ART U101	History of Art before 1400	4 SH
ART U103	History of Art since 1400	4 SH
ART U210	Art + Design History, 1900 to 1945	4 SH

GRAPHIC DESIGN REQUIREMENTS**Design**

Complete the following seven courses with corresponding tools course, as indicated:

ART U211	Art + Design History, 1945 to Present	4 SH
ART U333	Design 1 and Drawing	4 SH
ART U334	Typography 1	4 SH
with ART U338	Type Tools for ART U334	1 SH
ART U344	Typography 2	4 SH
ART U443	Graphic Design 2	4 SH
ART U691	Information Architecture	4 SH
TBD	Contemporary Directions in Design	4 SH

4D Design Electives

Complete two courses from the following list:

ART U635	Time-Based Design	4 SH
ART U644	Interactive Design	4 SH
TBD	Interactive Information Design	4 SH
TBD	Environmental Design	4 SH

ART U211	Art + Design History, 1945 to Present	4 SH
ART U212	Survey of the Still and Moving Image	4 SH
ART U240	History of Graphic Design	4 SH
ART U310	Nineteenth-Century Art	4 SH
ART U320	American Art	4 SH
ART U469	Venetian Art History	4 SH
ART U500	Arts of the African Diaspora	4 SH

REQUIREMENTS FOR ART + DESIGN MAJORS

Students with majors in the Department of Art + Design should complete the following requirements:

Art History Electives

Augment the art history courses within your major by completing four electives from the following list. *Note:* Architectural history courses may also be used upon approval by the chair of the Art + Design department.

ART U211	Art + Design History, 1945 to Present	4 SH
ART U212	Survey of the Still and Moving Image	4 SH
ART U310	Nineteenth-Century Art	4 SH
ART U320	American Art	4 SH
ART U469	Venetian Art History	4 SH
ART U500	Arts of the African Diaspora	4 SH

GPA REQUIREMENT

3.000 GPA required in the minor

Minor in Digital Art

Note: “TBD” stands for “to be determined.”

REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-ART + DESIGN MAJORS

Students with majors outside the Department of Art + Design should complete the following requirements:

Required Courses

Complete the following four courses with corresponding tools courses, as indicated:

ART U102	Color 1 Foundation	1 SH
ART U104	Color 2 Foundation	1 SH
ART U130	Visual Studies Foundation 1	4 SH
with ART U123	2D Tools for ART U130	1 SH
ART U132	4D Foundation	4 SH
with ART U133	4D Tools for ART U132	1 SH

Elective

Complete one of the following courses with corresponding tools course:

ART U160	Photography 1	4 SH
with ART U161	Photo Tools for ART U160	1 SH
ART U175	Animation Basics	4 SH
with ART U176	Animation Tools for ART U175	1 SH
ART U180	Video Basics	4 SH
with ART U181	Video Tools for ART U180	1 SH

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRAPHIC DESIGN MAJORS

Graphic design majors should complete the following requirements:

Required Course

Complete the following course:

ART U330	History of Photography	4 SH
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Electives

Complete 16 semester hours of electives from the following list, including at least one basic elective with corresponding tools course:

BASIC ELECTIVES

ART U160	Photography 1	4 SH
with ART U161	Photo Tools for ART U160	1 SH
ART U175	Animation Basics	4 SH
with ART U176	Animation Tools for ART U175	1 SH
ART U180	Video Basics	4 SH
with ART U181	Video Tools for ART U180	1 SH

OTHER ELECTIVES

ART U275	Animation Studio 1	4 SH
ART U360	Photography 2	4 SH
ART U375	Animation Studio 2	4 SH
ART U381	Video Project	4 SH
ART U385	Still Digital Imaging	4 SH
ART U475	Animation Studio 3	4 SH
ART U601	Alternative Analog and Digital Processes	4 SH
TBD	Studio Photography	4 SH
TBD	Video 2	4 SH
TBD	Video 3	4 SH

GPA REQUIREMENT

3.000 GPA required in the minor

Minor in Graphic Design

REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-ART + DESIGN MAJORS

Students with majors outside the Department of Art + Design should complete the following requirements.

Required Courses

Complete the following six courses with corresponding tools courses, as indicated:

ART U102	Color 1 Foundation	1 SH
ART U104	Color 2 Foundation	1 SH
ART U130	Visual Studies Foundation 1	4 SH
with ART U123	2D Tools for ART U130	1 SH
ART U132	4D Foundation	4 SH
with ART U133	4D Tools for ART U132	1 SH
ART U333	Design 1 and Drawing	4 SH
ART U334	Typography 1	4 SH
with ART U338	Type Tools for ART U334	1 SH

REQUIREMENTS FOR ART MAJORS AND DIGITAL ART MAJORS

Art majors and digital art majors should complete the following requirements.

Required Courses

Complete the following three courses with corresponding tools course, as indicated:

ART U211	Art + Design History, 1945 to Present	4 SH
ART U333	Design 1 and Drawing	4 SH
ART U334	Typography 1	4 SH
with ART U338	Type Tools for ART U334	1 SH

Electives

Complete two courses from the following list:

ART U344	Typography 2	4 SH
ART U635	Time-Based Design	4 SH
ART U644	Interactive Design	4 SH

GPA REQUIREMENT

3.000 GPA required in the minor