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

Art + Design Foundations
Complete the following eight courses with corresponding tools, 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:
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

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

Art + Design Foundations
Complete the following eight courses with corresponding tools, 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, 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 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 4 SH
  and Digital Processes
- 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

**Art + Design 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

**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
Design Elective
Complete one typography course or the topics course listed below, or complete one additional 4D elective not previously taken from the above list “4D Design Electives.”

TYPOGRAPHY
- TBD  Typography 3  4 SH

TOPICS
- ART U514  Topics in Contemporary Art  4 SH

Art Elective
Complete one course with corresponding tools course, as indicated, from the following list:
- 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

Graphic Design Degree Project
Complete the following course:
- ART U630  Degree Project in Design  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 Studio Art
The BFA in Studio Art is a joint degree program offered in collaboration with the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston. Art, design history, and general education requirements are offered at Northeastern University, and studio art courses, which are determined in consultation with School of Museum of Fine Arts academic advisors, are targeted to each student’s unique program of study. For degree requirements, please visit the myNEU Web Portal (www.myneu.neu.edu), click on the “Self-Service” tab, then on “My Degree Audit.”

BS in Computer Science and Digital Art
See page 275.

BFA in Multimedia Studies and Digital Art
See page 179.

BFA in Multimedia Studies and Graphic Design
See page 180.

Minor in Art
Restricted to students with majors outside the Department of Art + Design.

REQUIRED COURSES
Complete the following two courses:
- ART U130  Visual Studies Foundation 1  4 SH
  with ART U123  2D Tools for ART U130  1 SH

ART + DESIGN ELECTIVES
Complete 16 semester hours of courses from the following list.
Note: Some courses may have prerequisites:
- ART U101  History of Art before 1400  4 SH
- ART U102  Color 1 Foundation  1 SH
- ART U103  History of Art since 1400  4 SH
- ART U104  Color 2 Foundation  1 SH
- ART U121  Drawing 2 Foundation  4 SH
- ART U124  Basic Drawing  4 SH
- ART U127  Basic Painting  4 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 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 U210  Art + Design History, 1900 to 1945  4 SH
- ART U310  Nineteenth-Century Art  4 SH
- ART U320  American Art  4 SH
- ART U354  Figure Drawing  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 Art History

REQUIREMENTS FOR NON–ART + DESIGN MAJORS
Students with majors outside the Department of Art + Design should complete the following requirements:

Art History Electives
Complete five courses from the following list. Note: Architectural history courses may also be used upon approval of the chair of the Art + Design department:
- ART U101  History of Art before 1400  4 SH
- ART U103  History of Art since 1400  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

**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

**GPA REQUIREMENT**

3.000 GPA required in the minor
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:

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Complete two courses from the following list:

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GPA REQUIREMENT
3.000 GPA required in the minor