

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS
WEITZENHOFFER FAMILY COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS
THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA**

Academic Year	General Requirements	Program
For Students Entering the Oklahoma State System for Higher Education Summer 2024 through Spring 2025	Minimum Total Credit Hours 120 Minimum Upper-Division Hours 40 Major Hours 45 Upper-Division Hours within Major 30 Minimum Retention/Graduation Grade Point Averages: Overall - Combined and OU 2.5	Visual Communication B067 Bachelor of Fine Arts

OU encourages students to complete at least 30 hours of applicable coursework each year to have the opportunity to graduate in 4 years.

Minimum Total Credit Hours: 120
Major Hours: 45
Minimum Upper-Division Hours: 40
Upper-Division Hours Within Major: 30

Overall GPA - Combined and OU: 2.50

Program Code: B067

Choose one course	3
Core Area V: First-Year Experience	
Choose one course	3
Free Electives	
Courses used to fulfill General Education and/or major requirements may not fulfill electives.	3-4
Total Credit Hours	38-48

General Education and College Requirements

Courses designated as Core I, II, III, IV, or V are part of the General Education curriculum. Students must complete a minimum of 40 hours of General Education courses, chosen from the approved list, including at least one upper-division Gen. Ed. course outside of the student's major. **Courses graded S/U or P/ NP will not apply.**

¹ MATH 1473 is recommended.

UNIVERSITY-WIDE GENERAL EDUCATION (MINIMUM 40 HOURS) AND COLLEGE REQUIREMENTS

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Area I: Symbolic and Oral Communication		
<i>English Composition</i>		
ENGL 1113	Principles of English Composition	3
ENGL 1213	Principles of English Composition	3
or EXPO 1213	Expository Writing	
<i>Language</i>		
A student who has not completed the 2-year high school language requirement must complete Core I: Language (6-10 hours).		0-10
<i>Mathematics</i>		
Choose one course (Core I) ¹		3
Core Area II: Natural Science		
Choose two courses from different disciplines; one must include a laboratory		7-8
Core Area III: Social Science		
P SC 1113	American Federal Government	3
Choose one course		3
Core Area IV: Arts and Humanities		
<i>Artistic Forms</i>		
Will be satisfied in Art History Requirements		0
<i>Western Culture</i>		
HIST 1483	United States to 1865	3
or HIST 1493	United States, 1865 to the Present	
Choose one course		3
<i>World Culture</i>		

Major Requirements

A grade of C or better is required in all courses taken within the School of Visual Arts. Portfolio Review is required for admission to the program.

A minimum of 30 Upper-Division Hours are required in the major.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Curriculum - Core Courses (9 hours)		
ART 1033	Core Studio I: Surface	3
ART 1043	Core Studio II: Space and Time	3
ART 3143	Core III: Integrated Studio	3
Area of Specialization (36 hours)		
DES 2633	Visual Communication I	3
DES 2643	Design Technology	3
DES 2653	Visual Communication II	3
DES 2663	Typography I	3
DES 3633	Visual Communication III	3
DES 3663	Typography II	3
DES 3653	Visual Communication IV	3
DES 3643	Integrated Technology	3
DES 4643	Visual Communication V	3
DES 4653	Typography III	3
DES 4663	Visual Communication VI	3
DES 4673	Professional Practice	3
Total Credit Hours		45

Major Support Requirements

A grade of C or better is required in all courses taken within the School of Visual Arts.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Art History (13 hours)		
<i>A HI Lower Division</i>		
A HI 1314	Introduction to Art History	4
A HI Elective, 2000-level course		3
<i>A HI Elective, Upper Division</i>		
A HI 3673	History of Visual Communication	3
Choose one A HI Upper Division Course ¹		3
Additional Requirement (24 hours)		
Choose one of the following (including 9 hours in upper-division courses):		24
Additional OU School of Visual Arts Electives ²		
Approved Concentration/Emphasis in Area of Study outside OUSoVA		
Total Credit Hours		37

¹ A HI must be General Educ. approved selected from Core IV.

² OU School of Visual Arts electives may include courses offered under any of the following in the OUSoVA: A HI, ART, ARTC, ATC, and DES. At least 3 hours must be Upper-Division in ART, ARTC, ATC, or DES to meet the minimum

upper division major requirements. A HI courses do not count towards the major GPA.

More information in the catalog: (<http://ou-public.courseleaf.com/weitzenhoffer-fine-arts/visual-arts/visual-communication-bachelor-fine-arts/>).

Suggested Semester Plan of Study

At least **30 hours of upper-division Art** credit must be earned in residence as a declared major. This plan of study should not be used in lieu of academic advisement. Unless otherwise stated on the degree sheet, the College of Fine Arts does **not** permit coursework to fulfill more than one degree requirement.

Two college-level courses in a single world language are required; this may be satisfied by successful completion of 2 years in a single world language in high school. Students who must take language at the University will have an additional 6-10 hours of coursework.

Year	FIRST SEMESTER		Hours	SECOND SEMESTER		Hours
FRESHMAN	ART 1033	Core Studio I: Surface	3		Major Support Elective	3
	ART 1043	Core Studio II: Space and Time	3	ENGL 1213 or EXPO 1213	Principles of English Composition or Expository Writing	3
	ENGL 1113	Principles of English Composition	3	P SC 1113	American Federal Government	3
		Choose one of the following: Social Science (Core III) First-Year Experience (Core V)	3		Choose one of the following (not previously chosen): Social Science (Core III) First-Year Experience (Core V)	3
		Math (Core I) ¹	3		Western Culture (Core IV) ²	3
		CREDIT HOURS	15		CREDIT HOURS	15
SOPHOMORE	DES 2633	Visual Communication I	3	DES 2653	Visual Communication II	3
	DES 2643	Design Technology	3	DES 2663	Typography I	3
	A HI 1314	Introduction to Art History	4		A HI Elective, 2000-level course	3
		Major Support Elective	3		Major Support Elective	3
		Natural Science without lab (Core II)	3-4	HIST 1483 or HIST 1493	United States to 1865 or United States, 1865 to the Present	3
	CREDIT HOURS	16		CREDIT HOURS	15	
JUNIOR	DES 3633	Visual Communication III	3	DES 3653	Visual Communication IV	3
	DES 3663	Typography II	3	DES 3643	Integrated Technology	3
		A HI Elective, upper-division ³	3	A HI 3673	History of Visual Communication	3
	ART 3143	Core III: Integrated Studio	3		Major Support Elective	3
		Natural Science with lab (Core II)	4		World Culture (Core IV) ²	3
	CREDIT HOURS	16		CREDIT HOURS	15	
SENIOR	DES 4643	Visual Communication V	3	DES 4663	Visual Communication VI	3
	DES 4653	Typography III	3	DES 4673	Professional Practice	3
		Major Support Elective	3		Major Support Elective, upper-division	3
		Major Support Elective, upper-division	3		Major Support Elective, upper-division	3
		Free Elective, lower- or upper-division	3-4			
	CREDIT HOURS	16		CREDIT HOURS	12	

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² The course taken to fulfill the upper-division General Education outside the major requirement may not be chosen from A HI, ARTC, or the crosslisted equivalent.

³ A HI must be General Education approved selected from Core IV.