Major Map: Art Studio
Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.)
Graphic Design and Illustration Concentration
College of Arts and Sciences
School of Visual Art and Design
Bulletin Year: 2025-2026

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This course plan is a recommended sequence for this major. Courses designated as critical (!) may have a deadline for completion and/or affect time to graduation. Please see the Program Notes section for details regarding "critical courses" for this particular Program of Study.

Critical	Course Subject and Title	Credit Hours	Min. Grade[1]	Major GPA[2]	Code	Prerequisites	Notes
Semester One (17 Credit Hours)							
!	ENGL 101 Critical Reading and Composition	3	C		CC-CMW		
	Carolina Core ARP Requirement	3			CC-ARP		
	ARTS 103 Fundamentals of Art *or* ARTS 104 3-Dimensional Design	4	C		MR		
	ARTS 102 Design Technology and Concepts	4	C		MR		
	Foreign language[3] *or* other Carolina Core Requirement[4]	3			CC-GFL		
Semester Two (16 Credit Hours)							
!	ENGL 102 Rhetoric and Composition	3	C		CC-CMW CC-INF	C or better in ENGL 101	
	Carolina Core ARP Requirement	3			CC-ARP		
	ARTS 103 Fundamentals of Art *or* ARTS 104 3-Dimensional Design	4	C		MR		
	ARTH 106 History of Western Art II	3	C		CC-AIU		
	Foreign language[3] *or* other Carolina Core Requirement[4]	3			CC-GFL		
Semester Three (14-15 Credit Hours)							
	ARTS 245 Typographic Design I	4	C		MR	C or better in ARTS 102	
	ARTS 265 Illustration I	4	C		MR	C or better in ARTS 102 & in 111 or 230	
	Foreign language[3] *or* Carolina Core Requirement[4]	3			CR/CC		
	Carolina Core Requirement[4]	3-4			CC		
Semester Four (17 Credit Hours)							
!	ARTS 246 Typographic Design II	4	C		MR	C or better in ARTS 245	
	ARTS 266 Illustration II	4	C		MR	C or better in ARTS 265	
	ARTH Course	3	C		CR	See Bulletin listing	
	Social Science	3			CR		
	History[5]	3			CR		
Semester Five (14-15 Credit Hours)							
!	ARTS 345 Visual & Verbal Interaction	4	C		MR	C or better in ARTS 245 & 246	
	ARTS 347 Interaction Design	4	C		MR	C or better in ARTS 245 & 246	
	Modern Art History Course: ARTH 335 History of 20th Century Art *or* ARTH 341 History of American Art II *or* ARTH 342 Contemporary American Art *or* ARTH 535 History of Modern Painting *or* ARTH 536 History of Modern Sculpture *or* ARTH 537 Topics in Modern Architecture *or* ARTH 539 Topics in Modern Art *or* ARTH 545 Special Topics in Modern Chinese Art	3	C		CR	See Bulletin listing	
	Carolina Core Requirement[4]	3-4			CC		
Semester Six (14 Credit Hours)							
!	ARTS 346 Process and Systems	4	C		MR	C or better in ARTS 345	
	ARTS 465 Advanced Illustration for Design I	4	C		MR	C or better in ARTS 266	
	SVAD 499 School of Visual Art and Design Internship[6]	3	C		MR	C or better in ARTS 246	
	Carolina Core Requirement[4] *or* Elective[7]	3			CC/PR		
Semester Seven (14 Credit Hours)							
	Concentration Elective[8] *(200-level and above)*	4	C		MR	See Bulletin listing	
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	ARTH Course *(500-level and above)*	3	C		CR	See Bulletin listing	
	Carolina Core Requirement[4] *or* Elective[6]	3			CC/PR		
Semester Eight (12-14 Credit Hours)							
	ARTS 448 Portfolio Studio	4	C		MR/CC-INT	C or better in ARTS 346	
	Concentration Elective[8] *(200-level and above)*	4	C		MR	See Bulletin listing	
	Carolina Core Requirement[4]	3			CC		
	Carolina Core Requirement[4] *or* Elective[6] *(only if needed to meet CC requirements or hours to graduate)*	1-3			CC/PR		

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Graduation Requirements Summary

Minimum Total Hours	Minimum Major Requirements Hours	College & Program Requirements Hours	Carolina Core Hours	Minimum Institutional GPA
120	63	15-25	32-44	2.000

1. Regardless of individual course grades, students must maintain a minimum 2.000 cumulative GPA.
2. Some colleges require a minimum GPA for major courses. Courses indicated in this column are included in the major GPA for this program of study.
3. Students in the College of Arts and Sciences are required to demonstrate proficiency in one foreign language equivalent to the 122 course through course credit or the corresponding foreign language placement score.
4. The Carolina Core provides the common core of knowledge, skill and academic experience for all Carolina undergraduate students.
5. The College of Arts and Sciences requires one U.S. History and one non-U.S. History course, both of which must be chosen from the approved Carolina Core GHS courses. Whichever is not fulfilled through the Carolina Core GHS requirement must be fulfilled through this college requirement.
6. While students may take SVAD 499 for up to 9 credit hours, only 3 hours are required for the concentration.
7. No courses of a remedial, developmental, skill-acquiring, or vocational nature may apply as credit toward degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences. The College of Arts and Sciences allows the use of the Pass-Fail option on elective courses. Further clarification on inapplicable courses can be obtained from the College of Arts and Sciences.
8. **Concentration Electives (12 hours):** Choose 3 ARTS, MART or SVAD courses at the 200-level or above. At least one must be from the following: ARTS 241, 316, 445, 446, 466; SVAD 499, 500.

Program Notes:
- ENGL 101 and ENGL 102 must be completed in the student's first 60 semester hours of work in order for these courses to be credited toward graduation. Other courses identified as "critical" may affect time to graduation due to prerequisite requirements for subsequent required courses.
- All undergraduate students must take a 3-credit course or its equivalent with a passing grade that covers the founding documents. This course may fulfill any requirement in the program of study. Courses that meet this requirement are listed in the academic bulletin.
- The last 30 credit hours toward your degree must be earned in residence at the University of South Carolina-Columbia.

University Requirements: Bachelor's degree-seeking students must meet Carolina Core (general education) requirements. For more information regarding these requirements, please visit the Carolina Core page on the University website.

Codes:			
CC	Carolina Core	**CC-INF**	Carolina Core – Information Literacy
CC-AIU	Carolina Core-Aesthetic and Interpretive Understanding	**CC-INT**	Carolina Core – Integrative Course
CC-ARP	Carolina Core-Analytical Reasoning and Problem-Solving	**CC-SCI**	Carolina Core – Scientific Literacy
CC-CMS	Carolina Core-Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Spoken Component	**CC-VSR**	Carolina Core – Values, Ethics, and Social Responsibility
CC-CMW	Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Written Component	**CR**	College Requirement
CC-GFL	Carolina Core-Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Foreign Language	**MR**	Major Requirement
CC-GHS	Carolina Core – Historical Thinking	**PR**	Program Requirement
CC-GSS	Carolina Core – Social Sciences		

Disclaimer: Major maps are only a suggested or recommended sequence of courses required in a program of study. Please contact your academic advisor for assistance in the application of specific coursework to a program of study and course selection and planning for upcoming semesters.