

2026–27 Art–Graphic Design Academic Map

Department of Art and Design

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An academic map is a suggested four-year schedule of courses based on degree requirements in the undergraduate catalog. This sample schedule serves as a general guideline to help build a full schedule each term. Milestones, courses, and special requirements necessary for timely progress to complete a major are designated to keep you on track to graduate in four years. **Missing milestones could delay your program.**

This map is not a substitute for academic advisement—contact your advisor if you have any questions about scheduling or about your degree requirements. Also see the current undergraduate catalog (catalog.mtsu.edu) for a complete list of requirements and electives. *Note: Requirements are continually under revision, and there is no guarantee they will not be changed or revoked; contact the department and/or program area for current information.*



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Suggested Fall/Spring Four-Year Schedule

FRESHMAN FALL			FRESHMAN SPRING		
Course	Hours	Milestones/Notes	Course	Hours	Milestones/Notes
ART 1610	3	Must have C or higher	ART 1630	3	Must have C or higher
ART 1620	3	Must have C or higher	ART 1640	3	Must have C or higher
ART 1920	3	TBC; Major	ART 1930	3	Must have C or higher
Written Communication	3	TBC	ART 2310	3	Must have C or higher
History and Civic Learning	3	TBC; one must come from Discovery	Information Literacy	3	TBC
SUBTOTAL	15		SUBTOTAL	15	
SOPHOMORE FALL			SOPHOMORE SPRING		
ART 2325	3	Must have C or higher	DSGN 3325	3	Must have C or higher.
ILLU 3290	3	Must have C or higher	Non-Written Communication	3	TBC
IXD 3930	3	Must have C or higher	Studio elective	3	
Creativity and Cultural Expression Literature	3	TBC	Graphic Design elective	3	TBC; one must come from Discovery
Scientific Literacy	4	TBC; one must come from Discovery	Quantitative Literacy	3	TBC
SUBTOTAL	16		SUBTOTAL	15	
JUNIOR FALL			JUNIOR SPRING		
DSGN 4310	3		Graphic Design elective	3	
Graphic Design elective	3		Graphic Design elective	3	
Studio elective	3		Graphic Design elective	3	
Upper-division Art History	3	Contemporary Art rec.	Upper-division Art History	3	Design History rec.
Scientific Literacy	4	TBC; one must come from Discovery	History and Civic Learning	3	TBC; one must come from Discovery
SUBTOTAL	16		SUBTOTAL	15	
SENIOR FALL			SENIOR SPRING		
Graphic Design elective	3		DSGN 4320	3	
Graphic Design elective	3		DSGN 4330 or DSGN 4340	3	Internship
Studio elective	3		Human Society and Social Relationships	3	TBC; one must come from Discovery
Graphic Design elective	1		Creativity and Cultural Expression/ Elective	3	
Human Society and Social Relationships	3				
SUBTOTAL	13		SUBTOTAL	12	

NOTE: Graphic Design Portfolio Reviews are required following the successful completion of both ART 2325 and DSGN 3325.

TOTAL HOURS IN PROGRAM: 120

Art–Graphic Design Suggested Fall/Spring/Summer Four-Year Schedule

You may choose to attend a summer term to reduce your load during fall or spring terms but still stay on track to graduate in four years. Refer to www.mtsu.edu/financial-aid/scholarships for information regarding use of the Lottery Scholarship for the summer term.

NOTE: Learning Support courses will alter the sequences on this map.

FRESHMAN FALL			FRESHMAN SPRING		
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ART 1610	3	Must have C or higher	ART 1630	3	Must have C or higher
ART 1620	3	Must have C or higher	ART 1640	3	Must have C or higher
ART 1920	3	TBC; Major	ART 1930	3	Must have C or higher
Written Communication	3	TBC	ART 2310	3	Must have C or higher
SUBTOTAL	12		SUBTOTAL	12	
FRESHMAN SUMMER					
History and Civic Learning	3	TBC; one must come from Discovery	Information Literacy	3	TBC
SUBTOTAL	3		SUBTOTAL	3	
SOPHOMORE FALL			SOPHOMORE SPRING		
ART 2325	3	Must have C or higher	DSGN 3325	3	Must have C or higher.
ILLU 3290	3	Must have C or higher	Non-Written Communication	3	TBC
IXD 3930	3	Must have C or higher	Studio elective	3	
Creativity and Cultural Expression Literature	3	TBC	Graphic Design elective	3	TBC; one must come from Discovery
SUBTOTAL	12		SUBTOTAL	12	
SOPHOMORE SUMMER					
Scientific Literacy	4	TBC; one must come from Discovery	Quantitative Literacy	3	TBC
SUBTOTAL	3		SUBTOTAL	3	
JUNIOR FALL			JUNIOR SPRING		
DSGN 4310	3		Graphic Design elective	3	
Studio elective	3		Graphic Design elective	3	
Upper-division Art History	3	Contemporary Art rec.	Upper-division Art History	3	Design History rec.
Scientific Literacy	4	TBC; one must come from Discovery	History and Civic Learning	3	TBC; one must come from Discovery
SUBTOTAL	13		SUBTOTAL	12	
JUNIOR SUMMER					
Graphic Design elective	3		Graphic Design elective	3	
SUBTOTAL	3		SUBTOTAL	3	
SENIOR FALL			SENIOR SPRING		
Graphic Design elective	3		DSGN 4320	3	
Graphic Design elective	3		DSGN 4330 or DSGN 4340	3	Internship
Studio elective	3		Human Society and Social Relationships	3	TBC; one must come from Discovery
Graphic Design elective	1		Creativity and Cultural Expression/ Elective	3	
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SUBTOTAL	13		SUBTOTAL	12	
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