College of Letters, Arts and Sciences
Metropolitan State University of Denver

Catalog Year: *2021-2022*

This is a degree plan for completing a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Communication Design in eight semesters. ***This document is meant to be used as a guide for planning purposes only and is intended for use in consultation with a Professional Academic or Faculty advisor.***

Year One

Semester 1	Fall	Credits
ART 1XXX	Studio Foundation Course	3
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	General Studies course	3
	Oral Communications requirement	3
ENG 1010	Composing Arguments	3
	Semester 1 Total	***15***

Semester 2	Spring	Credits
ART 1XXX	Studio Foundation Course	3
ART 1XXX	Studio Foundation Course	3
ARTH 1600	World Art I: Art Prior to 1400	3
MTH 1XXX	Quantitative Literacy	3
ENG 1020	Freshman Composition	3
	Semester 2 Total	***15***

Year Two

Semester 3	Fall	Credits
ARTH 1700	World Art II: 1400-1900	3
CDES 2222	Fund. of Communication Design	3
	General Studies or Elective courses	9
	Semester 3 Total	***15***

Semester 4	Spring	Credits
CDES 2225	Typographic Syntax	3
CDES 2226	Design Inquiry	3
CDES 2302	Interactive Systems	3
--	General Studies Course	3
ARTH 2080	Art of the 20th & 21st Centuries	3
	Semester 4 Total	***15***

Year Three

Semester 5	Fall	Credits
ARTH 3690	History of Communication Design	3
CDES 2602	Interface Design & Development	3
CDES 3222	Design Research Methods	3
CDES 3215	Typographic Aesthetics	3
	General Studies or Electives	3
	Semester 5 Total	***15***

Semester 6	Spring	Credits
CDES 3225	Integrated Production Techniques	3
CDES 3623	Identity and Systems Design	3
CDES 3625	Narrative Design	3
--	General Studies or Elective Course	6
	Semester 6 Total	***15***

Year Four

Semester 7	Fall	Credits
CDES 4600	Portfolio Development	3
CDES 3XXX	Upper Division CDES Elective	3
ARTH 4480	Art Theory and Criticism	3
CDES 4400	Thesis Prep	1
CDES 4700	Professional Practices in CDES	3
	General Elective Course	2
	Semester 7 Total	***15***

Semester 8	Spring	Credits
CDES 3XXX	Upper Division CDES Elective	3
CDES 3XXX	Upper Division CDES Elective	3
CDES 4625	Internship or CDES 4650 Studio M	3
--	General Elective course	3
CDES 4721	CDES Exhibition and Thesis	3
	Semester 8 Total	***15***

The BFA in Communication Design degree is an extended major; no minor is required. A grade of C- or better is required in each required course before progressing to subsequent courses.

PROGRAM TOTAL
120

Advisor Contact Information	Catalog Information
For more information on academic advising, please see Department of Art Advising Page	This four-year degree plan for completing a Bachelor of Fine Arts in communication design in eight semesters is for the Catalog Year 2021-2022. **Students are responsible for consulting advisors and the MSU Denver catalog for degree requirements.**
	View the MSU Denver Catalog

Course Listing

General Studies

--	General Studies	33
	Requirements	
	General Studies Total	**33**

Foundations Requirements

ART 1101	Studio Foundations: 2D	3
ART 1141	Studio Foundations: Drawing	3
ART 1501	Studio Foundations: 3D	3
ART 1531	Studio Foundations: 4D	3
ARTH 1600	World Art I: Art Prior 1400	3
ARTH 1700	World Art II: Art 1400-1900	3
	Core Requirements Total	**18**

Specific Degree Requirements

ARTH 2080	Art of the 20th and 21st Centuries	3
ARTH 3690	History of Communication Design	3
CDES 2222	Fund. Of Communication Design	3
CDES 2225	Typographic Syntax	3
CDES 2226	Design Inquiry	3
CDES 2302	Interactive Systems	3
CDES 2602	Interface Design & Development	3
CDES 3215	Typographic Aesthetics	3
CDES 3222	Design Research Methods	3
CDES 3225	Integrated Production Techniques	3
CDES 3623	Identity and Systems Design	3
CDES 3625	Narrative Design	3
CDES 4400	Thesis Prep	1
CDES 4450	Professional Practices in CDES	3
CDES 4600	CDES Portfolio Development	3
CDES 4625	Internship or CDES 4650 Studio M	3
CDES 4721	CDES Senior Exp: Exh and Thesis	3
	Additional UD CDES Electives	9
ARTH 4480	Art Theory and Criticism	3
	Specific Degree Requirements Total	**61**

Program Totals

General Studies Requirements	33
Foundations Requirements	18
Specific Degree Requirements	61
Electives	8
Total to Graduate	**120**

Other Information

All students entering the department wishing to pursue the Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Communication Design will be admitted under the BA in Art. Entrance into the BFA program is contingent on passing a formal portfolio review upon completing 21 credits in ART, CDES, or ARTH, inclusive of the 18 hours of foundations courses required for all students in the department. Students must earn a minimum of a 3.0 GPA in this coursework in the major at the time of portfolio review and have completed the Written Communication, Oral Communication, and Quantitative Literacy General Studies requirements. The Bachelor of Fine Arts in Communication Design is an extended major; no minor is required. Communication Design majors who chose to do so may minor in Art History, Theory and Criticism, a distinct discipline from Art or Communication Design, although all reside within the Department of Art and share common foundational requirements. Coursework used to fulfill the major may not be used to meet requirements in the minor.

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