



Advising Guide for First-Year Students

This is a list of classes required by the Department of Art and Design for your first year of study as an Art and Design major. You must have completed a portfolio review and been admitted to Department of Art and Design to follow this guide. If you have not yet been admitted, please see the Building a Portfolio for Admission to the Department document.

When you have completed all six of the foundation art courses, your foundation coursework will be reviewed during a process called **The Foundation Review**. This review takes place during the last week of classes in your second semester. **Students MUST be admitted to the program to follow this guide.**

BFA Degree (All Emphases) or BS/BA Degree in Art Education

First Semester

ART 150 - Foundations: 2-D Design (must be taken the first semester)	3 credits
ART 155 - Foundations: Introduction to Drawing I (must be taken the first semester)	3 credits
ART 151 - Foundations: 3-D Design OR ART 153- Foundations: Making and Meaning (one of the courses must be taken in the first semester)	3 credits
General Education Foundation Writing Requirement (WRT 150 – see below)	4 credits
General Education or other course	3 credits
Total number of credits =	13 – 16 credits

Second Semester

ART 152 - Foundations: Color and Design (ART 150 is prerequisite)	3 credits
ART 157 - Foundations: Introduction to Drawing II (ART 155 is prerequisite)	3 credits
ART 151 or 153 (choose course not taken in fall)	3 credits
General Education Foundation Writing Requirement (WRT 150 if not completed fall–see below)	4 credits
General Education or other course	3 credits
Total number of credits =	13 – 16 credits

BS/BA Degree in Studio Art

First Semester

ART 150 - Foundations: 2-D Design (must be taken the first semester)	3 credits
ART 155 - Foundations: Introduction to Drawing I (must be taken the first semester)	3 credits
ART 151 - Foundations: 3-D Design (take either fall or winter semester)	3 credits
General Education Foundation Writing Requirement (WRT 150 – see below)	4 credits
General Education or other course	3 credits
Total number of credits =	13 – 16 credits

Second Semester

ART 152 - Foundations: Color and Design (ART 150 is prerequisite)	3 credits
ART 157 - Foundations: Introduction to Drawing II (ART 155 is prerequisite)	3 credits
ART 151 - Foundations: 3-D Design (take this semester if not completed in the fall)	3 credits
General Education Foundation Writing Requirement (WRT 150 if not completed fall–see below)	4 credits
ART 222 - Survey of Art History II, or General Education or other course	3 credits
Total number of credits =	13 – 16 credits

GENERAL EDUCATION: WRT 150 and the SWS requirement:

During their first year, students take WRT 150, a prerequisite for the two Supplemental Writing Skills (SWS) courses required by GVSU. One of the two SWS classes may be in a student's major department. Sections of Art and Design required courses ART 221 and ART 222 (Survey of Art History I and II) are taught with the SWS designation. Early completion of WRT 150 offers greater flexibility scheduling courses for the second semester of the first year, and in the second (sophomore) year of the program.

Revised 2/12/2016