



**GRAND VALLEY  
STATE UNIVERSITY**

DEPARTMENT OF  
VISUAL AND MEDIA ARTS

### **Illustration Curriculum**

Check Off Sheet

#### **Six Foundations courses**

art 150 Foundations: 2-D Design  
art 151 Foundations: 3-D Design  
art 152 Foundations: Color and Design  
art 153 Foundations: Making and Meaning  
art 155 Foundations: Introduction to Drawing I  
art 157 Foundations: Introduction to Drawing II

**To stay on schedule, you should take the following five core illustration classes in sequence, one a semester.**

art 281 Introduction to Illustration (fall only)  
art 381 Intermediate Illustration (winter only)  
art 382 Intermediate Illustration 2 (fall only)  
art 482 Advanced Illustration (winter only)  
art 483 Advanced Illustration 2 (fall only)

**Start taking the following five 200 level classes as soon as possible. The information gained in art 260, Introduction to Painting will be helpful for Intermediate Illustration 2, which you will be taking in the fall of your junior year.**

art 257 Life Drawing  
art 258 Intermediate Drawing (winter only)  
art 212 Graphic Design for Illustrators (winter only)  
art 260 Introduction to Painting  
art 265 Introduction to Printmaking

**Senior level classes to be taken once you have senior status and have passed Junior Review. Junior Review should be undertaken one year prior to your anticipated graduation date.**

art 413 Portfolio (fall only)  
art 415 Senior Project (One year after passing Junior Review)  
art 495 Issues in Art / Capstone

### **Five Studio Electives**

studio Studio Elective 1 (art 385 Figure Painting recommended but not required)  
studio Studio Elective 2  
studio Studio Elective 3  
studio Studio Elective 4  
studio Studio Elective 5

### **Four Art History courses**

art 221 Art History Survey 1  
art 222 Art History Survey 2  
art 219 Illustration History  
art hist Art History elective

### **Additional Information**

\*Art majors entering GVSU after 2007 must fulfill the Arts category in the General Ed requirements.

\*Internships, photography, animation, theater, video and other courses may be counted as studio electives. Check with your advisor for specifics.

\*Options for altering semester course loads and time to graduation:

1. Some general education courses fulfill more than one requirement.
2. General education courses can be fulfilled in a summer study abroad program.
3. General education and theme/issues coursework may be completed in Spring/Summer sessions.
4. You may opt to extend your time in school to 4.5 to 5 years.