

FINE ARTS - ASSOCIATE IN FINE ARTS

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Total Credits Required for Degree: 60

Students must complete all University degree requirements, which include: General Education requirements and elective credits to total at least 60 credits. Developmental coursework will not count towards the degree requirements and/or elective credits, but may be needed in order to take the necessary English and Mathematics coursework.

Prefix	Title	Credits
General Education Requirements		
Courses specified in the General Education areas below are Program required courses that will also fulfill General Education requirements.		
<i>Area I: Communications</i>		
<i>English Composition - Level 1</i>		
ENGL 1110G	Composition I	4
<i>English Composition - Level 2</i>		
ENGL 2210G	Professional and Technical Communication	3
or ENGL 2221G	Writing in the Humanities and Social Science	
COMM 1115G	Introduction to Communication	3
or COMM 1130G	Public Speaking	
<i>Area II: Mathematics</i>		
MATH 1130G	Survey of Mathematics ¹	3
or MATH 1220G	College Algebra	
<i>Area III/IV: Laboratory Science and Social/Behavioral Sciences</i>		
Select one course from Area III: Laboratory Science (4 credits) ²		10
Select two courses from Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences (6 credits) ²		
<i>Area V: Humanities</i>		
Select one course from Area V: Humanities. ²		3
<i>Area VI: Creative/Fine Arts</i>		
ARTH 2110G	History of Art I ³	3
<i>General Education Elective</i>		
ARTH 2120G	History of Art II ³	3
Program Requirements		
ARTS 1610	Drawing I ⁴	3
Major Requirements		
Choose seven courses (21 credits) from below.		21
ARTH 1115G	Orientation in Art	
ARTS 1310	Introduction to Ceramics	
ARTS 1320	Ceramics I	
ARTS 1410	Introduction to Photography	
or FDMA 1545	Introduction to Photography & Digital Imaging	
ARTS 1630	Painting I	
ARTS 2430	Photographic Portraiture	
ARTS 2610	Drawing II	
ARTS 2630	Painting II	
ARTS 2635	Painting III	
ARTS 2839	Introduction to Sculpture	
ARTS 2996	Special Topics in Studio ⁵	

Electives to bring total credits to 60	4
Total Credits	60

- ¹ MATH 1220G College Algebra or MATH 1130G Survey of Mathematics is required for the degree but students may need to take prerequisites to enter the course.
- ² See the General Education Section (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/alamogordo/general-information/general-education-new-mexico-common-core/>) of the catalog for a full list of courses.
- ³ ARTH 2110G History of Art I and ARTH 2120G History of Art II can be taken in any order.
- ⁴ It is recommended that students take Fine Arts core requirements, specifically ARTS 1610 Drawing I in their first year.
- ⁵ ARTS 2996 Special Topics in Studio may be repeated up to three times (9 credits total); must be under different subtitles.

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A Suggested Plan of Study - Fine Arts

Additional classes may be needed based on placement test results and course prerequisites. Visit with an advisor for help with creating a customized plan.

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First Year		Credits
Fall		
ARTH 2110G	History of Art I	3
ARTS 1610	Drawing I	3
ENGL 1110G	Composition I	4
Major Requirements Area Course ¹		3
Credits		13
Spring		
ARTH 2120G	History of Art II	3
ENGL 2210G	Professional and Technical Communication	3
or ENGL 2221G	or Writing in the Humanities and Social Science	
MATH 1130G	Survey of Mathematics ²	3
or MATH 1220G	or College Algebra	
Major Requirements Area Course ¹		3
Major Requirements Area Course ¹		3
Credits		15
Summer		
Area III: Laboratory Science ³		4
Credits		4
Second Year		
Fall		
COMM 1115G	Introduction to Communication	3
or COMM 1130G	or Public Speaking	
Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences ³		3
Major Requirements Area Course ¹		3
Major Requirements Area Course ¹		3
Elective		3
Credits		15
Spring		
Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences ³		3
Area V: Humanities ³		3
Major Requirements Area Course ¹		3
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Elective	1
Credits	13
Total Credits	60

¹ Choose from:

- ARTH 1115G Orientation in Art;
- ARTS 1310 Introduction to Ceramics;
- ARTS 1320 Ceramics I;
- ARTS 1410 Introduction to Photography or FDMA 1545 Introduction to Photography & Digital Imaging;
- ARTS 1630 Painting I;
- ARTS 2430 Photographic Portraiture;
- ARTS 2610 Drawing II;
- ARTS 2630 Painting II;
- ARTS 2635 Painting III;
- ARTS 2839 Introduction to Sculpture
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