

FINE ARTS - ASSOCIATE IN FINE ARTS

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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.

A grade of C- or better is required in ARTH/ARTS courses.

First Year

Fall		Credits
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 or ENGL 2221G	Professional and Technical Communication or Writing in the Humanities and Social Science	3
MATH 1130G or MATH 1220G	Survey of Mathematics ² or College Algebra	3
Major Requirements Area Course ¹		3
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Credits		15

Summer

Area III: Laboratory Science ³		4
Credits		4

Second Year

Fall		
COMM 1115G or COMM 1130G	Introduction to Communication or Public Speaking	3
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
Major Requirements Area Course ¹		3
Elective		1
Credits		13
Total Credits		60

- 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 (may repeat 3 times; must be different subtitles)

² 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.

³ 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.

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;