

Illustration, BFA

University of Kansas

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Program Description

****The Illustration degree is a 4-year program from the start of the Foundation studios. Students that transfer with the Foundation studios completed should expect 3 more years to complete their degree at KU. Students that do not have the Foundations year completed at the time of transfer should expect 4 years to complete their degree at KU. All studios are on a Fall/Spring sequence and cannot be taken out of sequence.****

The Associate of Arts, AA (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/archives/2025-26/degree/requirements/associate-arts/>) at JCCC is a general transfer degree and partners well with the first two years of most bachelor degree programs. Students pursuing the AA may select courses that satisfy both the AA degree requirements and lower division requirements for a bachelor's degree at four-year institutions. The elective hours within the AA allow students to complete additional general education and lower division courses required for specific majors. The AA degree requires completion of 60 credit hours. Meeting with a JCCC counselor (<https://www.jccc.edu/student-resources/counseling/academic-counseling/>) is strongly recommended for selection of appropriate courses.

Admission Requirements

- Admission for Transfer Students - Admission to the Department of Design is selective and competitive. Complete the online application (<https://admissions.ku.edu/>), select the School of Architecture and Design, then select your major. This application will serve as your application to KU, University scholarships (<https://admissions.ku.edu/tuition-scholarship/transfer/>) and the Department of Design. In addition, students must submit a portfolio.
- Student should familiarize themselves with policies and resources (<https://arcd.ku.edu/policies-and-resources/>) prior to transferring to the Department of Design.
- Requirements - Must have a 3.0+ cumulative GPA from previous institutions, including KU, complete online application (<https://admissions.ku.edu/>), Submit official transcripts to the KU Office of Admissions (<https://admissions.ku.edu/transfer-requirements-deadlines/transfer-college-credits/>), and Submit portfolio (<https://kudesign.slideroom.com/#/Login>) for admission.
- Application Deadlines - Spring: **Oct. 1** and Fall: **Feb. 1**
- Transferring credits to KU - Utilize KU's credit transfer tool (<https://credittransfer.ku.edu/?f=core&f=subject&f=title&l=KS&m=0&o=0&pp=50&q=&s=H0002325>) to learn more about how your courses may transfer to KU. Please note transfer studio courses with a grade of "C+" or lower will not be accepted by the Department of Design for credit. Transfer general education courses with a grade of "D+" or lower will not be accepted by the Department of Design for credit.
- Admission for International Students - Admission to the Department of Design is selective and competitive. International students should apply through the Office of International Recruitment and Undergraduate Admissions.
- Requirements - Total TOEFL iBT score of 70+ or Total IELTS score of 6.0+, Must have at least a 3.0+ cumulative GPA on a 4.0-point scale, Complete Online Application, and Submit Portfolio
- Portfolio Requirement - All applicants must submit a portfolio to be considered for admission to the Department of Design. Portfolios are submitted online through SlideRoom. Please select "Undergraduate Student - Portfolio Submission" from the directory. For technical support questions while submitting your online application, please contact SlideRoom (support@slideroom.com) for assistance.
- The online portfolio submission includes the following requirements:
 - Media: Please upload 10-15 images of your strongest creative works. Please title each piece. In the description, include the medium or software used, the size, date of completion, and a brief one to two sentence description. In the case of documented professional or group projects, applicants should indicate personal responsibilities. Your portfolio must include at least two mediums. Examples: sketches, drawings, paintings, ceramics, jewelry, 3-D pieces, logos, branding, publications/yearbook, posters or any art or design-related works. Displaying a variety of work is essential; use your strongest pieces and good judgment.
 - Essay: Why are you interested in studying design, what have you done to prepare, and how do you hope to use your degree? To complete your application, you must provide a response to the prompt. Please limit your response to 200-250 words.
- Students must complete a total of at least 120 credit hours.
- A maximum of 75 hours may be transferred to KU from community colleges. Students should be aware that 45 junior/senior credit hours are required for completion of the bachelor's degree; 30 of those hours must be at KU; and community college courses do not transfer as junior/senior hours.
- A minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA is required for graduation.
- Students transferring to KU, that complete the General Education requirements required for the Associate of Arts (AA) (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/archives/2025-26/degree/requirements/associate-arts/>), Associate of Fine Arts (AFA) (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/archives/2025-26/degree/requirements/associate-fine-arts/>) or Associate of Science (AS) (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/archives/2025-26/degree/requirements/associate-science/>) degree from JCCC will be considered to have satisfied KU's Core 34 general education curriculum.
- Students who transfer to KU, without completing the General Education requirements required for the Associate of Arts (AA) (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/archives/2025-26/degree/requirements/associate-arts/>), Associate of Fine Arts (AFA) (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/archives/2025-26/degree/requirements/associate-fine-arts/>) or Associate of Science (AS) (<https://catalog.jccc.edu/archives/2025-26/degree/requirements/associate-science/>) degree will have courses evaluated on a course-by-course basis toward meeting KU requirements. To learn more about courses that satisfy KU Core 34 Requirements (<https://catalog.ku.edu/core34/>) and KU CredTran (<https://credittransfer.ku.edu/>).
- Visit the KU Core 34 General Education guide (<https://nam12.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fnextcatalog.jccc.edu%2Ftransfer-guides%2Fku%2Fku-general-education&data=05%7C02%7Cskhalif2%40jccc.edu%7C506a4b607ca34eaa00fb08de158ef1c2%7C15244239dcf245e7aefd127b69fc5438%7C1%7C0%7C638971900858599422%7CUnknown%7CTWFPbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUslIYiOiilwLjAuMDAwMCIslIAiOiJXaW4zMilslkFOljoITWFPbClslldUljoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=b2O9VaVq9VFjN8MjKwQ4YCl60oq5GZXnn69Vpa2sSL0%3D&reserved=0>) for JCCC equivalents.

It is the STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY to check for updates to all transfer information. This transfer guide is provided as a service and is updated as needed. Degree requirements at the four-year colleges are subject to change by those institutions. To ensure you have the most accurate information about the program, you must meet with an advisor at the transfer institution.

Program Requirements

KU Core 34 Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Visit the KU Core 34 English (https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/ku/ku-transfer-core34/) for JCCC equivalents. (two courses)		6
Visit the KU Core 34 Communications (https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/ku/ku-transfer-core34/) for JCCC equivalents.		3
Visit the KU Core 34 Math and Statistics (https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/ku/ku-transfer-core34/) for JCCC equivalents.		3
Visit the KU Core 34 Natural and Physical Sciences (lab required) (https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/ku/ku-transfer-core34/) for JCCC equivalents.		4-5
Visit the KU Core 34 Social and Behavioral Sciences (https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/ku/ku-transfer-core34/) for JCCC equivalents. (Select two courses in two different disciplines)		6
Visit the KU Core 34 Arts and Humanities (https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/ku/ku-transfer-core34/) for JCCC equivalents. (Select two courses in two different disciplines)		6
Visit the KU Core 34 US Culture (https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/ku/ku-transfer-core34/) for JCCC equivalents. Institutionally Designated		3
Visit the KU Core 34 Global Culture (https://catalog.jccc.edu/transfer-guides/ku/ku-transfer-core34/) for JCCC equivalents. Institutionally Designated		3

Core 34: Arts and Humanities

Course Code	Course Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
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Select one of the following:					
ARTH 180	Art History: Ancient to Medieval ^	3	HA 150	Hist Western Art: Ancient-Medi	3
ARTH 182	Art History: Renaissance to Modern ^	3	HA 151	Hist Western Art: Ren-Contemp	3

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ANI 122	Digital Rendering for Animation	3	ANIM 200	Introduction to Animation	4
ANI 125	Introduction to 2D Animation E	3	ANIM 121	Drawing for Animation	4
ART 124	Design 2D	3	BDS 101	Design Thinking and Making	3
ART 130	Drawing I	3	BDS 103	Drawing for Design	3
ART 135	Painting I	3	PNTG 263	Painting I	3
ART 199	Fine Arts Symposium (Must be successfully taken 3 times.)	1	ADS 320	KU Design Professional Series	1
ART 231	Life Drawing I*	3	DRWG 213	Life Drawing I	3
GDES 130	Drawing and Media Methods I*	3	ILLU 200	Introduction to Image Making	4

Major Studio Elective: Any courses offered in Visual Art, including Visual Art (ART), Life Drawing (DRWG), Painting (PNTG), Printmaking (PRNT), Ceramics (CER), Expanded Media (EXM), Sculpture (SCUL), Metalsmithing/Jewelry (METL), Textile Design (TD). Visit KU CredTran (<https://>)



registrar.ku.edu/credittransfer/?location=Kansas&entries=50&page=1&filter=&sort=Course_To_Transfer&asc=1&school=H0002325) for JCCC equivalent courses.

- * JCCC course has a prerequisite or corequisite.
- ^ KU Program Requirement.
- E KU Major Studio Elective.
- ³ Must be successfully taken 3 times.

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