

Visual Art, BFA

University of Kansas

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Program Description

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

Admission Requirements

- The Bachelor of Fine Arts in Visual Art is a four-year, 120 credit hour degree program, including 45 junior/senior hours (courses numbered 300 or higher), 30 of these 45 junior/senior hours must be taken in residence at KU. In addition to the 10-hour foundations requirement, a minimum of 51 hours in departmental courses is required, including 2 semesters of Senior Seminar (except the Visual Art Education concentration.)
- The General concentration (encompasses Drawing/Painting, Printmaking, Sculpture, and Expanded Media) requires 51 major hours, including a minimum of 15 junior/senior hours in the major, a minimum of 15 major hours in residence, and a minimum of 2.0 KU junior/senior grade-point average in the major.
- The Ceramics concentration requires 51 major hours, including a minimum of 24 junior/senior hours in the major, a minimum of 15 major hours in residence, and a minimum 2.0 KU junior/senior grade-point average in the major.
- The Metalsmithing/Jewelry concentration requires 51 major hours, including a minimum of 30 junior/senior hours in the major, a minimum of 15 major hours in residence, and a minimum 2.0 KU junior/senior grade-point average in the major.
- The Photography concentration requires 76 hours with a minimum of 15 junior/senior hours in the major, and a minimum of 15 major hours in residence.
- The Textiles/Fibers concentration requires 51 major hours, including a minimum of 30 junior/senior hours in the major, a minimum of 15 major hours in residence, and a minimum 2.0 KU junior/senior grade-point average in the major.
- The Visual Art Education concentration requires 43 studio hours and 42 art education hours, including a minimum of 30 junior/senior hours in the major, a minimum of 15 major hours in residence, and a minimum 2.75 KU junior/senior grade-point average in the major.
- A maximum of 75 hours may be transferred to KU from community colleges. Note: community college courses do not transfer as junior/senior hours.
- The Department of Visual Art reserves the right to retain examples of student work and to use images of student work on internet websites and for university publication purposes.
- In addition to completing the online application for KU Admissions, a portfolio and responses to three short essay questions are required for admission to the Department of Visual Art in order to complete the application process and for admission to the major in Visual Art. Visit the information regarding additional application materials (<https://art.ku.edu/undergraduate-admissions/>) (under Incoming Freshmen and Transfer Scholarships).
- All entering students in Visual Arts are required to participate in a foundation curriculum offered through the Foundations program before enrolling in advanced art or design studio courses. The first-year foundations courses for the B.F.A. degree includes 10 hours of foundations studio, 6 hours of English, and 6 hours of Art History coursework. Refer to the Foundations courses requirement below.
- 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://creditransfer.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%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUuIlYiOiIlwLjAuMDAwMCIslAIiOiJXaW4zMilslkFOljoIjWTFpbCIsIlldUljoyfQ%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.

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. <small>(two courses)</small>	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

B.F.A. Requirements - required for every option

First-year Preparation

Course Code Code	Course Title Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code Hours	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
Foundations					
ART 124	Design 2D	3	ART 103	Art Concepts and Practice	3
ART 130	Drawing I	3	ART 101	Drawing I	3
ART 131	Drawing II*	3	ART 102	Drawing II	3
English					
Select one of the following:					
ENGL 121	Composition I*	3	ENGL 101	Composition	3
ENGL 119	College Composition I with Review*	5	ENGL 101	Composition	3
ENGL 122	Composition II*	3	ENGL 102	Critical Reading and Writing	3
History of Art					
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

B.F.A. Major Requirements – General Concentration

Completion of KU Core 34 Requirements: (see list above (p. 2))

Foundation Studies: (see list above (p. 3))

Course Code Code	Course Title Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code Hours	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
Non-Western Art History Requirement:					
ARTH 186	Art History: Introduction to Asian Art	3	HA 166	The Visual Arts of East Asia	3
Art History 1900-1945 Requirement:					
ARTH 188	History of Photography	3	HA 380	History of Photography	3

Electives: Additional credit hours of general electives are needed to meet the minimum total hours required for graduation. Visit KU CredTran (https://creditransfer.ku.edu/?_sp=49d3569e-189d-4467-8e6e-2ef03e18e7c5.1569259104359&f=subject&l=KS&m=0&o=0&pp=50&q=&s=H0002325) for JCCC equivalents.

Visual Art Core Courses

Select 5 courses from 5 of the following 7 listed options. The Fundamental (100 level) courses can be taken concurrently with other 200+ level courses in any studio area.

Course Code Code	Course Title Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code Hours	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
Painting					
ART 135	Painting I	3	PNTG 263	Painting I	3
Sculpture					
ART 145	Sculpture I	3	ART 122	Fundamentals of Sculpture	3
Ceramics					
ART 142	Ceramics I	3	ART 131 Fundamentals of Ceramics		
Metalsmithing/Jewelry					
ART 148	Metal and Silversmithing I	3	ART 132	Fund of Metalsmithing/ Jewelry	3

No JCCC equivalents for Printmaking, Expanded Media and Textiles/Fibers options.

Visual Art Required Electives: 18 hours Selected from the Visual Art Department (ART, CER, EXM, METL, PNTG, PRNT, SCUL, TD, VAE). Visit KU CredTran (https://credittransfer.ku.edu/?_sp=49d3569e-189d-4467-8e6e-2ef03e18e7c5.1569259104359&f=subject&f=title&l=KS&m=0&o=0&pp=50&q=&s=H0002325) or see the list below (p. 6) for suggestions with JCCC equivalent courses.

Studio Electives: 9 hours of studio coursework selected from any course with the following subject code - ART, CER, EXM, METL, PNTG, PRNT, SCUL, TD. Visit KU CredTran (https://credittransfer.ku.edu/?_sp=49d3569e-189d-4467-8e6e-2ef03e18e7c5.1569259104359&f=subject&f=title&l=KS&m=0&o=0&pp=50&q=&s=H0002325) or see the list below (p. 6) for suggestions with JCCC equivalent courses.

B.F.A. Major Requirements – Ceramics Concentration

Completion of KU Core 34 Requirements: (see list above (p. 2))

Foundation Studies: (see list above (p. 3))

Course Code Code	Course Title Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code Hours	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
Non-Western Art History Requirement:					
ARTH 186	Art History: Introduction to Asian Art	3	HA 166	The Visual Arts of East Asia	3

Electives: Additional credit hours of general electives are needed to meet the minimum total hours required for graduation. Visit KU CredTran (https://credittransfer.ku.edu/?_sp=49d3569e-189d-4467-8e6e-2ef03e18e7c5.1569259104359&f=subject&l=KS&m=0&o=0&pp=50&q=&s=H0002325) for JCCC equivalents.

Course Code Code	Course Title Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code Hours	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
Ceramics					
Select one of the following:					
ART 142	Ceramics I	3	ART 131 Fundamentals of Ceramics		
ART 143	Ceramics II*	3	No KU equivalent but counts as CER U		

Studio Electives: 15 hours studio coursework selected from any course with the following subject code - ART, CER, EXM, METL, PNTG, PRNT, SCUL, TD. Visit KU CredTran (https://credittransfer.ku.edu/?_sp=49d3569e-189d-4467-8e6e-2ef03e18e7c5.1569259104359&f=subject&f=title&l=KS&m=0&o=0&pp=50&q=&s=H0002325) or see the list below (p. 6) for suggestions with JCCC equivalent courses.

B.F.A. Major Requirements – Metalsmithing/Jewelry Concentration

Completion of KU Core 34 Requirements: (see list above (p. 2))

Foundation Studies: (see list above (p. 3))

Course Code Code	Course Title Title	Course Hours Hours	Transfer Code	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
Non-Western Art History Requirement:					
ARTH 186	Art History: Introduction to Asian Art	3	HA 166	The Visual Arts of East Asia	3

Electives: Additional credit hours of general electives are needed to meet the minimum total hours required for graduation. Visit KU CredTran (https://credittransfer.ku.edu/?_sp=49d3569e-189d-4467-8e6e-2ef03e18e7c5.1569259104359&f=subject&l=KS&m=0&o=0&pp=50&q=&s=H0002325) for JCCC equivalents.

Course Code Code	Course Title Title	Course Hours Hours	Transfer Code	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
Metalsmithing/Jewelry					
ART 148	Metal and Silversmithing I	3	ART 132	Fund of Metalsmithing/Jewelry	3

Studio Electives: 15 hours of studio coursework selected from any course with the following subject code - ART, CER, EXM, METL, PNTG, PRNT, SCUL, TD. Visit KU CredTran (https://credittransfer.ku.edu/?_sp=49d3569e-189d-4467-8e6e-2ef03e18e7c5.1569259104359&f=subject&f=title&l=KS&m=0&o=0&pp=50&q=&s=H0002325) or see the list below (p. 6) for suggestions with JCCC equivalent courses.

B.F.A. Major Requirements – Photography Concentration

Completion of KU Core 34 Requirements: (see list above (p. 2))

Foundation Studies: (see list above (p. 3))

Course Code Code	Course Title Title	Course Hours Hours	Transfer Code	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
Non-Western Art History Requirement:					
ARTH 186	Art History: Introduction to Asian Art	3	HA 166	The Visual Arts of East Asia	3
300+ HA Course Requirement:					
ARTH 188	History of Photography	3	HA 380	History of Photography	3
Photography Courses					
PHOT 200	Foundations in Photography	3	PHOT 200 Foundations in Photography: Digital		
PHOT 201	Photography I*	4	PHTO 303	Photography I	4
PHOT 202	Photography II*	4	PHOT 304 Photography II		

Studio Electives: 15 hours of studio coursework selected from any course with the following subject code - ART, CER, EXM, METL, PNTG, PRNT, SCUL, TD. Visit KU CredTran (https://credittransfer.ku.edu/?_sp=49d3569e-189d-4467-8e6e-2ef03e18e7c5.1569259104359&f=subject&f=title&l=KS&m=0&o=0&pp=50&q=&s=H0002325) or see the list below (p. 6) for suggestions with JCCC equivalent courses.

B.F.A. Major Requirements - Textiles/Fibers Concentration

Completion of KU Core 34 Requirements: (see list above (p. 2))

Foundation Studies: (see list above (p. 3))

Course Code Code	Course Title Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code Hours	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
Non-Western Art History Requirement:					
ARTH 186	Art History: Introduction to Asian Art	3	HA 166	The Visual Arts of East Asia	3

Studio Electives: 15 hours of studio coursework selected from any course with the following subject code - ART, CER, EXM, METL, PNTG, PRNT, SCUL, TD. Visit KU CredTran (https://credittransfer.ku.edu/?_sp=49d3569e-189d-4467-8e6e-2ef03e18e7c5.1569259104359&f=subject&f=title&l=KS&m=0&o=0&pp=50&q=&s=H0002325) or see the list below (p. 6) for suggestions with JCCC equivalent courses.

B.F.A. Major Requirements - Visual Art Education Concentration

Completion of KU Core 34 Requirements: (see list above (p. 2))

Foundation Studies: (see list above (p. 3))

Course Code Code	Course Title Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code Hours	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
Non-Western Art History Requirement:					
ARTH 186	Art History: Introduction to Asian Art	3	HA 166	The Visual Arts of East Asia	3
Art History 1900-1945 Requirement:					
ARTH 188	History of Photography	3	HA 380	History of Photography	3

Licensure Coursework: 22 hours – additional required courses will be taken at KU that are not listed below:

Course Code Code	Course Title Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code Hours	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
EDUC 220	Survey of the Exceptional Child*	3	SPED 326	Tchng Excep Chld/Yth Gen Educ	3
EDUC 221	Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for K-12 Educators	3	CT 235	Cultural DEI K-12 Schools	3
EDUC 224	Technology in Education for K-12 Educators	3	CT 301	Edu Tech in Elem/Mid Edu	3
PSYC 218	Human Development*	3	EPSY 306	DevelpmntLearng of Adolescent	3

Studio/Visual Arts Electives

Course Code Code	Course Title Title	Course Hours	Transfer Code Hours	Transfer Title	Transfer Hours
ART 136	Painting II*	3	No KU equivalent, but counts as PNTG U		
ART 138	Digital Imaging for Artists I	3	No KU equivalent but counts as ADS U		
ART 143	Ceramics II*	3	No KU equivalent but counts as CER U		
ART 146	Sculpture II*	3	No KU equivalent, but counts as SCUL U		
ART 149	Metal and Silversmithing II*	3	No KU equivalent, but counts as METL U		
ART 172	Watercolor Painting	3	No KU equivalent, but counts as PNTG U		
ART 231	Life Drawing I*	3	DRWG 213 Life Drawing I		
ART 232	Life Drawing II*	3	No KU equivalent, but counts as DRWG U		
ART 244	Ceramics Workshop I*	3	No KU equivalent, but counts as CER U		

* JCCC course with registration requirements.

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