

Best Choices Guide

Visual Art (BA)

This Associate of Arts degree is designed for Colorado Community College System (CCCS) students who want to transfer to UCCS and complete a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Visual Art. It is based on the [best academic advising choices](#) for future UCCS students. Please note that final graduation requirements for the bachelor's degree will be based on your year of admission to UCCS. Contact transfer@uccs.edu for more information.

To earn the Associate of Arts degree with Designation (DwD), students must complete courses listed on page 1 of this guide for a total of 60 credit hours. At least 34 credits must be GT Pathways Courses. At least 15 credit hours must be earned from the CCC granting the AA or AS degree. Courses taken at other colleges, AP, IB, CLEP, DSST, and other sources of credit may not be applicable upon transfer to UCCS even if applied to the associate's degree at CCCS. Check the CDHE's [GT Pathways](#) website for more information.

A cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better is required for transfer student admission to UCCS. A minimum grade of C- or higher is required for courses to transfer to UCCS.

Degree Requirements	Courses		
Written Communication (6 hours)	- ENG 121/1021 - ENG 122/1022 <i>Note: Students who test into ENG 122/1022 should take ENG 201/2001 or HIS 265/2765 as their second written communication course.</i>		
Mathematics¹ (3 hours)	Complete one GT-MA1 Course (MAT 120/1240, Math for the Liberal Arts, preferred)		
Arts & Humanities (6 hours)	- Complete two GT-AH2, AH3, or AH4 courses (GT-AH2) (GT-AH3) (GT-AH4) (DO NOT take any GT-AH1 courses for this requirement)		
History (3 hours)	- Complete one GT-HI1 course (GT-HI1) (DO NOT take more than one GT-HI course for this AA.)		
Social & Behavioral Sciences (6 hours)	Complete two GT-SS courses (GT-SS1) (GT-SS2) (GT-SS3)		
Natural and Physical Sciences (7 hours)	- Complete two GT-SC courses. (GT-SC1) (GT-SC2) - At least one course MUST come from the GT-SC1 category.		
Additional Requirements (29 hours)	CCCS Course	UCCS Course	
*COM 1150 will fulfill the Oral Communication requirement at UCCS.	ART 131/1002	VA 1010	3
	ART 132/1003	VA 1020	3
	ART 111/1111	AH 2800	3
	ART 112/1112	AH 1999TC (AH elective)	3
	ART 121/1201	VA 1040	3
	ART 221/1202 (ART 128/1203 is not recommended for UCCS)	VA 2010	3
	Complete one three-credit Studio Art class that transfers to UCCS as VA 2000-level elective. Highly recommend one from: ART 1301 (VA 2130), ART 1302 (VA 3130), or ART 1401 (VA 2150)		3
	General Electives ² COM 115/1150 - Public Speaking - recommended*		8

State-Wide Articulation Agreement

This guide is based on the Colorado State-Wide Transfer Articulation Agreement (STAA) for your major. For additional information regarding guarantees, limitations, and addendums to that agreement please visit [Transfer Degrees | Colorado Department of Higher Education Home](#).

¹Reasoning Skills – UCCS

The College of Letters, Arts and Sciences (LAS) at UCCS requires all students to complete a Reasoning Skills requirement. It can be completed in two ways:

- Take MAT 1240, Math for the Liberal Arts **OR**
- Take MAT 1340, College Algebra (or higher) **AND** either MAT 1260, Intro to Statistics **or** PHI 1013, Logic. PHI 1013 fulfills a GT-AH3 course for the AA/AS.

Visual Art majors should complete option 1, MAT 1240.

²Language other than English - UCCS

Beginning fall 2023, the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences (LAS) at UCCS requires all students to complete a language requirement as part of their degree program. Students who provide a final, official transcript showing completion of an Associate's degree prior to their first semester of enrollment at UCCS will be waived from this requirement. For those who don't complete the Associate's degree, the second semester of a world language (ex: SPA 1012, Spanish Language II) or higher completes the requirement. Students who completed two years of the same world language in high school, or have AP, IB, or CLEP scores equivalent to a Language II course, will have completed the requirement upon receipt of high school transcripts and/or exam scores. Other exemptions and test-out options are available.

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Four-Year Degree Plan - Visual Art

The following four-year plan lists all the specific course requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Visual Art degree at UCCS. Courses are listed by the course number at the appropriate institution. The order in which these courses are taken may vary with course availability. **Students are responsible for completing all course prerequisites.** Please note that this is a *suggested* degree program; your program may vary.

Suggested First Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	Course	Hours	√	Course	Hours
	ENG 121/1021	3		ENG 122/1022	3
	ART 131/1002	3		ART 132/1003	3
	GT-AH2, AH3, or AH4 course	3		ART 121/1201	3
	GT-SS course	3		GT-MA1 course	3
	General Elective	3		GT-AH2, AH3, or AH4 course	3
	TOTAL	15		TOTAL	15

Suggested Second Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	Course	Hours	√	Course	Hours
	ART 111/1111	3		ART 112/1112	3
	ART 221/1202	3		ART Studio course (equivalent to VA 2000+ at UCCS)	3
	GT-HI1 course	3		COM 115/1150	3
	GT-SC1 course	4		GT-SC course	3
	GT-SS course	3		General Elective	2
	TOTAL	16		TOTAL	14

Suggested Third Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	Course	Hours	√	Course	Hours
	VAPA 1000-Level Course	3		AH 3860	3
	AH 1001	3		VA 3980	3
	VA 1030	3		VAPA 3000-Level Course	3
	Visual Art (VA) 2000-Level Elective	3		UD VA Elective	3
	Upper-Division (UD) VA Elective	3		General Elective	3
	TOTAL	15		TOTAL	15

Suggested Fourth Year

FALL			SPRING		
√	Course	Hours	√	Course	Hours
	UD VA Elective	3		VA 4980	3
	UD VA Elective	3		UD VA Elective	3
	UD Art History (AH) Elective	3		VAPA 3000-Level Course	3
	HUM 3990	3		UD General Elective (<i>Inclusiveness</i>)	3
	UD General Elective (<i>Inclusiveness</i>)	3		UD General Elective (<i>Sustainability</i>)	3
	TOTAL	15		TOTAL	15

UCCS Bachelor of Arts, Visual Art Major Requirements

- A minimum of 120 hours must be completed with a cumulative CU grade point average of 2.0; at least 45 of these hours must be at the upper-division level (courses numbered 3000-4999).
- The Visual Art major requires a minimum of 42 hours of VA, 9 hours of AH, and 9 hours of VAPA Auxiliary courses with a grade point average of 2.0, and at least 27 of the hours must be at the upper-division level.
- At least 30 hours of the degree must be completed while registered in the College of Letters, Arts and Sciences at UCCS.

Additional Resources

- Visit the UCCS Transfer website at [Transfer Admissions](https://www.uccs.edu/transfer)
- Contact a Transfer Advisor at transfer@uccs.edu