Academic Plans

Four-Year Graduation Plan

The following checkpoints list the minimum requirements students must complete by certain semesters in order to stay on the university’s Four-Year Graduation Plan. Courses in the major are those required to complete the major; they may be offered by departments other than the major department.

Before the fifth semester begins: at least four courses in the major.

Before the seventh semester begins: at least four more courses in the major (total of eight) and at least 90 s.h. earned toward the degree.

Before the eighth semester begins: at least three more courses in the major (total of 11).

During the eighth semester: enrollment in all remaining coursework in the major, all remaining GE CLAS Core courses, and a sufficient number of semester hours to graduate.

Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

Art, BA

Course Title Hours
Academic Career
Any Semester
GE CLAS Core: Sustainability a

First Year
Fall
ARTS:1510 Basic Drawing b 3
ARTS:1520 Design Fundamentals b 3
RHET:1030 Rhetoric 3 - 4
or ENGL:1200 or The Interpretation of Literature
GE CLAS Core: Diversity and Inclusion c 3
CSL:1600 Success at Iowa 2

Spring
Major: art history survey course d 3
Major: introductory-level studio 2D course e 3
RHET:1030 Rhetoric 3 - 4
or ENGL:1200 or The Interpretation of Literature
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences with Lab c 4
Elective course f 2

Second Year
Fall
Major: art history survey course d 3
Major: introductory-level studio 3D course g 3
GE CLAS Core: Quantitative or Formal Reasoning e 3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages First Level Proficiency or elective course h 4 - 5

Elective course f 3

Hours 16-17

Third Year
Fall
Major: art history non-survey course i 3
Major: elective art course j 3 - 4
Major: upper-level studio art course k 3 - 4
GE CLAS Core: Natural Sciences without Lab c 3
GE CLAS Core: World Languages Third Level Proficiency or elective course b 4 - 5
Elective course f 3

Hours 16-19

Fourth Year
Fall
Major: elective art course j 3
GE CLAS Core: Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts or elective course c 1 3
GE CLAS Core: Values and Culture c 1 3
Elective course f 3
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Degree Application: apply on MyUI before deadline (typically in February for spring, September for fall) m

Hours 15

Spring
Major: elective art and art history course d 3
GE CLAS Core: Historical Perspectives c 1 3
GE CLAS Core: Social Sciences c 3
Elective course f 3
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Hours 15

Total Hours 123-131

a Sustainability must be completed by choosing a course that has been approved for Sustainability AND for one of these General Education areas: Natural Sciences; Quantitative and Formal Reasoning; Social Sciences; Historical Perspectives; International and Global Issues; Literary, Visual, and Performing Arts; or Values and Culture.
b Studio art majors are required to complete ARTS:1510 and ARTS:1520 by the end of their first academic year.
c GE CLAS Core courses may be completed in any order unless used as a prerequisite for another course. Students should consult with an advisor about the best sequencing of courses.
d Select art history survey course from ARTH:1040, ARTH:1050, ARTH:1060, ARTH:1070, and ARTH:1095. Some introductory-level art history courses will fulfill GE CLAS Core requirements; students should consult with their advisor.

e Select introductory-level studio 2D course from ANIM:2125, DRAW:2310, DSGN:2500, PHTO:2600, PNTG:2410, or PRNT:2610.

f Students may use elective courses to earn credit towards the total s.h. required for graduation or to complete a double major, minors, or certificates.

g Select introductory-level studio 3D course from CERM:2010, INTM:2710, MTLI:2910, SCLP:2810, or TDSN:2210.

h Students who have completed four years of a single language in high school have satisfied the GE CLAS Core World Languages requirement. Enrollment in world languages courses requires a placement exam, unless enrolling in a first-semester-level course.


j Students may select an elective art course until they complete a maximum of 56 s.h. of art courses, or select a non-art elective course.


l Students may fulfill this general education requirement while also fulfilling major requirements.

m Please see Academic Calendar, Office of the Registrar website for current degree application deadlines. Students should apply for a degree for the session in which all requirements will be met. For any questions on appropriate timing, contact your academic advisor or Graduation Services.