Graphic Design, B.F.A

North Carolina Community College classes are listed below in left column. The UNC Charlotte equivalent course is listed in the column next to the NCCCS courses.

The University of North Carolina at Charlotte strongly recommends students complete their Associate degree prior to transferring to UNC Charlotte. Pathways are structured for students who have completed all requirements for their Associate degree and qualify for the CAA.

Please Note: BDP's are developed based on the approved curriculum for each catalog year. Based on admitted term of entry and the curriculum posted for the catalog year, programs of study are subject to change.

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Additional Requirements / Special Note for Admission to the major:	The department accepts new students into the art major for **Fall semesters only** (i.e. students cannot declare an art major in Spring semesters). To become a **graphic design** major, students must first be accepted to UNC Charlotte, must submit a digital portfolio of work, and must be accepted into the art major after a review of the portfolio submission. Portfolio deadlines are in early Spring. Students should plan to apply to UNC Charlotte in November or December of the year **prior to the year they plan to enroll** to receive an admissions decision in time to meet the portfolio deadlines. Upon acceptance to the university, new students will receive an email with the portfolio link to upload their submission. New freshmen and transfer students should then submit the portfolio by the priority deadline displayed on our website/admission packets.

		NC Community College Course	UNC Charlotte Equivalent Course	Notes
Semester 1 15 Credit Hrs	3	ENG 111: Writing and Inquiry UGETC: Composition	WRDS 1103 Wrtng & Inqry Acdmc Ctx I & II	
	3	MAT 143: Quantitative Literacy	MATH 1ELE: Math Elective	
	3	ART 114: Art History Survey I **	ARTH 1211: Art History I **	
	3	ART 121: Design I **	ARTB 1201: Two-Dimensional Design **	
	3	ART 131: Drawing I **	ARTB 1203: Drawing I **	

		NC Community College Course	UNC Charlotte Equivalent Course	Notes
Semester 2 16 Credit Hrs	1	ACA 122: College Transfer Success	TRNF 1ELE: Transfer Elective	
	3	ENG 112: Writing and Research in the Disciplines UGETC: Composition	CTCM 2530: Critical Thinking and Communications	
	3	COM 120: Interpersonal Communications or COM 231: Public Speaking UGETC Arts/Humanities	COMM 2107: Interpersonal Communications or COMM 1101: Public Speaking	
	3	ART 115: Art History II **	ARTH 1212: Art History Survey II **	
	3	ART 122: Three Dimensional Design **	ARTB 1202: Three-Dimensional Design **	
	3	ART 171: Digital Design I **	ARTB 1204: Digital Foundations Studio **	

		NC Community College Course	UNC Charlotte Equivalent Course	Notes
Semester 3 16 Credit Hrs	3	Student Choice UGETC: Social/Behavioral	General Education Course	
	4	Student Choice UGETC: Natural Science	General Education - Natural Science w/ lab	
	3	ART 281: Sculpture I or ART 283: Ceramics I or ART 284 Ceramics II**	ARTZ 2141: Sculpture Methods or ARTC 2171: Cer Handbuilding or ARTC 2172 Cer Wheel I**	
	3	Foreign Language I *	Foreign Language I w/ lab *	BFA Concentrations require 1 semester of Foreign Language
	3	ART 271: Digital Design II **	ARTM 2105: 4D **	

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		NC Community College Course	UNC Charlotte Equivalent Course	Notes
Semester 4 15 Credit Hrs	3	Student Choice UGETC: Humanities/ Fine Arts	General Education Course	
	3	Student Choice UGETC: Social/Behavioral	General Education Course	
	3	Additional GEN ED or Pre-Major/Transfer Elective	Additional GEN ED or Pre-Major/Transfer Elective	
	3	ART 240: Painting I or ART 262: Photo II or ART 132: Drawing 2 or ART 135: Figure Drawing**	ARTP 2131: Painting I or ARTT 2191: Photo Media Darkroom or ARTD 2139: Drawing 2 or ARTD: 2134 Figure Drawing**	
	3	ART 281: Sculpture I or ART 283: Ceramics I or ART 284: Ceramics II**	ARTZ 2141: Sculpture Methods or ARTC 2171: Cer Handbuilding or ARTC 2172: Cer Wheel I**	

Critical Course Indicator	
2 Star (**) Critical Course	Critical Success Course that is a required introductory or prerequisite course within the Meta Major and/or prerequisite course for UNC Charlotte Upper Division coursework for intended major
1 Star (*) Critical Course	Critical Success Course necessary for seamless transition and required for UNC Charlotte Upper Division coursework for intended major
0 Star (Lt Green color only) Critical Course	Key Success Marker Course that is important for seamless transition but can be secured after transfer

Color Key	Category
Light Green	Success Marker Course (Critical Course)
Light Blue	UGETC: General Education Course
Light Orange	Additional GEN ED or Pre-Major/Transfer Elective

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UNC Charlotte Courses for the B.F.A. in Graphic Design

		UNC Charlotte Equivalent Course	Notes
Fall start Semester 5 12 Credit Hrs	3	ARTG 2182: Typography I	
	3	ARTG 2180: Design Thinking	
	3	ARTG 2181: Graphic Design I	
	3	ARTH 2110: Contemporary Art History	

		UNC Charlotte Equivalent Course	Notes
Semester 6 12 Credit Hrs	3	Any ARTH course (Art History)	
	3	ARTG 3184: Typography II	
	3	ARTG 3183: Graphic Design II	
	3	ARTM 3xxx Studio (3000 level from Digital Media)	

		UNC Charlotte Equivalent Course	Notes
Semester 7 12 Credit Hrs	3	ARTG 3185: UX/UI Design Strategies	
	3	ARTG 3186: Communications Design	
	3	ARTx 3xxx Studio (any 3000-level studio)	
	3	Elective of choice	Non-Studio

		UNC Charlotte Equivalent Course	Notes
Semester 8 12 Credit Hrs	3	ARTG 4180: Print Production	
	3	ARTG 4182: Design Research	
	3	ARTx 3xxx Studio (any 3000-level studio)	
	3	Elective of choice	Non-Studio

		UNC Charlotte Equivalent Course	Notes
Semester 9 10 Credit Hrs	3	ARTG 4982: Graphic Design Projects	
	3	ARTA 4600: Senior Seminar	
	4	Electives of choice	

62	Total NCCCS Credit Hours
58	Total UNC Charlotte Hours
120	**Total Credit Hours**

NOTE: Some coursework in this degree is semester-specific and cannot be taken out of sequence. The calendar above could change depending on courses completed at the Community College. The credit hours listed above reflect the courses required for the degree. A minimum of 12 credit hours per semester is required for full-time student status for financial aid purposes. Additional credit hours to achieve full-time student status (if needed) should be determined in consultation with your Academic Advisor.

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