

# FINE ARTS - ASSOCIATE IN FINE ARTS

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## Total Credits Required for Degree: 60

Students must complete all University degree requirements, which include: General Education requirements and elective credits to total at least 60 credits. Developmental coursework will not count towards the degree requirements and/or elective credits, but may be needed in order to take the necessary English and Mathematics coursework.

Prefix	Title	Credits
<b>General Education Requirements</b>		
Courses specified in the General Education areas below are Program required courses that will also fulfill General Education requirements.		
<i>Area I: Communications</i>		
<i>English Composition - Level 1</i>		
ENGL 1110G	Composition I	4
<i>English Composition - Level 2</i>		
ENGL 2210G	Professional and Technical Communication Honors	3
or ENGL 2221G	Writing in the Humanities and Social Science	
COMM 1115G	Introduction to Communication	3
or COMM 1130G	Public Speaking	
<i>Area II: Mathematics</i>		
MATH 1130G	Survey of Mathematics <sup>1</sup>	3
or MATH 1220G	College Algebra	
<i>Area III/IV: Laboratory Science and Social/Behavioral Sciences</i> 10		
Select one course from Area III: Laboratory Science (4 credits) <sup>2</sup>		
Select two courses from Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences (6 credits) <sup>2</sup>		
<i>Area V: Humanities</i>		
Select one course from Area V: Humanities. <sup>2</sup>		
<i>Area VI: Creative/Fine Arts</i>		
ARTH 2110G	History of Art I <sup>3</sup>	3
<i>General Education Elective</i>		
ARTH 2120G	History of Art II <sup>3</sup>	3
<b>Program Requirements</b>		
ARTS 1610	Drawing I <sup>4</sup>	3
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
Choose seven courses (21 credits) from below. 21		
ARTH 1115G	Orientation in Art	
ARTS 1310	Introduction to Ceramics	
ARTS 1320	Ceramics I	
ARTS 1410	Introduction to Photography	
or FDMA 1545	Introduction to Photography & Digital Imaging	
ARTS 1630	Painting I	
ARTS 2430	Photographic Portraiture	
ARTS 2610	Drawing II	
ARTS 2630	Painting II	
ARTS 2635	Painting III	
ARTS 2839	Introduction to Sculpture	
ARTS 2996	Special Topics in Studio <sup>5</sup>	

Electives to bring total credits to 60	4
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>60</b>

- <sup>1</sup> MATH 1220G College Algebra or MATH 1130G Survey of Mathematics is required for the degree but students may need to take prerequisites to enter the course.
- <sup>2</sup> See the General Education Section (<https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/alamogordo/general-information/general-education-new-mexico-common-core/>) of the catalog for a full list of courses.
- <sup>3</sup> ARTH 2110G History of Art I and ARTH 2120G History of Art II can be taken in any order.
- <sup>4</sup> It is recommended that students take Fine Arts core requirements, specifically ARTS 1610 Drawing I in their first year.
- <sup>5</sup> ARTS 2996 Special Topics in Studio may be repeated up to three times (9 credits total); must be under different subtitles.

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## A Suggested Plan of Study - Fine Arts

Additional classes may be needed based on placement test results and course prerequisites. Visit with an advisor for help with creating a customized plan.

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<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		<b>Credits</b>
ARTH 2110G	History of Art I	3
ARTS 1610	Drawing I	3
ENGL 1110G	Composition I	4
Major Requirements Area Course <sup>1</sup>		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>13</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
ARTH 2120G	History of Art II	3
ENGL 2210G	Professional and Technical Communication Honors	3
or ENGL 2221G	Writing in the Humanities and Social Science	
MATH 1130G	Survey of Mathematics <sup>2</sup>	3
or MATH 1220G	College Algebra	
Major Requirements Area Course <sup>1</sup>		3
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<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Summer</b>		
Area III: Laboratory Science <sup>3</sup>		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>4</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>Fall</b>		<b>Credits</b>
COMM 1115G	Introduction to Communication	3
or COMM 1130G	Public Speaking	
Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences <sup>3</sup>		3
Major Requirements Area Course <sup>1</sup>		3
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Elective		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Spring</b>		
Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences <sup>3</sup>		3
Area V: Humanities <sup>3</sup>		3
Major Requirements Area Course <sup>1</sup>		3

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Major Requirements Area Course <sup>1</sup>	3
Elective	1
<b>Credits</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>60</b>

<sup>1</sup> Choose from:

- ARTH 1115G Orientation in Art;
- ARTS 1310 Introduction to Ceramics;
- ARTS 1320 Ceramics I;
- ARTS 1410 Introduction to Photography or FDMA 1545 Introduction to Photography & Digital Imaging;
- ARTS 1630 Painting I;
- ARTS 2430 Photographic Portraiture;
- ARTS 2610 Drawing II;
- ARTS 2630 Painting II;
- ARTS 2635 Painting III;
- ARTS 2839 Introduction to Sculpture
- ARTS 2996 Special Topics in Studio (may repeat 3 times; must be different subtitles)

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