

NC STATE

College of Design

Transfer Student Guide

Schedule for Full-Time Students Revised Fall 2024
Bachelor's of Arts in Design Studies

This is a guide for prospective students interested in transferring into the NC State College of Design - Design Studies program from a NC Community College - Associates in Arts (AA) program. The College of Design strongly recommends that you contact the Undergraduate Student Service Coordinator (contact information listed below) after reviewing this document.

For any questions about your NC Community College courses or programs, please refer to your direct community college advisor at your current institution. This document was created as a guide to help transfer students interested in design.

Community College First Semester			
NC CC Course	Hrs	NC State Equivalent	Notes
ENG 111	3	ENG 101 & ENG 1**	ENG 111 + ENG 112 = ENG 101 (4) + ENG 1** (2)
MAT 171	4	MA 107 & MA 1**	AA = Math, NCSU = Major Requirement
ACA 122	1	TR ***	AA = Academic Transition, NCSU = Free Elective
ART 115	3	HA 202	AA = Humanities/Fine Arts, NCSU = Art History Survey
HIS 111 or 112	3	HI 2GEP or HI 233	AA = Social/Behavioral Sciences, NCSU = GEP Social Science & GEP Global Knowledge Requirement
TOTAL	14 credit hours		

Community College Second Semester			
NC CC Course	Hrs	NC State Equivalent	Notes
ENG 112	3	ENG 101 & ENG 1**	ENG 111 + ENG 112 = ENG 101 (4) + ENG 1** (2)
ART 116	3	HA 203	AA = General Education, NCSU = Art History Survey
MAT 143 or MAT 263	3 or 4	MA 1GEP or MA 121	AA = General Education, NCSU = GEP Mathematical Sciences
ECO 251, POL 120, PSY 150, or SOC 210	3	EC 201, PS 201, PSY 200, or SOC 202	AA = Social/Behavioral Sciences, NCSU = GEP Social Science
TOTAL	12 or 13 credit hours		

Community College Third Semester			
NC CC Course	Hrs	NC State Equivalent	Notes
ENG 231 or 232	3	ENG 265 or 266	AA = Humanities/Fine Arts, NCSU = GEP Humanities Elective and US Diversity Requirement
HIS 131	3	H1 251	AA = Social/Behavioral Sciences, NCSU = Major History Elective
COM 231	3	COM 110	AA = Communications, NCSU = Major Requirement
BIO 110	4	BIO 105 & BIO 106	AA = Natural Sciences, NCSU = GEP Natural Sciences
Foreign Lang 211	3	Varies	AA= General Education, NCSU = Major Requirement Intermediate Foreign Language Elective
TOTAL	16 credit hours		

Community College Fourth Semester			
NC CC Course	Hrs	NC State Equivalent	Notes
COM 140, HIS 222, or SOC 230	3	COM 292, HI 372, or SOC 305	AA = General Education, NCSU = U.S. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Foreign Lang 212	3	Varies	AA = Pre-Major/Elective, NCSU Major Requirement Intermediate Foreign Language Elective
PED 110	2	HESF 101 & HESF 1**	AA = Pre-Major/Elective, NCSU = Both GEP Fitness Courses
HIS 211, HIS 223, or HIS 236,	3	HI 207, HI 373, or HI 364	AA = Pre-Major/Elective, NCSU = Major Requirement Design Studies History Elective
AA UGETC Natural Science	3	Varies	AA = Pre-Major/Elective, NCSU = GEP Natural Sciences
TOTAL	14 credit hours		

North Carolina State University - Undergraduate Admissions

Follow the [NC State Undergraduate Admissions - Transfer Applicants](#) page to help keep you on track as a transfer applicant. The deadline to apply for fall admissions is February 15th and spring admissions is October 1st.

Recommendations for Competitive Applicants:

NC State Undergraduate Admissions employs a holistic approach in reviewing transfer students' applications and considers a range of accomplishments and qualifications. Recommended courses listed above, and GPA recommendations, are departmental recommendations and are not minimum requirements for [transfer admissions](#).

- 3.0 or higher cumulative GPA
- English Composition
- College-level pre-calculus or higher math course.

College of Design, Department of Media Arts, Design, and Technology - Program Notes

- [Course Catalog](#) for the Design Studies program.
- A grade of C- or higher is required.
- International Experience (6 credit hours) is required. This may be a Design Studio worth 6 credit hours (when available), or two 3-credit-hour advised electives.
- Advised Design Studies electives require 24 credits among the three units: Application, History and Theory. From each of these units a minimum of two courses (6 credit hours) and a maximum of three courses (9 credit hours) can be selected. 6 credit hours must be at the 300 level or higher.
- **It is not guaranteed you can finish the Design Studies curriculum in 5 semesters. Enrollment depends on course availability.**

NCSU First Semester		NCSU Second Semester	
D 100: Design Inquiry I	3	DS 100: Design in Culture and Context	3
ADN 281: Drawing I	3	ADN 219: Digital Imaging I	3
ADN 111 Intro to 2D Design or ADN 112 Intro to 3D Design or ADN 414 Color and Light	3	ADN 111 Intro to 2D Design or ADN 112 Intro to 3D Design or ADN 414 Color and Light	3
Advanced Writing Elective	3	Design History Elective	3
Design Studies: Application Elective	3	Design Studies: Theory Elective	3
Total 15 Hours		Total 15 Hours	

NCSU Third Semester - Summer	
ADN 490 Art and Design International Studio or Advised Elective	6
Total 6 hours	

NCSU Fourth Semester		NCSU Fifth Semester	
DS 200: A Survey of Design Studies	3	GEP Interdisciplinary Perspectives	3
Advised Design Studies Elective	3	Design Studies Elective 300 Level	3
Design Studies Elective 300 Level	3	Design Studies: Application Elective	3

DS 481 Design Studies Senior Research Seminar	3	DS 483 Design Studies Capstone Research Paper	3
Design Studies: Theory Elective	3	ADN 418 Contemporary Issues in Art and Design	3
Total 15 hours		Total 15 Hours	

College of Design – Admissions and Student Services Contact

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Questions about the transferability of an NC Community College Course? Speak with your community college advisor and review the [NCSU Credit Opportunities Transfer Database](#).

Following the transfer guide does not guarantee admission to NC State University or guarantee an AA degree or BS degree will be conferred.