

FINE ARTS

Associate Degree

This degree is designed to prepare students to work as professional artists, or to transfer to NMSU Las Cruces to complete a Bachelor of Arts (BA) or Bachelor in Fine Arts (BFA) degree in their chosen career field in Art, including drawing, painting, photography, ceramics, or sculpture. Each area of concentration provides specialized training in studio and conceptual processes and allows students to complete all the required coursework for the first two years of study.

The Fine Arts Associate Degree provides a tangible level of expertise and academic recognition for that achievement. Although many of our students do not intend to move on to the BA or BFA degree, they can complete an associate's degree in their chosen art field. NMSU-A has developed a top notch art department with state of the art technology and instructors with exceptional credentials and experience.

Credits

New Mexico Common Core (33 credits)

Communication

ENGL	111G	Rhetoric and Composition	4
ENGL	203G	Business & Professional Communication	3
	OR	ENGL 211G Writing in the Humanities and Social Sciences	
	OR	ENGL 218G Technical and Scientific Communication	
COMM	265G	Principles of Human Communication	3
	OR	COMM 253G Public Speaking	

Mathematics

MATH	210G	Mathematics Appreciation	3
	OR	MATH 142G Calculus for the Biological and Management Sciences I	

Basic Natural Science (8 credits) 8

ASTR 105G, 110G; BIOL 101G/GL, 111G/GL, 211G/GL; CHEM 110G, 111G, 112G; GEOG 111G; GEOL 111G; PHYS 110G, 211G/GL, 215G/GL, 216G/GL.

Humanities/Fine Art (6 credits)

PHIL	101G, 201G, (211G)		3
HIST	101G, 102G, 201G, 202G		3

Social/Behavioral Science (6 credits)

ANTH	120G, 125G, 201G; ECON 201G, 251G, 252G;		3
GOVT	100G, 110G, 150G, 160G; PSY 201G;		3
SOC	101G, 201G; W S 201G, 202G		

Campus Requirement

COLL	101	College Success	1
C S	110	Computer Literacy	3

Fine Arts Core, Lower Division (18 credits)

ART	150	Drawing I	3
ART	151	Drawing II	3
ART	155	2-D Fundamentals	3
ART	156	3-D Design and Process	3
ART	295*	Introduction to Art History I	3
ART	296*	Introduction to Art History II	3

Concentration area (15 credits) 15

Total Credits Required 70

ART 157 Color Theory is also strongly recommended although not required.

* ART 295, and 296 can be taken in any order.

Courses in parenthesis are not taught on the Alamogordo campus.

A grade of C or better is required in English and all Fine Art courses.

STUDENTS MUST EARN A GRADE OF C OR BETTER IN THE NEW MEXICO COMMON CORE REQUIREMENTS AND ART COURSE. Students pursuing the BA degree in Fine Arts will be required to complete 48 credits of upper-division coursework which includes 6 credits of *Viewing a Wider World*. ENGL 311V is recommended to complete the second English writing course.

Concentration areas: It is recommended that students take several Fine Arts Core requirements, specifically ART 150, 155, 156, and begin concentration area requirements in their first year.

Ceramics	Drawing	Painting	Photography	Sculpture
ART 265	ART 260	ART 260	ART 255	ART 265
ART 275	ART 261	ART 261	ART 270	ART 266
ART 276	Three 200-level studio course, one to include a 3-D area.	Three 200-level studio courses, one to include a 3-D area.	ART 271	Three 200-level studio courses.
Two 200-level studio courses.			Two 200-level studio courses, one to include a 3-D area.	