It is recommended that students majoring in art transfer to NIU after one year or more at the community college. Students who enter NIU with an A.A., A.S., A.F.A., or A.A.T. degree should expect to spend an additional 2-3 years at NIU completing their degree, depending upon what courses were completed at the community college; therefore, transfer with the following courses completed, is recommended. It is also strongly recommended that students speak with a representative of the School of Art and Design for more information about the program they wish to pursue. Please call 815-753-1473 to schedule an appointment.

**NIU Courses** | **ECC Equivalents**
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ART 100 Drawing Foundation I (3) | ART 101
ART 101 Drawing Foundation II (3) *for Vis.-Com. Photo, Time Arts, Drawing, A+D Ed.| ART 102
ART 102 2-D Foundation (3) | ART 109
ART 103 3-D Foundation (3) | ART 110

**In addition to the above courses, it is recommended that the following courses be completed by all prospective Art majors prior to transfer to NIU:**

| ARTS 200 Beginning Life Drawing (4) *(For Drawing, Painting, Printmaking, Illustration, Ceramics, Sculpture, Fibers and Metalwork/Jewelry.)* | ART 201
| ARTH 282 Introduction to World Art (3) *(Available for general education credit.)* | ART 115
| ARTH 292 Art and Design Since 1900 (3) *(Available for general education credit.)* | ART 152

**Visual Communication (B.F.A.)**

1. Applicants must be admitted to the university and have a minimum overall GPA of 2.50 on a 4.00 scale (as calculated by NIU), including transfer courses.
2. Admission to the Visual Communication program is limited. Successful candidates must interview with the Visual Communication faculty selection committee and submit a portfolio of work that meets the admission criteria for the program. Check www.niu.edu/art/Programs/Visual-Communications.shtml for details.
3. Also recommend taking ART 100 & ART 102 before entering NIU.

**Art and Design Education (B.S. Ed., Teacher Licensure)**

1. Students pursuing this degree will need to complete NIU’s EPFE 201 Education as an Agent for Change (3) or BKST 211 Educating for Cultural Sensitivity (3).
2. Student must have a minimum 2.75 GPA in all NIU and transfer courses to enroll in Art Education courses and must have a minimum 2.50 GPA in all NIU courses to obtain teacher licensure.
3. Successfully complete the Art Education entrance portfolio review concurrent with enrollment in NIU’s ARTE 200. For this review, students must submit studio work and appropriate Art Education materials for evaluation by the Art Education faculty.
4. It is also recommended that Art Education majors transfer in having completed PSYC 102 (Introduction to Psychology).

**Studio Art Major (B.F.A.)**

A portfolio review is required for admission into the major in studio art (B.F.A.) after completion of designated courses in the chosen field of study. Check departmental information for any additional requirements.

Students intending to transfer to School of Art and Design should seek academic advisement from their community college counselor and a NIU advisor in the School of Art and Design.