

GRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS: AFA

Associate in Fine Arts | 60 credit hours minimum

Area of Interest: Communications, Design, and Creative Arts

Program Website (<https://stlcc.edu/programs-academics/pathways/a-d-h-c/graphic-communications/>)

Academic Advising (<https://stlcc.edu/admissions/advising/>)

Program Description:

The Associate of Fine Arts degree in Graphic Communications challenges students to excel in a studio-based, highly creative, and NASAD accredited design education that combines traditional methods of expressiveness with training in contemporary industry-standard technology and equipment.

This program is primarily for students planning to transfer to an accredited four-year art and design university or institute to earn a Bachelor of Fine Arts or related degree in design. Graduates will develop advanced skills and knowledge in visual communications, drawing, illustration, digital photography, typography, design software, and design history.

Florissant Valley and Meramec campuses offer complete programs; select courses are offered at the Forest Park and Wildwood campuses.

Locations. This program is offered in its entirety at Florissant Valley and Meramec.

Related Programs. The Art Department offers an associate in the following area:

Graphic Communications, Associate in Applied Science (<http://catalog.stlcc.edu/programs/graphic-communications-aas/>)

Cost of Attendance. For more information on cost of attendance visit MoSCORES (<https://scorecard.mo.gov/Search/>).

Program Career and Salary Information. Pursuant to Missouri HB 1606 (2018), information regarding the number of credit hours, program length, employment rate, wage data, and graduates employed in careers related to their program of study at St. Louis Community College can be found at the following URL: <https://scorecard.mo.gov/scorecard/> (https://www.google.com/url?q=https://scorecard.mo.gov/scorecard/&sa=D&ust=1555536894857000&usg=AFQjCNG1xf3E_i2lO96zEytILO-s5xaJCQ). Search using School / Program “St. Louis Community College” and choose the degree or credential type of interest.

The following limitations to the data apply: Information provided is based on the most recent cohorts available. Typically, most recent cohorts for wage and completion data are six years prior to the current academic year. Time to complete a program of study varies depending on the number of credit hours students earn per semester.

Interested in this program? Start the enrollment process by visiting the Apply to STLCC (<https://www.stlcc.edu/admissions/apply-to-stlcc/>) page.

At the completion of the program, students are expected to:

1. demonstrate excellence in traditional drawing and illustration.
2. apply design principles of scale, proportion, rhythm, contrast, emphasis, and unity.
3. demonstrate knowledge of art and design industry history, standards, tools, and trends.
4. defend design concepts during the critique process using professional presentation methods.
5. demonstrate proficient use of art and design industry-standard software.
6. apply conceptual thinking to generate creative solutions for design problems.
7. prepare a comprehensive, cohesive portfolio of well-executed art and design projects.

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Program of Study

Code	Title	Credit Hours
General Education		
ENG 101	College Composition I (MOTR ENGL 100)	3
ENG 102	College Composition II (MOTR ENGL 200)	3
or COM 101	Oral Communication I (MOTR COMM 100)	
or COM 107	Public Speaking (MOTR COMM 110)	
XXX xxx	Social & Behavioral Sciences: Civics Requirement (http://catalog.stlcc.edu/general-education/)	3
XXX xxx	Natural Science with MOTR designation/Mathematics Requirement (MTH 161 preferred or above 100) (http://catalog.stlcc.edu/general-education/)	6
Program Requirements		
ART 140	Two-Dimensional Design	3
ART 109	Drawing I (MOTR PERF 105D)	3
ART 111	Figure Drawing I	3
ART 110	Drawing II	3
or ART 112	Figure Drawing II	
ART 131	Computer Art Studio	3
ART 133	Graphic Design I	3
ART 134	Graphic Design II	3
ART 138	Drawing and Rendering for Graphics	3
ART 239	Editorial and Commercial Illustration	3
ART 240	Digital Illustration	3
or ART 172	Digital Photography (MOTR PERF 105GA)	
ART 233	Graphic Design III	3
ART 234	Graphic Design IV	3
ART 236	Typography	3
AT 242	History of Graphic Communications	3
ART 245	Portfolio Design and Workplace Preparation	3
Total Credit Hours		60

¹ It is recommended that students intending to transfer to an undergraduate art program requiring math should verify transfer institution requirements. Consultation with advisors at the transfer institution is strongly advised.

Full-Time Academic Plan

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Code	Title	Hours	Prerequisites	Milestones/Notes
First Year				
Fall				
ART 140	Two-Dimensional Design	3	Reading Proficiency	
ART 131	Computer Art Studio	3	Reading Proficiency	
ART 133	Graphic Design I	3	Reading Proficiency	
ENG 101	College Composition I (MOTR ENGL 100)	3	Placement score or ENG 030 or ENG 070 with a grade of "C" or better or recommendation of department and Reading Proficiency or concurrent enrollment in RDG 079	
	Credit Hours	12		
Spring				
ART 109	Drawing I (MOTR PERF 105D)	3	Reading Proficiency	
ART 134	Graphic Design II	3	ART 140, ART 131, and ART 133 with minimum grades of "C" and Reading Proficiency	
ART 111	Figure Drawing I	3	Reading Proficiency	
XXX xxx	Social and Behavioral Science: Civics Requirement (http://catalog.stlcc.edu/general-education/)	3		
MOTR Science/ Math Requirement		3		MTH 161 or MTH 161S preferred or any math above 100-level.
	Credit Hours	15		
Summer				
ART 236	Typography	3	ART 131 and ART 133 with minimum grades of "C" and Reading Proficiency	
ART 110 or 112	Drawing II or Figure Drawing II	3	ART 109 with a minimum grade of "C" and Reading Proficiency	
	Credit Hours	6		
Second Year				
Fall				
ART 239	Editorial and Commercial Illustration	3	ART 131 with a minimum grade of "C" and prior or concurrent enrollment in ART 138 and ART 111 with minimum grades of "C", and Reading Proficiency	
ART 233	Graphic Design III	3	ART 134 with a minimum grade of "C" and Reading Proficiency	
AT 242	History of Graphic Communications	3	Reading Proficiency	
ART 138	Drawing and Rendering for Graphics	3	ART 140 and ART 109 with minimum grades of "C" and Reading Proficiency	

ENG 102 or COM 101 or COM 107	College Composition II (MOTR ENGL 200) or Oral Communication I (MOTR COMM 100) or Public Speaking (MOTR COMM 110)	3	ENG 101 with a minimum grade of "C" and Reading Proficiency	
	Credit Hours	15		
Spring				
ART 234	Graphic Design IV	3	ART 233 and ART 236 with minimum grades of "C" and Reading Proficiency	
ART 240 or 172	Digital Illustration or Digital Photography (MOTR PERF 105GA)	3	ART 239 with a minimum grade of "C" and Reading Proficiency	
ART 245	Portfolio Design and Workplace Preparation	3	ART 236 and ART 134 with a minimum grade of "C" and Reading Proficiency	
MOTR Science/ Math Requirement		3		MTH 161 or MTH 161S preferred or any math above 100-level.
	Credit Hours	12		
	Total Credit Hours	60		

*Click on the hyperlinked course number to view additional information about the course.

**Students completing a course that has been assigned a MOTR number may transfer that course to any public institution in Missouri. Those who complete CORE 42 requirements will have that verification on their transcript.

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Part-Time Academic Plan

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First Year				
Fall				
ART 140	Two-Dimensional Design	3	Reading Proficiency	
ART 133	Graphic Design I	3	Reading Proficiency	
	Credit Hours	6		
Spring				
ART 131	Computer Art Studio	3	Reading Proficiency	
ENG 101	College Composition I (MOTR ENGL 100)	3	Placement score or ENG 030 or ENG 070 with a grade of "C" or better or recommendation of department and Reading Proficiency or concurrent enrollment in RDG 079	
	Credit Hours	6		

Summer				
ART 109	Drawing I (MOTR PERF 105D)	3	Reading Proficiency	
	Credit Hours	3		
Second Year				
Fall				
ART 111	Figure Drawing I	3	Reading Proficiency	
ART 134	Graphic Design II	3	ART 140, ART 131, and ART 133 with minimum grades of "C" and Reading Proficiency	
	Credit Hours	6		
Spring				
ART 236	Typography	3	ART 131 and ART 133 with minimum grades of "C" and Reading Proficiency	
ART 110 or 112	Drawing II or Figure Drawing II	3	ART 109 with a minimum grade of "C" and Reading Proficiency	
	Credit Hours	6		
Summer				
XXX xxx	Social & Behavioral Sciences: Civics (http://catalog.stlcc.edu/general-education/)	3		
	Credit Hours	3		
Third Year				
Fall				
AT 242	History of Graphic Communications	3	Reading Proficiency	
ART 138	Drawing and Rendering for Graphics	3	ART 140 and ART 109 with minimum grades of "C" and Reading Proficiency	
	Credit Hours	6		
Spring				
ART 239	Editorial and Commercial Illustration	3	ART 131 with a minimum grade of "C" and prior or concurrent enrollment in ART 138 and ART 111 with minimum grades of "C", and Reading Proficiency	
MOTR Science/Mathematics Requirement		3		MTH 161 or MTH 161S preferred or above 100-level.
	Credit Hours	6		
Summer				
ENG 102 or COM 101 or COM 107	College Composition II (MOTR ENGL 200) or Oral Communication I (MOTR COMM 100) or Public Speaking (MOTR COMM 110)	3	ENG 101 with a minimum grade of "C" and Reading Proficiency	
	Credit Hours	3		
Fourth Year				
Fall				
ART 233	Graphic Design III	3	ART 134 with a minimum grade of "C" and Reading Proficiency	

ART 240 or 172	Digital Illustration or Digital Photography (MOTR PERF 105GA)	3	ART 239 with a minimum grade of "C" and Reading Proficiency	
	Credit Hours	6		
Spring				
ART 234	Graphic Design IV	3	ART 233 and ART 236 with minimum grades of "C" and Reading Proficiency	
ART 245	Portfolio Design and Workplace Preparation	3	ART 236 and ART 134 with a minimum grade of "C" and Reading Proficiency	
	Credit Hours	6		
Summer				
MOTR Science/Mathematics Requirement		3		MTH 161 or MTH 161S preferred or any math above 100-level.
	Credit Hours	3		
	Total Credit Hours	60		

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