Design BFA

FOUR-YEAR ACADEMIC PLAN

12 Required Core Credits

18 Flexible Core Credits

12 College Option Credits

63 Major Credits

15 Elective Credits

Freshmen may provisionally pursue the major and officially declare after their first semester. Students must meet with a Design advisor prior to formal acceptance into the major. Admission requires a minimum overall GPA of 3.00. Program standards for satisfactory progress require students to maintain a GPA of 3.00 or better within the major and receive no grade lower than C in any requirements for the major.

This 4-year academic plan is for freshmen entering Queens College in Fall 2024.
Our 4-year academic plans are illustrative examples of integrated degree requirements and course sequencing for each of the College's programs of study which are designed to ensure degree completion in a timely manner. Students are advised to meet with professional and faculty advisors to tailor their degree maps to their individual interests (academic and career goals), as well as other considerations including course offerings and the incorporation of winter and summer sessions. Course pre-requisite/s and co-requisite/s are strictly enforced, as are entrance and maintenance criteria (if applicable) for the successful completion of the degree.

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Freshman

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English Composition I (EC1)	3 credits
Math & Quantitative Reasoning (MQR)	3 credits
World Cultures & Global Issues (WCGI)	3 credits
US Experience in its diversity (USED)	3 credits
Creative expression (CE)	3 credits
Fall total credits	**15 credits**

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English Composition II (EC2)	3 credits
Life and Physical Science (LPS)	4 credits
Individual and Society (IS)	3 credits
Scientific World (SW)	3 credits
ARTS 151 or	3 credits
DESN 188	
VT: Illustration I or Drawing I	
Spring total credits	**16 credits**

Sophomore

FALL

DESN 190	3 credits
Design Foundations	
DESN 191	3 credits
Basic Software for Design	
ARTH 101 or 102 (CE)***	3 credits
Art History I or II	
Design Elective¥	3 credits
Foreign Language (LANG)	4 credits
Fall total credits	**16 credits**

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DESN 241	3 credits
Design I	
DESN 242	3 credits
Typography I	
DESN 222	3 credits
Interaction Design	
DESN 193	3 credits
Motion Graphics 1	
College Option Science (Science)	3 credits
Spring total credits	**15 credits**

¥ Design Elective Courses (24 credits):
Eight of the following courses: DESN 157, ARTS171, DSN 172, 173, 187, 188, 192, 194, 195, 205, 207, 210, 211, 212, 213, 215, 217, 221, 247, 248, 249, 250, 259, 263, 266, 269, 270, 277, 278, 279, 287, 289, 290, 296, 314, 320, 347, 359, 370, 393. Four of the eight electives must be taken from the upper-division courses, DESN 247 or higher.

General Education requirements may be taken in any order if the pre-requisite requirement(s) is/are satisfied.

**If a Literature course is taken with a W, it will count towards Literature and one Writing Intensive Unit.

***ARTH 102 fulfills the Creative Expression requirement.

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Junior

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DESN 245	3 credits
Typography II	
DESN 246	3 credits
Design 2	
ARTH 200-299, MEDST 100, (CE)****	3 credits
101, 144, 146, PHOTO 200 (1 class from list)	
Design Elective¥	3 credits
Design Elective¥	3 credits
Fall total credits	**15 credits**

SPRING

DESN 345	3 credits
Design III	
Design Elective¥	3 credits
Design Elective¥	3 credits
One Writing Intensive Unit (W)	3 credits
Second major, minor, or general electives	3 credits
Spring total credits	**15 credits**

Senior

FALL

DESN 395	3 credits
Senior Capstone	
Design Elective¥	3 credits
Design Elective¥	3 credits
College Option Literature (LIT+W)	3 credits
With Writing Intensive Unit**	
Second major, minor, or general electives	3 credits
Fall total credits	**15 credits**

SPRING

Design elective¥	3 credits
Second major, minor, or general electives	12 credits
Spring total credits	**15 credits**

Students may opt to pursue tracks of study in **Animation, Communication Design, Illustration** or **Interaction Design** by selecting five design electives from the recommended lists. See department for the lists.

****ARTH 220, 256, 258 fulfills the Creative Expression requirement.

Students who elect any of the minors cannot count the same courses or both the design major and the minor. Instead, additional courses must be taken.

*General Electives: Students may complete general electives by taking courses in (most) department/s or programs they choose; however, depending on the course/program, students may need department permission and/or prerequisite course/s. Electives may be used to supplement the chosen major (an English major may want to take a course in French or Italian literature) or to fulfill interest in a different area (a Music major may be interested in the physics of sound). Students are encouraged to use available electives to complete a dual major, minor, pre-requisites for graduate or professional school, or complete and internship, experiential learning and/or study abroad. Students are encouraged to use their available general electives wisely and focus on coursework that will assist them personally, academically and professionally.

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