

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 course work 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

Arts & Sciences Core Courses and New Mexico Common Core (39 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	
C S	110G	Computer Literacy	3

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/L, 111G/L, 211G/L;
CHEM 110G; GEOL 111G; PHYS 110G

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; WS 201G, 202G	

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
	OR	ART 297* Introduction to Art History III	

Concentration area (15 credits) 15

Total Credits Required 69

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

* ART 295, 296, and 297 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 COURSES. Students pursuing the BA degree in Fine Arts will be required to complete 54 credits of upper-division course work which includes 6 credits of *Viewing a Wider World*. ENGL 311G 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, and 156, and a beginning concentration area requirement in their first year.

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

This degree transfers into a Bachelor's of Fine Art from the College of Arts and Science.