

Sample Four-Year Degree Plan  
**B.F.A. GRAPHIC DESIGN**



The State University of New York at Fredonia is committed to doing our part to provide each student a clear path to graduation. This four-year degree plan is a sample map for fulfilling requirements in the major, the College Core Curriculum (CCC), and other supporting courses. The pathway that you take to your degree may differ somewhat from this illustration, depending on where you start and the detours and side trips you may take along the way. If you are committed to completing your degree in four years, we encourage you to consider signing up for the Fredonia in 4 program. For complete information about this degree program, please consult the university catalog at [fredonia.smartcatalogiq.com](http://fredonia.smartcatalogiq.com)

FIRST YEAR					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
Course		Credits	Course		Credits
ART 100	Visual Concepts	3		ARTS 221, 222 or 225	3
ARTS 102	Foundations in 2D Form and Content	3		ARTS 240 or 270	3
ARTS 105	Foundations in Drawing	3	ARTH 101	Art in Culture From Prehistory to 1400	3
ENGL 100	English Composition	3	CCC	Foreign Language	3
CCC	American History	3	CCC	Social Science	3
ART 120	Visiting Artist Program	1	ART 120	Visiting Artist Program	1
		<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>16</b>
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SECOND YEAR					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
Course		Credits	Course		Credits
ARTS 260	Graphic Design I	3	ARTS 261	Graphic Design II	3
ARTS 115	Drawing and Painting I	3	ARTS 365	Typography I	3
ARTH 102	Art in Culture From 1400 to the Present	3		ARTS Major Elective	3
CCC	Mathematics	3	ARTH 371	History of Graphic Design	3
CCC	Natural Science	3	CCC	Other World Civilizations	3
ART 120	Visiting Artist Program	1	ART 120	Visiting Artist Program	1
		<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>16</b>
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THIRD YEAR					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
Course		Credits	Course		Credits
ARTS 360	Graphic Design III	3	ARTS 361	Graphic Design IV	3
ARTS 366	Typography II	3		ARTS 155 or 255	3
	ARTS Studio Elective	3	CCC	Social Science	3
	ARTH Elective	3	CCC	Humanities	3
CCC	Natural Science	3	ART 120	Visiting Artist Program	1
ART 120	Visiting Artist Program	1			
		<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>13</b>
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FOURTH YEAR					
Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
Course		Credits	Course		Credits
ARTS 460	Graphic Design V	3	ARTS 469	Design Realities/Prof Practice	3
ARTS 465	Typography III	3		ARTS Major Elective	3
	ARTS Major Elective	3		ARTS Major Elective	3
	ARTS Major Elective	3		General Elective	3
ART 120	Visiting Artist Program	1	ART 120	Visiting Artist Program	1
			ARTS 400	Senior Seminar	1
		<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>14</b>
					<b>14</b>
					<b>120</b>

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**The B.F.A. Graphic Design** degree provides students with comprehensive practical knowledge of a diverse area of study. While graphic designers are visual communicators, they are also researchers, problem solvers, and, sometimes, artists. Through the synthesis of traditional and contemporary theories and practices students learn the skills and processes needed to communicate visually through today's diverse media channels.

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## Why Pursue the Arts at Fredonia?

Fredonia offers the most comprehensive array of arts degrees in the SUNY system. Furthermore, at Fredonia you'll experience the best of two worlds: training and performance on par with top conservatories and the core academics of a liberal arts institution.

### Conservatory experience enriched by – and enriching – the liberal arts

- On our campus of 4,800 students, 1,000 are majoring in the arts.
- We're all about collaborative artistic endeavors, not only among the arts but with sciences, humanities, education, and business.
- You'll develop your skills and talents, but also your discipline. Almost all of our programs require an audition or portfolio review for admission. Our students are competitive and strive for high achievement, yet are supportive of each other.
- We're fully accredited by the National Arts Accrediting Associations in Music, Theatre, and Art and Design. Music Education degrees – grad and undergrad – are accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).

### Exceptional professors

- Learn from faculty who play, sing, act, compose, choreograph, exhibit, curate, and publish across the country and around the world

### What can you do with a degree in Dance, Music, Theatre, or Visual Arts?

- Perform in all kinds of musical ensembles, theatres, film, and web-based media.
- Design and produce graphics, web pages, photography, and video.
- Design and produce lighting, scenery, costumes, and special effects for stage and screen.



### Thrive in exceptional facilities

Michael C. Rockefeller Arts Center features a 1,100-seat concert hall, proscenium and black box theatres, art galleries and a dance theatre. Expanded and renovated in 2016, RAC includes state-of-the-art sculpture, ceramics, printmaking, drawing and painting studios; animation, illustration, graphic design and theatre design labs; theatre and dance rehearsal studios, and scenic and costume shops. Mason Hall (School of Music) features an acoustically exquisite recital hall, outstanding rehearsal facilities and sound recording studios – plus over 100 individual practice rooms.

### Be inspired by stellar guest artists

Workshops, performances and master classes have been presented by Yo-Yo Ma, Arturo Sandoval, Christo, Judy Kuhn, Rosy Simas, Dawn Upshaw, Jon Lehrer, Albert Paley, and Paul Taylor Dance.

### Performance and exhibition opportunities abound

- **Walter Gloor Mainstage Series** – four full-scale shows annually, including a musical in collaboration with the School of Music
- **Cathy and Jesse Marion Art Gallery** – seven exhibitions annually, including three student shows
- **Hillman Opera** – an annual fully-staged production of the School of Music and Department of Theatre and Dance
- **Fredonia Dance Ensemble** – original dance works choreographed by our faculty and guest artists
- **Performing Arts Company** – a student-run theatre club presents four shows a year
- **Orchesis** – student-run dance ensemble features works by student choreographers
- **Ethos New Music Society** – a student club presenting cutting-edge guest composers and performers

- Work in marketing, arts administration, audience services, promotions, tour management, and casting.
- Pursue graduate study in Arts Therapy, Education, Industrial Design, Animation, Composition, or Performance
- Teach music in K-12 schools in New York State and around the country.
- Apply your arts skills to almost any field. Employers want creativity, teamwork, and confidence.

### Accomplished arts alumni

- **Brian Usifer** – musical director, "Kinky Boots"
- **Amanda Bottoms** – pursuing a Master's at The Juilliard School
- **Jennifer Cody** – Broadway and regional actor
- **Leah Yerpe** – independent visual artist in New York City
- **Kent Knappenberger** – first GRAMMY winner for Music Educator.

You're ready for the challenge.  
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