

This information pertains to students enrolled in the first year of the Graphic Design BFA program at the University of Utah, catalog year 2021–22 or later.

First-year Graphic Design BFA students must apply to advance to the Second-year level of the program.

For advancement, applicants must:

1. Earn a minimum B- in each of the following courses:

- ART 2205 Mapping
- ART 2206 Matrix
- ART 2207 Seeing
- DESGR 1100 Communication Design 1
- DESGR 1600 Typography 1

2. Earn a minimum C+ in three of these Foundations courses:

- ART 2201 Action
- ART 2202 Construct
- ART 2203 Evidence
- ART 2204 Illusion
- ART 2208 Touch

3. Complete the online application and submit a digital portfolio between **MON MAR 28** and **FRI APR 1, 2022**.

Specific instructions and guidelines will be provided on the [Art & Art History Department's Graphic Design page](#) at the beginning of the Spring 2022 semester. This information will also be e-mailed to all First-year Graphic Design majors.

The portfolio must be comprised of a variety of selections from Art Foundations and First-year Graphic Design courses. It is understood that students will likely be in the process of completing the required courses at the time of the review. There is no disadvantage for students who haven't fully completed DESGR 1100, DESGR 1600 or any other required courses at the time of the review. However, students must either be enrolled in these courses at the time of the review, or have already completed them.

Transfer students who have been accepted into the University of Utah may apply. Transcripts of equivalent art/design courses must also be submitted.

Under no circumstances will Graphic Design faculty pre-screen portfolios for students before submission.

Although there are many factors that affect acceptance rates each year, every effort is made to accept students who meet the pre-requisites and clearly exhibit the skills, work ethic, and commitment to succeed in the Graphic Design program.

4. Receive consent to enroll in Second-year courses.

On or before **MON APR 11**, applicants will be notified via Umail confirming whether or not they have been accepted into the Second-year level of the Graphic Design BFA program. Unaccepted students may apply again one more time the following year or later. Unaccepted students are strongly encouraged to continue their studies in the Art BFA major.

Acceptance into the second year of the Graphic Design BFA program is contingent upon a student's final course grades for any required courses.

Application Schedule: Spring 2022

MON JAN 10	Portfolio application instructions and guidelines published
MON MAR 28	Application period starts
FRI APR 1	Application period ends
MON APR 11	Applicants notified

Second-year Review

Near the culmination of their second year, all Graphic Design BFA students undergo a review that determines advancement into the third year of the program. Students are required to submit a portfolio of Second-year work which is evaluated by faculty. Unlike the First-year Advancement portfolio review, this is not an application process. Any student who meets the requisite grades and other criteria (outlined in the Second-year Review policy) may advance to the Third-year level of the program.