

Graphic Design BFA

First Year Advancement

Policy & Schedule 2024

To advance to the second-year level of the program in Fall 2023, first-year Graphic Design majors must apply by portfolio.

Application Schedule: Spring 2024

MON MAR 25	Application period begins
FRI MAR 29	Portfolio applications due by midnight
MON APR 8	Applicants notified

Eligibility

Any declared Graphic Design BFA major may apply for First Year Advancement. However, ***priority consideration will be given to students who have met the following pre-requisites at the culmination of the Spring 2024 semester.***

Earn a minimum B- in all of these courses:

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

Earn a minimum C+ in any three of these courses:

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

Students who are in the process of fulfilling one or two of these required courses during the Spring semester (at the time of application) are encouraged to apply. There is no disadvantage in this situation. However, any student who has not completed a required course—or is not enrolled in it at the time of application—must provide a written explanation with their portfolio.

Transfer students who have been accepted into the University of Utah may apply, but equivalent first-year courses must already be completed, and transcripts must be submitted with the portfolio. Please see the Department of Art & Art History [website](#) for more information about transfer credit.

Acceptance

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.

Although there are many factors that affect acceptance rates each year, every effort is made to accept students who meet the pre-requisites and who demonstrate aptitude, technical skill, creativity, maturity, and responsibility in regard to their studies.

Acceptance into the second year of the Graphic Design BFA program is contingent upon a student's final course grades for any required courses being completed at the time of application. If minimum grades are not met, acceptance may be withdrawn.

Unaccepted students may apply again one more time the following year or later. Since the first-year requirements are similar, unaccepted students are encouraged to consider continuing their studies in the Art BFA major.

All First-year Graphic Design majors should meet regularly with [Academic Advising](#) to make sure they are on track to meet degree requirements.

For questions about the First Year Advancement Policy and timeline, please contact:

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