



TRANSFER GUIDE

UWM @ Waukesha/Washington County to B.F.A. – Art & Design – Peck School of the Arts

Admission Guidelines

Transfer admission is a holistic and selective process, and no single criterion guarantees admission. The following factors are taken into consideration when reviewing applications:

- Demonstrated satisfactory academic progress
- Successful completion of college-level math and English courses
- Total credit hours completed
- Academic standing at your previous institution

If you have fewer than 12 transferable credits, we will also review your high school academic records.

Please keep in mind that some academic programs within the Peck School of the Arts, School of Architecture and Urban Planning, College of Engineering & Applied Science, and College of Nursing may have additional requirements for direct admission into their majors.

We encourage students to utilize this guide to plan their coursework for their first and second semesters. We highly recommend that students who are interested in transferring contact a UWM Transfer Advisor for more information about additional requirements of specific academic programs.

Admission to Art & Design Major Requirements

Submit a portfolio of work to the Peck School of the Arts prior to posted deadline of December 15th. Information about the portfolio requirements and required supplemental application form is located here: arts.uwm.edu/apply. Students must meet the following criteria for entry into the major:

- Completion of the First Year Program courses: ART 101, 106, 108, 109, and 118
- Satisfy Math and English Part A competencies by either testing out or passing ENGLISH 101 and 102 & MATH 105 or 103 with a grade C or better
- Earn a minimum 2.50 cumulative GPA on all coursework

Design & Visual Communication Concentration students must complete the First Year Program courses, earn a B- or better in ART 124, 221, & 223, and must submit their portfolio in the spring only for evaluation by the DVC faculty.

Photography & Imaging students must complete the First Year Program courses, earn a 2.67 cumulative GPA in Photo Curriculum including ART 253 & ART 350, and must submit a portfolio for evaluation by Photo faculty.

The BFA requires 85 credits in the art curriculum and 45 credits of core (UWM) curriculum, 130 credits total. Students pursuing their Bachelor of Fine Arts degree and majoring in Studio Art would study one of the following Concentrations:

- Ceramics
- Design & Visual Communication
- Digital Studio Practice
- Fibers
- Jewelry & Metalsmithing
- Painting & Drawing
- Photography & Imaging
- Print & Narrative Forms
- Sculpture

Transfer Admissions Contact Information

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| | UWM @ Wauk/Wash Co. courses | Cr. | UWM courses |
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| General Education Requirements (GER) | | | |
| Oral and Written Comm Part A (OWCA) | CGS ENG 101 & 102 | -- | ENGLISH 101 & 102 (see gen elect) |
| Oral and Written Comm Part B (OWCB) | | -- | See major |
| Quantitative Literacy Part A (QLA) | CGS MAT 103 or 105 | -- | MATH 103 or 105 (see gen elect) |
| Quantitative Literacy Part B (QLB) | | -- | See major |
| Foreign Language (FL) | Demonstrated competency* | -- | Demonstrated competency* |
| Art | | -- | See major |
| Humanities/Art History Survey (6 credits) | CGS ART 181 | 3 | ARTHIST 101 |
| | CGS ART 183 | 3 | ARTHIST 102 |
| Social Science (6 credits) | Various options** | 3 | Various options** |
| | Various options** | 3 | Various options** |
| Natural Science (6 credits) | Various options** | 3-4 | Various options** |
| (including one lab) | Various options** | 3-4 | Various options** |
| Cultural Diversity | | -- | See major |
| Prerequisites and/or Foundation Courses | | | |
| | 2-3 CGS ART courses per semester recommended | | |
| Drawing I | CGS ART 101 | 3 | ART 101 |
| Art Survey | | 3 | ART 106 (meets GER-Art) |
| 2D Concepts | CGS ART 111 | 3 | ART 108 |
| 3D Concepts | CGS ART 112 | 3 | ART 109 |
| Digital Arts: Culture, Theory, Practice | CGS ART 118 | 3 | ART 118 |
| Major/College Core Courses | | | |
| Advanced Art History | | 6 | Any 2 courses above ARTHIST 102 |
| Arts in PSOA Electives--Choose from 3 different departments outside home dept from approved list on PSOA website (do not utilize GER-Arts list which is a different requirement) | | 9 | Various options |
| Arts in PSOA Electives--Choose 1 course from any area of the PSOA, inside or outside home dept (if outside home dept, utilize approved list on PSOA website, not the GER-Arts list) | | 3 | Various options |
| Major Requirements (Students complete an average of 3 studios per semester at UWM to stay on track with degree progress.) | | | |
| 200-Level Studios | Students may choose 3 credits from CGS ART 102, 121, 131, 141, 154, or 161). CGS ART 175, 187, 212, and 261 are not recommended. | 9 | Students choose from remaining 6 credits of approved studios in consultation with advisor. Some BFA tracks require specific courses. |
| Studio Electives | Students may choose up to 6 credits from CGS ART 102, 121, 131, 141, 154, or 161). CGS ART 187, 212, and 261 are not recommended. | 21-27 | Students choose remaining studios in consultation with advisor. |
| Critical Thinking | | 6 | ART 309 (fulfills Cultural Diversity requirement) & ART 509 (fulfills OWCB requirement) |
| Track Courses (credits depend on major track) | | 24-34 | Varies depending on track |
| Professional Practices (all BFA tracks except DVC) | | 4 | ART 604 (fulfills QLB requirement) & ART 605 Senior Show |
| General Electives | | | |
| Electives outside the PSOA (more than 9 credits will lead to credits in excess of 130) | GER competency requirements (OWCA, QLA, FL), as needed | 9 | |
| Total Credits = minimum 130 | | | |

*Can be satisfied by satisfactory placement exam score or coursework. Foreign language may be met by 2 years of HS study.

**Consult the [Internal Transfer Lookup](#) tool, or discuss GER options with an advisor to see which courses are most appropriate.

Recommended Course Plan

If you are interested in obtaining a degree in Art & Design from UW-Milwaukee, the following recommendations have been established to help you plan your UWM @ Waukesha/Washington County coursework. To make sufficient progress towards your degree and to graduate in a timely manner, you are encouraged to transfer to UWM after 2-semester at a UWM Branch Campus.

Due to the specificity of courses, students interested in Art & Design should only attend a UWM Branch Campus for a maximum of one year. Early interaction with UWM’s course of study is the most effective way of completing degree requirements in a timely manner. It is strongly recommended that you contact an advisor at UWM in the PSOA as soon as possible to discuss transfer options. For more information on course equivalencies, visit the UWM Internal Transfer Lookup tool at <https://web.uwm.edu/registrar/tools/internaltransfer>.

For further assistance, please contact the Peck School of the Arts Advising Office at (414)229-4763.

Concurrent enrollment at both a UWM Branch Campus and the main campus would allow you to take the required courses for your major at UWM while finishing up other course work at Waukesha or Washington County. Consult an advisor to explore your options and to plan a curriculum that fully transitions to UWM and fills prerequisites, General Education Requirement credit, and other program requirements.

| Semester 1 | | |
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| UWM Branch Course | Title | UWM Equivalent |
| CGS ENG 101 | English Composition I | ENGLISH 101 |
| CGS MAT 105 OR 103 | College Algebra or Contemporary Math | MATH 105 MATH 103 |
| CGS ART 101 | Intro to Drawing | ART 101 |
| CGS ART 111 or ART 112 | 2-Dimensional Design or 3-Dimensional Design | ART 108 or ART 109 |
| CGS Art 118 | Digital Imaging & Design | ART 118 |

| Semester 2 | | |
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| UWM Branch Course | Title | UWM Equivalent |
| CGS ENG 102 | English Composition II | ENGLISH 102 |
| CGS ART 111 or CGS ART 112 | 2-Dimensional Design or 3-Dimensional Design | ART 108 or ART 109 |
| CGS ART 121 or other mid-level CGS ART course | Intro to Painting or other mid-level ART coursework | ART 243 or other mid-level ART coursework |
| CGS ART 181 or CGS ART 183 | Survey: Ancient & Medieval Art or Survey: Renaissance-Modern Art | ARTHIST 101 or ARTHIST 102 |
| GER course | GER course | GER course |