

All Bachelor of Fine Arts or Bachelor of Science degree courses may be taken at ArtCenter, or some credits may be transferred from another accredited college. There are two categories of credit that can transfer to ArtCenter—studio art and general education—and at the time of admission we will inform you of your placement in the program and transfer credits offered. Generally, qualifying courses weighted 3+ units are transferred equivalent to a 3-unit course at ArtCenter. A maximum of 60 units of academic and studio credit may be transferred. ArtCenter does not require specific courses to be completed prior to applying/transferring. This information is subject to change without notice.

Portfolio Requirements

The portfolio is the single most important part of the admissions process at ArtCenter College of Design. Please refer to the ArtCenter catalog or website for the portfolio requirements for your proposed major, and meet with an ArtCenter admissions counselor. To schedule an appointment, please call 626-396-2373.

1. Studio Art Credit

Studio credit is based on your portfolio as well as evaluation of your transcripts. For that reason, there are no classes that will automatically transfer. Your portfolio is evaluated at the time of admission for any possible studio credit. We do not provide studio credit based solely on your transcript. Refer to ArtCenter’s website for portfolio requirements for each major. We will determine whether your portfolio demonstrates the same type of content and level as our own required classes. You must have a grade of “B” or better to transfer a studio class. Our goal is to place you at the right level so that you will be properly challenged, but not overly challenged, by our program. Receipt of studio transfer credit is the only means by which to shorten the actual time required to complete the degree. If you need help deciding what studio classes to take to prepare your portfolio, an admissions counselor can suggest those based on reviewing your portfolio. To schedule an appointment, call 626-396-2373.

2. General Education Credit

For the Bachelor of Fine Arts or Bachelor of Science degree, ArtCenter requires 45 units in general education. However each major/program has limitations on the number and type of general education transfer credits that must be completed. Transfer credits fall within four categories or “distribution requirements” as listed in the table below. General education credits do not shorten the total number of terms needed to complete your degree but do lighten your course load within a term or provide room for electives. Glendale Community College classes that are numbered 101 and over and UC/CSU transferable are typically considered for transfer to ArtCenter. ESL and CABOT courses are not transferable.

Within the general education area, classes considered “Electives,” can be transferred with a “C” or better or “Pass,” and more specialized classes called “Program” classes require a “B” or better. Some general education classes can be taken prior to entering ArtCenter; most specialized “Program” or required courses can only be taken at ArtCenter. A class completed for Program credit cannot be double counted for Elective credit. For a full explanation of Elective and Program classes by major, visit ArtCenter.edu/admissions.

GENERAL EDUCATION ELECTIVE DISTRIBUTION REQUIREMENTS BY MAJOR (in units/credits)

UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR	BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE	HUMANITIES	SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY	SOCIAL SCIENCE	+ ANY QUALIFYING CATEGORY	TOTAL
ADVERTISING	3	3	3	3	15	27
ENTERTAINMENT-ANIMATION	3	0	3	3	3	12
ENTERTAINMENT-CONCEPT	3	3	3	3	9	21
ENTERTAINMENT-GAME	3	3	3	3	9	21
ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN	3	3	3	3	6	18
FILM	3	3	3	3	21	33
FINE ART	3	3	3	3	9	21
GRAPHIC DESIGN	3	3	3	3	15	27
ILLUSTRATION	3	3	3	3	21	33
INTERACTION DESIGN	3	3	3	3	6	18
PHOTOGRAPHY & IMAGING	3	3	3	3	15	27
PRODUCT DESIGN	3	3	3	3	6	18
TRANSPORTATION DESIGN	3	3	3	3	6	18

Grade Policy: All required general education or studio program courses must be completed with a grade of “B” or better. General education elective units may be completed with a grade of “C” or better.

Advanced Placement/International Baccalaureate Policy: ArtCenter accepts general education AP exam results of 4 or 5, and IB Higher Level Exam results of 5, 6 or 7. Official reports must be sent directly from College Board or the IB qualified institution in order to receive credit. ArtCenter does not accept AP/IB studio art credit or IB standard level courses.

All transfer credit must be finalized by the end of the student’s first term at ArtCenter. No transfer credit will be accepted for course work done after the student has enrolled in a degree program. It is the student’s responsibility to declare and provide final official transcripts from all colleges attended. Unofficial transcripts will not be considered.

If you have questions regarding our application or portfolio requirements, visit artcenter.edu/admissions. Call 626-396-2373 to schedule an appointment with one of our admissions counselors or to tour the College.

PROGRAM/REQUIRED COURSES and GCC EQUIVALENCIES	
REQUIRED COURSES FOR ALL ART CENTER MAJORS	
COURSE NAME	GCC COURSE OFFERING
WRITING STUDIO One writing course with a grade of “B” or better fulfills the course requirement and waives the writing placement test. <i>Course cannot double-count as a Humanities elective.</i>	ENGL 101, 102 or 104
INTRODUCTION TO MODERNISM One course on the Modernist period (1900-1950) with a grade of “B” or better. <i>Courses cannot double-count as Humanities electives.</i>	ART 107
REQUIRED COURSE FOR FINE ART AND ILLUSTRATION MAJORS ONLY	
COURSE NAME	GCC COURSE OFFERING
HISTORY OF ART 1 or 2 One Art History course with a grade of “B” or better. <i>Course cannot double-count as a Humanities elective.</i>	ART 101, 102, 107

ELECTIVE COURSES and GCC EQUIVALENCIES	
BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL PRACTICES ELECTIVES: Refer to table on page 1 for specific major requirements.	
COURSE TYPE	GCC COURSE OFFERING
Accounting	ACCT 101, 102, 150, 160, 250
Business/Management	BUSAD 101, 106, 110, 113, 115, 120, 125, 131, 134-136, 141, 144, 145, 152, 164, 170, 175, 176, 180, 202
Computer Programming	CSIS 101, 110, 165, 166, 170, 180, 185, 190, 211, 212, 260, 280
Communications	JOUR 101, 250; MCOMM 101, 120
Economics	ECON 101, 102, 110, 111
Marketing	BUSAD 162, 166
Speech	SPCH 100, 101, 103-105, 108, 115, 120

HUMANITIES ELECTIVES: Refer to table on page 1 for specific major requirements.	
COURSE TYPE	GCC COURSE OFFERING
Art History	ART 101-121
Creative Writing	ENGL 103, 112, 212; TART 155
English/Literature	ARMEN 125-127; ENGL 101, 102, 104-111, 117, 122-128; JOUR 102, 103, 104, 107; SPCH 106
Foreign Language	ASL 101-105; ARMEN 101-104, 115-117; CHIN 101, 102; FREN 101-104; ITAL 101-104; JAP 101-104; KOR 101, 102; SPAN 101-104, 115, 124-126, 131
Film History	ART 125; MEDIA 110
History	HIST 101-152

Humanities	HUM 105-120; TART 102
Linguistics	LING 101
Music History	MUSC 120-122, 125, 126, 127
Philosophy/Religion	PHIL 101, 115-123

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY ELECTIVES (Science Lab not required): Refer to table on page 1 for specific major requirements.	
COURSE TYPE	GCC COURSE OFFERING
Astronomy	ASTR 103, 110, 120
Biology	BIOL 101, 102, 112, 115, 120-125, 131, 298
Chemistry	CHEM 101, 102, 105, 106, 110, 120, 121
Cognitive Psychology	PSYC 103
Computer Programming	CSIS 101, 125, 130, 135, 137, 139, 165, 166, 172, 211, 212, 240, 241, 242, 243, 280
Engineering	ENGR 100, 103, 109-112, 117, 125, 131, 152, 180, 298, 299
Geology	GEOG 101-105, 120
Physical Geography	GEOG 101, 103, 106, 107, 110
Math	ARCH 103; MATH 100, 102-112, 133, 135-139
Materials & Processes	MTRP 146
Oceanography	OCEA 115
Physical Anthropology	ANTH 101, 103, 150
Physical Science	PHSC 131
Physics	PHYS 101-106, 110. TED 145
Statistics	MATH 136

SOCIAL SCIENCE ELECTIVES: Refer to table on page 1 for specific major requirements.	
COURSE TYPE	GCC COURSE OFFERING
Cultural Anthropology	ANTH 102, 104, 105
Cultural Geography	GEOG 102
Culture Studies	HUM 101-130, INTERDISC 110; ITAL 130
Ethnic Studies	ETHS 101, 102, 110, 111, 120-125, 132, 164
Political Science	POLS 101-104, 108, 110, 111, 114
Psychology	PSYC 101, 104-106, 110, 111, 113, 115, 131
Sociology	SOCI 101-105, 130, 131, 141

Humanities & Sciences (General Education) Elective Distribution Categories

Business and Professional Practices

Accounting	Economics
Business	Management
Communications	Marketing
Computer Programming	Speech

Humanities

Art History	History
Creative Writing	Humanities
Critical Theory	Literature
Design History	Music History
English	Photography History
Film History	Philosophy
Foreign Languages	Religion

Science and Technology

Anatomy	Geology
Astronomy	Marine Biology
Biochemistry	Math (College-Level)
Biopsychology	Oceanography
Biology	Physics
Chemistry	Physical Anthropology
Cognitive Psychology	Physical Geography
Computer Programming	Sustainability
Ecology	Zoology
Engineering	

Social Science

Cultural Anthropology	Gender Studies
Cultural Geography	Political Science
Culture Studies	Psychology
Ethnic Studies	Sociology