

Limited Admissions Program Course Equivalencies

Effective for all course work completed by applicants in the following terms: Fall 2009, Spring 2010, and Summer 2010

Please see the NIU *Undergraduate Catalog* for specific admission information.

School of Art

www.vpa.niu.edu/art

It is recommended that students majoring in art **transfer to NIU after one year or less at the community college**. Students who enter NIU with an A.A., A.S., A.F.A., or A.A.T. degree should expect to spend an additional 2½ - 4 years at NIU completing their degree, depending upon what courses were completed at the community college; **therefore, transfer after one year (with the following courses completed) is recommended.** It is also strongly recommended that students speak with a representative of the School of Art for more information about the program they wish to pursue. Please call 815-753-7856 to schedule an appointment.

<u>NIU Courses</u>	<u>Lake County Equivalents</u>
ART 100 Drawing Foundation I (3)	ART 124
ART 101 Drawing Foundation II (3)	ART 127
ART 102 2-D Foundation (3)	ART 122
ART 103 3-D Foundation (3)	ART 123 or ART 221

In addition to the above courses, it is recommended that the following courses be completed by all prospective Art majors prior to transfer to NIU:

ARTS 200 Beginning Life Drawing (3)	ART 225
*ARTH 291 Art History Survey I: to ca. 1400 (3)	ART 240
*ARTH 292 Art History Survey II: from ca. 1400 (3)	ART 241

Visual Communication (B.F.A.)

1. Applicants must be admitted to the university and have a **minimum overall GPA of 2.50 on a 4.00 scale** (as calculated by NIU), including transfer courses.
2. Prior to taking ARTD 201 Introduction to Visual Communication, students must have completed the following courses with a **minimum GPA of 2.50 on a 4.00 scale** (as calculated by NIU):
ART 100 Drawing Foundation I (3) and ART 102 2-D Foundation (3)

Art Education (B.S. Ed., Teacher Certification)

Students pursuing this degree will need to:

1. Successfully complete the **Illinois Certification Testing System (ICTS) Basic Skills Test** as soon as possible, preferably prior to Orientation at NIU. This test is a prerequisite to ARTE 342 Introduction to Art Education: Content and Clinical Experience at the Elementary Level (3), one of the first courses taken in this program. For more information about ICTS, visit www.icts.nesinc.com.
2. Complete an **NIU fingerprint-based criminal background check**. For more information about the criminal background check, please visit www.teachercertification.niu.edu.
3. Complete NIU's **EPFE 201** Education as an Agent for Change (3) or **IDSP 211** Educating for Cultural Sensitivity (3).
4. Student must have a **minimum 2.75 GPA** in all NIU and transfer courses to enroll in Art Education courses and must have a minimum 2.50 GPA in all NIU courses to obtain teacher certification.
5. Successfully complete the **Art Education entrance portfolio review** concurrent with enrollment in NIU's ARTE 342. For this review, students must submit studio work and appropriate Art Education materials for evaluation by the Art Education faculty.