

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>Prairie State Equivalents</u> |
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| ART 100 Drawing Foundation I (3) | ART 104 |
| ART 101 Drawing Foundation II (3) | ART 106 |
| ART 102 2-D Foundation (3) | ART 101 |
| ART 103 3-D Foundation (3) | ART 102 |

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:

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| ARTS 200 Beginning Life Drawing (3) | ART 162 |
| *ARTH 291 Art History Survey I: to ca. 1400 (3) | ART 121 |
| *ARTH 292 Art History Survey II: from ca. 1400 (3) | ART 122 |

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.