

State University of New York at New Paltz

This **eight-semester plan** (see [important details](#)) is intended to guide a first-year student through a four-year undergraduate career, with completion of an academic major and all college-wide degree requirements. The plan is designed as an **advising tool** – a starting point for careful discussions between a student and his/her academic adviser. In consultation, the student and adviser will adjust the plan to accommodate the student's prerequisite needs, transferred credits, and other such variables.

Students are responsible for reviewing their [Progress Reports](#) each semester to track their own progress toward degree requirements.

Graphic Design

Year 1

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Course	Credits	Course	Credits
ARS102 Design: Color	3	ARS103 Design: Form (ART)	3
ARS100 Drawing: Visual Thinking I	3	ARS101 Drawing: Visual Thinking II	3
ARS112 Art Seminar	3	ARH201 Art of the Western World I (ART)	3
Gen Ed: Composition (COMP)	3	ARS205 Graphic Design	3
Gen Ed: Social Sciences (SSCI)	3	Gen Ed: Composition (COMP)	3
Total	15	Total	15

Year 2

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Course	Credits	Course	Credits
ARS307 Typography	3	ARS310 Visual Language I	3
ARS306 Visible Systems	3	ARS308 Type & Image	3
ARS230 Basic Digital Photography	3	ARH358/ARH359 20th C Art History	3
ARH202 Art of the Western World II (ART)	3	Gen Ed: Mathematical Inquiry (MATH)	3
Gen Ed: Humanities (HUM)	3	Gen Ed: United States Studies (USST)	3
Total	15	Total	15

Year 3

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Course	Credits	Course	Credits
ARS406 Interaction Design	3	ARS309 Printed Books	3
ARS405 Design Theory and Criticism	3	Gen Ed: Foreign Languages (FLNG)	3
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Gen Ed: Western Civilization (WEST)	3	Upper-division Art History elective	3
Gen Ed: World Civilizations and Cultures (WRLD)	3	ARS404 Graphic Design Application	3
Total	15	Total	15

Year 4

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
Course	Credits	Course	Credits
ARS407 Graphic Design Thesis I	3	ARS408 Graphic Design Thesis II	3
ARS329 Design Research	3	ARS335 Design for the Web	3
Upper-division studio elective (ARS or DDF)	3	Upper-division studio electives (ARS and/or DDF)	6
Gen Ed: Diversity (DIVR)	3	Gen Ed: Natural Sciences (NSCI)	3
Gen Ed: Natural Sciences (NSCI)	3	Total	15
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Total Credits: 120