

KCAI Progression Guidelines

In order to complete a Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) degree, students must complete a total of 126 credits. This is generally comprised of 78 credits in studio course work (foundation, major studio requirements and studio electives), 42 credits in liberal arts course work and 6 credits in open electives. Some majors may vary slightly in distribution of credits.

This progression policy is based on a four-year graduation model, which requires students to maintain full-time enrollment and complete either 15 or 18 credits each semester. Students admitted on a contingency and/or who are unable to pursue this course load must meet with their academic advisor to create an alternative plan, which will allow them to complete their BFA at a different pace, while still aligned with the sequential curriculum.

Foundation/Freshman Requirements (30 credits)	Sophomore Requirements (33 credits)	Junior Requirements (33 credits)	Senior Requirements (30 credits)
Foundation (18)	Major Requirements (12-24)	Major Requirements (12-18)	Major Requirements (12-18)
History of Art I (3)	Studio/Open Electives (6-12)	Studio/Open Electives (6-15)	Studio/Open Electives (6-12)
History of Art II (3)	History of Thought II (3)	Liberal Arts (6-15)	Liberal Arts (6-12)
First Year Seminar (3)	Liberal Arts (6-12)		
History of Thought I (3)			

Class level guidelines follow below. KCAI reserves the right to suspend/dismiss students who do not meet these guidelines. In addition, the satisfactory academic progress (SAP) policy dictates the academic progression required to maintain federal and state financial aid.

Foundation to Sophomore Year: complete 24 of 30 required credits

First semester Foundation students who fail or withdraw from a required course will meet with their academic advisor to create an academic plan.

Second semester Foundation students who fail or withdraw from two or more required courses will meet with their academic advisor to create an academic plan.

In addition:

- Students must pass foundation I and II with grades of C- or better to progress into sophomore major studio. At the discretion of the foundation department chair, students who earn a D or D+ in foundation may be allowed to progress into their sophomore major if the department chair determines the student has demonstrated the necessary skills (students may be required to take additional summer courses).
- Students who do not pass one or more required liberal arts courses will be strongly encouraged to complete these courses the summer between their first and second year so they will be back on track with their cohort and continue to make satisfactory academic progress.

Sophomore to Junior Year: complete 51 of 66 required credits

At the end of their sophomore year, students who have completed fewer than 21 of the required 42 liberal arts credits, and/or have completed fewer than 51 overall credits will meet with their academic advisor to create an academic plan and/or update an already existing plan.

In addition:

- Students with an outstanding required liberal arts course(s) from the foundation year, must complete that requirement their sophomore year.
- Students completing fewer than 21 liberal arts credits and/or 51 overall credits will be strongly encouraged to complete one or more courses the summer between their sophomore and junior year.

Junior to Senior Year: complete 72 of 93 required credits

At the end of their junior year, students who have completed fewer than 30 liberal arts credits and/or 72 overall credits, will meet with their academic advisor to create an academic plan and/or update an already existing plan.

In addition:

- Students completing fewer than 30 liberal arts credits and/or 72 overall credits will be strongly encouraged to complete one or more courses the summer between their junior and senior year.

Senior Year and Degree Completion:

- All students must pass 126 credits to earn their BFA degree. Students who do not complete their degree requirements within 5 years of continuous enrollment, may have their grants and scholarships reduced for additional semesters. (This does not include double majors who may extend their time to degree completion by one semester.)

Transfer Students:

Individual academic plans will be created for each transfer student based on their unique circumstances. In most cases, transfer students will be required to:

- Complete outstanding foundation year courses their first two semesters at KCAI.
- Complete 75% of attempted hours each semester.