

Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree Requirements



PRODUCT DESIGN (78 Studio Hours) as of 2023			
	Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
Freshman Year			
Fall Semester	FOUN 100	Foundation	9
Spring Semester	FOUN 110	Foundation	9
Sophomore Year			
Fall Semester	PDES 201	DesignSpace 1	6
Spring Semester	PDES 210	Prototyping for Designers	3
	PDES 202	DesignSpace 2	6
	PDES 230	Theory & History of Product Design	3
Junior Year			
Fall Semester	PDES 301	DesignSpace 3: Design Research Studio I	3
Spring Semester	PDES 302	DesignSpace 3: Materials Lab	3
	PDES 303	DesignSpace 4: Design Research Studio II	3
	PDES 304	DesignSpace 4: Topical Design Studio	3
	PDES 320	Professional Practice for Designers	3
Senior Year			
Fall Semester	PDES 401	DesignSpace 5: Thesis Research & Development	6
Spring Semester	PDES 410	Interaction Design for Product Applications	3
	PDES 402	DesignSpace 6: Thesis Product Design Studio	9
	PDES 452	Design Entrepreneurship	3
Required Studio Electives or Internships: (2)		Product Design Internship	3
		Any Department Studio Elective or Internship	3

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LIBERAL ARTS REQUIREMENTS (42 Credit Hours)			
LOWER-DIVISION REQUIRED COURSES			
	Course No.	Course Title	Credits
Freshman Year			
Fall Semester	*WRS 1001	Writing Seminar	3
	*AHS 1001	Art Historical Studies I	3
Spring Semester	*CRS 1001	Critical Studies I	3
	*AHS 1002	Art Historical Studies II	3
Sophomore Year			
Fall Semester	CRS 1002	Critical Studies II	3
NOTE:	<i>*These courses are pre-requisites for upper-division courses.</i>		

UPPER-DIVISION REQUIRED COURSES	
<i>*Upper-division courses are to be taken sophomore, junior, senior years.</i>	
Subject Requirement	Credits
Art History	3
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Literature or Creative Writing	3
History	3
Philosophy	3
Social Science or Science	3
UPPER-DIVISION LIBERAL ARTS ELECTIVES	
Course Requirement	Credits
Liberal Arts Elective: LAEL 4000 – Seminar in Entrepreneurial Economics <i>THIS COURSE FOR PRODUCT DESIGN MAJORS ONLY</i>	3
Liberal Arts Elective (choose any Liberal Arts course)	3
NOTE: WITHIN LIBERAL ARTS	
<i>At least one course must be a course in Global/Comparative Studies (G/C)</i>	
<i>At least 15 credit hours (5 courses) must be taken at the 3000/4000 levels</i>	
OPEN ELECTIVES (6 Credit Hours – Studio elective or liberal arts)	
Course Requirement	Credits
Open Elective	3
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B.F.A. TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED: 126

In addition to fulfilling the course/credit requirements, you must also meet the following criteria:

Overall GPA minimum 2.0

Major studio GPA minimum 2.0

Last 30 credit hours must be completed at KCAI

This is a student tool only and does not guarantee degree completion. Please meet with your academic advisor regarding requirements. It is your responsibility to ensure you will complete all requirements by the projected graduation date.

