

VISUAL DESIGN, A.A.

The Associate of Arts degree program in Visual Design is designed for students who are interested in transferring to a 4-year university that specializes in professional design practices like Graphic Design, Multimedia, etc. The academic emphasis of the program is for students to develop creative solutions to solve visual problems by combining research, concept, and production. Visualization, research, as well as proficiency in technology, are all important elements in the education required within the A.A. in Visual Design.

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Program Map

Design Your Future!

Begin by exploring MSJC program maps to find career or transfer (<https://msjc.emsicc.com/?radius=®ion=All%20Regions>) opportunities. Program maps show the recommended course sequence that leads to graduation or transfer. The maps were developed by program experts to give you the skills and knowledge you need to succeed.

- **Starting in Spring?** Choose Fall Semester 1 courses.
- **Are you a part-time student?** Start Fall Semester 1 courses and follow the course sequence.

CSU: General Education Option B

Fall Semester 1		Units
ART-102	Art History: Renaissance to 21st Century (formerly Art History: Renaissance to 20th Century Art)	3
ART-120	2D Design	3
MATH-115	Ideas of Mathematics	3
ENGL-101	College Composition	3
CSCR-100	College Success and Career Readiness	3
Units		15
Spring Semester 1		
ANTH-101	Biological Anthropology	3
ART-125	Introduction to Typography (formerly Graphic Design: Typography)	3
ART-131	Introduction to Digital Art	3
ENGL-103	Critical Thinking and Writing	3
ANTH-111	Biological Anthropology Lab	1
ART-101	Art History: Prehistoric Through Medieval Art	3
ART-595	Typography Practicum (formerly ART-095)	1
Units		17
Fall Semester 2		
ART-123	Graphic Design I	3
PS-101	Introduction to American Government and Politics	3
HIST/ETHS-160	Black History in the American Context	3
HIST-136	Cultural History of American Motion Pictures	3
ART-108	Beginning Drawing	3
Units		15

Spring Semester 2

ENVS-101	Environmental Science	3
ART-122	3D Design	3
HIST-111	U.S. History to 1877	3
ART-299	Special Projects: Art	1
COMM-100	Public Speaking	3
Units		13
Total Units		60

Language Requirement: Some CSU's require the equivalency of an intermediate language proficiency for graduation. Please see a counselor for more detail regarding specific CSU major and graduation requirements.

Requirements

The requirements for this degree may be met by completing all of MSJC's General Education Option B (CSUGE) or Option C (IGETC) requirements.

Additional major preparation or elective courses may be required for transfer to specific institutions, and students transferring to a CSU or UC can refer to ASSIST.ORG (<https://assist.org/>) to review major preparation for specific majors and programs. Please meet with a Counselor for further transfer information.

Course	Title	Credits
MSJC General Education Option B or C (https://catalog.msjc.edu/degrees-certificates-curricula/general-education-transfer-requirements/)		
Required Art Courses		18
Art Electives		6
Electives (as needed to reach 60 units)		
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Required Courses		
ART-101	Art History: Prehistoric Through Medieval Art	3
or ART-101H	Honors Art History: Prehistoric Through Medieval Art	
ART-102	Art History: Renaissance to 21st Century (formerly Art History: Renaissance to 20th Century Art)	3
or ART-102H	Honors Art History: Renaissance to 21st Century (formerly Art History: Renaissance to 20th Century Art)	
ART-108	Beginning Drawing	3
ART-120	2D Design	3
ART-123	Graphic Design I	3
ART-131	Introduction to Digital Art	3
Design Electives		3
ART-125	Introduction to Typography (formerly Graphic Design: Typography)	
Studio Art Electives		3
ART-112	Life Drawing	
ART-121	Color Theory	
ART-141	Illustration	

Career Exploration

Discover information about careers that interest you!

1. Take a **Career Quiz** (<https://msjc.emsicc.com/assessment/>) to learn about yourself and receive career suggestions based on your interests.
2. Search available **in-demand jobs** (<https://msjc.emsicc.com/browse-careers/>) in your career areas of interest and find up-to-date salaries and education requirements.
3. Find the **MSJC Program** (<https://msjc.emsicc.com/browse-programs/>) that connects your interests to a career.

Note: There are no guaranteed positions for students completing these programs. Education and work experience required will vary by employer. The salary and benefits for specific occupations will be dependent on work experience, education, background, and employer.