

B.F.A., Fashion Design

College of Visual Arts and Design Suggested Four-Year Curriculum
2026-2027 • Expires August 2034

Key: ■ UNT Core Requirement ◆ Course required for entry review

Fall Semester: 15 credits
◆ ART 1700: Foundations - Space
◆ ART 1800: Foundations - Narrative & Representation
◆ ADES 1550: Intro to Fashion Design
■ College Math (MATH 1580 recommended)
■ ENGL 1310: First-Year Writing I (or 1311: Honors)

Spring Semester: 15 credits
◆ ART 1600: Foundations - Perception & Translation
◆ ART 1900: Foundations - Systems & Transformations
◆ ADES 1560: Fashion Design Studio 1*
■ ART 2350: Art History Survey I
■ ENGL 1320: First-Year Writing II (or 1321: Honors)
Entry Portfolio Review and Degree Plan at end of semester

Fall Semester: 15 credits
ADES 2550: Fashion Design Studio 2
ADES 2570: Fashion Illustration and Media
MDSE 2650: Textiles for Apparel
■ ART 2360: Art History Survey II
■ Life/Physical Science

Spring Semester: 15 credits
ADES 2555: Fashion Design Studio 3
ADES 2560: Fashion Technology and Prototyping
CVAD Elective (ART, ADES, ARTE, ARTH, ASTU)
■ ART 2370: Art History Survey III
■ Life/Physical Science

Fall Semester: 15 credits
ADES 3550: Fashion: Draping
ADES 3575: Computers in Fashion: Concept to Product
ADES 3565, 4590, 4595, 4700; or ART 4120 **
ADES 3570 Computers in Fashion: Presentation***
■ HIST 2610: U.S. History to 1865 (or 2675: Honors)

Spring Semester: 15 credits
ADES 3560: Technical Design in Fashion
ADES 3555: Fashion Design Studio 4
ADES 3590: Fashion Design Professional Practices
ARTH 4849, ARTH 4850, or MDSE 3350 ****
■ HIST 2620: U.S. History since 1865 (or 2685: Honors)

Fall Semester: 15 credits
ADES 4550: Fashion Pre-Collection
Advanced CVAD Elective (ART, ADES, ARTE, ARTH, ASTU 3000+)
Advanced Elective (any subject, 3000+)
■ Social & Behavioral Sciences
■ PSCI 2305: U.S. Pol. Behavior & Policy (or 2315: Honors)

Spring Semester: 15 credits
ADES 4555: Fashion Collection
Advanced CVAD Elective (ART, ADES, ARTE, ARTH, ASTU 3000+)
Advanced Elective (any subject, 3000+)
■ Core Course (See Academic Advisor)
■ PSCI 2306: U.S. & Texas Const./Inst. (or 2316: Honors)
Total Required Credit Hours: 120

* ADES 1560 and entry portfolio review are offered in spring semesters only.

** Fashion Elective: ADES 3565 Fashion Accessories, ADES 4590 Fashion Design Studio, ADES 4595 Exploration: Fashion Design, or ADES 4700 Professional Internship. Courses are not offered every semester.

*** ADES 3570 is being removed from the curriculum. It is no longer offered and should be replaced with an advanced elective.

**** Fashion History: ARTH 4849 Dress & Fashion in the Early Modern Period, ARTH 4850 Dress & Fashion: Early Modern to Contemporary, or MDSE 3350 History of Fashion

Please refer to the statement regarding "Time to Degree Completion" on page 2.

Graduation Requirements: Students are encouraged to run their [online degree audit](#) regularly to track the completion of all requirements for this degree. Additional graduation requirements include: 42 hours must be advanced; 24 of the 42 advanced hours must be completed at UNT. Must have a 2.0 GPA (UNT & overall) and a 2.5 GPA within the major. **Grades of C or better are required for all CVAD requirements.** Students who do not have an official degree plan on file before the semester they plan to graduate may not apply for graduation.

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Entering students interested in pursuing a major in the Design Department in the College of Visual Arts and Design are classified as pre-majors.

Admission to the Fashion Design major occurs through the following process:

- Have at least a 2.5 GPA on the required CVAD courses and a minimum 2.25 UNT grade point average;
- Complete at least 30 hours of college courses, including ART 1600, 1700, 1800, 1900 and ADES 1550, with a grade of C or better;
- Enroll in and complete ADES 1560 with a grade of C or better;
- Successfully complete the Fashion Design Portfolio Review
 - Details regarding the Fashion Design Portfolio Review requirement and timing are updated annually and are available at the CVAD website (cvad.unt.edu/design/fashion-design-entry-review-portfolio).
 - All subsequent ADES coursework is restricted to those admitted as Fashion Design majors.

Transfer Credit

Students must submit official transcripts of all prior collegiate-level coursework as part of the UNT admissions process. Transfer information is reviewed with the student at Orientation. All students, regardless of academic status, must be admitted to the Fashion Design Program through the Fashion Design Portfolio Review.

Time to Completion

Due to the highly sequenced curriculum, and skill-building nature of coursework, ADES courses cannot be taken concurrently unless otherwise listed as such. This means that, regardless of the required total remaining credit hours, students should anticipate four years (8 fall/spring semesters) to complete the BFA in Fashion Design. ADES courses are not offered in summer semesters.

Students that do not successfully complete review may, upon approval of department, re-review. However, this will delay anticipated time to completion, typically by one year. Likewise, students that fail to successfully complete courses in sequence should anticipate a one-year delay in time to completion.

Please visit the [CVAD website](http://cvad.unt.edu) (cvad.unt.edu) for up-to-date information. Additionally, many common questions are answered on the [CVAD Advising FAQ](#) page.