



Johnson County Community College  
Transfer Program to the University of Kansas  
**School of Architecture & Design**  
**Department of Design**  
**B.F.A. in Design - Illustration**  
**2025-2026 Catalog**

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**\*\*The Illustration degree is a 4-year program from the start of the Foundation studios. Students that transfer with the Foundation studios completed should expect 3 more years to complete their degree at KU. Students that do not have the Foundations year completed at the time of transfer should expect 4 years to complete their degree at KU. All studios are on a Fall/Spring sequence and cannot be taken out of sequence.\*\***

The [Associate of Arts, AA](#) at JCCC is a general transfer degree and partners well with the first two years of most bachelor degree programs. Students pursuing the AA may select courses that satisfy both the AA degree requirements and lower division requirements for a bachelor's degree at four-year institutions. The elective hours within the AA allow students to complete additional general education and lower division courses required for specific majors. The AA degree requires completion of 60 credit hours. Meeting with a [JCCC counselor](#) is strongly recommended for selection of appropriate courses.

- Admission for Transfer Students - Admission to the Department of Design is selective and competitive. Complete the [online application](#), select the School of Architecture and Design, then select your major. This application will serve as your application to KU, the Department of Design and [University scholarships](#). In addition, students must submit a [portfolio](#).
- Student should familiarize themselves with [policies and resources](#) prior to transferring to the Department of Design.
- Requirements - Must have a 3.0+ cumulative GPA from previous institutions, including KU, [Complete online application](#), [Submit official transcripts to the KU Office of Admissions](#), and [Submit portfolio](#).
- Application Deadlines - Spring: **Oct. 1** and Fall: **Feb. 1**
- Transferring credits to KU - Utilize KU's [credit transfer tool](#) to learn more about how your courses may transfer to KU. Please note transfer studio courses with a grade of "C+" or lower will not be accepted by the Department of Design for credit. Transfer general education courses with a grade of "D+" or lower will not be accepted by the Department of Design for credit.
- Admission for International Students - Admission to the Department of Design is selective and competitive. International students should apply through the Office of International Recruitment and Undergraduate Admissions.
- Requirements - Total TOEFL iBT score of 70+ or Total IELTS score of 6.0+, Must have at least a 3.0+ cumulative GPA on a 4.0-point scale, Complete Online Application, and Submit Portfolio
- Portfolio Requirement - All applicants must submit a portfolio to be considered for admission to the Department of Design. Portfolios are submitted online through SlideRoom. Please select "Undergraduate Student - Portfolio Submission" from the directory. For technical support questions while submitting your online application, please contact [SlideRoom](#).

- The online portfolio submission includes the following requirements:
  - Media: Please upload 10-15 images of your strongest creative works. Please title each piece. In the description, include the medium or software used, the size, date of completion, and a brief one to two sentence description. In the case of documented professional or group projects, applicants should indicate personal responsibilities. Your portfolio must include at least two mediums. Examples: sketches, drawings, paintings, ceramics, jewelry, 3-D pieces, logos, branding, publications/yearbook, posters or any art or design-related works. Displaying a variety of work is essential; use your strongest pieces and good judgment.
  - Essay: Why are you interested in studying design, what have you done to prepare, and how do you hope to use your degree? To complete your application, you must provide a response to the prompt. Please limit your response to 200-250 words.
- Students must complete a total of at least 120 credit hours.
- A maximum of 75 hours may be transferred to KU from community colleges. Students should be aware that 45 junior/senior credit hours are required for completion of the bachelor's degree; 30 of those hours must be at KU; and community college courses do not transfer as junior/senior hours.
- A minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA is required for graduation.
- Students transferring to KU, that complete the General Education requirements required for the [Associate of Arts \(AA\)](#), [Associate of Fine Arts \(AFA\)](#) or [Associate of Science \(AS\)](#) degree from JCCC will be considered to have satisfied KU's Core 34 general education curriculum.
- Students who transfer to KU, without completing the General Education requirements required for the [Associate of Arts \(AA\)](#), [Associate of Fine Arts \(AFA\)](#) or [Associate of Science \(AS\)](#) degree will have courses evaluated on a course-by-course basis toward meeting KU requirements. To learn more about courses that satisfy [KU Core 34 Requirements](#) and [KU CredTran](#).
- [KU's Core 34 General Education Guide](#)

**It is the STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY to check for updates to all transfer information. This transfer guide is provided as a service and is updated as needed. Degree requirements at the four-year colleges are subject to change by those institutions. To ensure you have the most accurate up to date information about the program, it is imperative you meet with an advisor at the transfer institution.**

## KU Core 34 & Illustration Requirements

KU Course	Hrs.	JCCC Course	Hrs.	KU Core 34
<b>KU Core 34</b>				
Core 34: English (two courses)	6	<a href="#">See KU Core 34 General Education guide</a>	6	ENG
Core 34: Communications	3	<a href="#">See KU Core 34 General Education guide</a>	3	CMS
Core 34: Math and Statistics	3	<a href="#">See KU Core 34 General Education guide</a>	3	MTS
Core 34: Natural and Physical Sciences	4-5	<a href="#">See KU Core 34 General Education guide</a>	4-5	NPS/NLEC/ NLAB
Core 34: Social and Behavior Science (Select two courses in two different disciplines)	6	<a href="#">See KU Core 34 General Education guide</a>	6	SBS
Core 34: Arts and Humanities (Select two courses in two different disciplines)	3	<a href="#">See KU Core 34 General Education guide</a>	3	AH
HA 150 History of Western Art: Ancient Through Medieval ( <i>Program Requirement</i> ) <b>OR</b>	3	ARTH 180 Art History: Ancient to Medieval	3	
HA 151 History of Western Art: Renaissance to Contemporary ( <i>Program Requirement</i> )	3	ARTH 182 Art History: Renaissance to Modern	3	
Core 34: US Culture – Institutionally Designated	3	<a href="#">See KU Core 34 General Education guide</a>	3	USC
Core 34: Global Culture - Institutionally Designated	3	<a href="#">See KU Core 34 General Education guide</a>	3	GLBC
<b>Program Requirements</b>				
ANIM 200 Introduction to Animation	4	ANI 122 Digital Rendering for Animation	3	Prog. Req
ANIM 121 Drawing for Animation (Major Studio Elective)	4	ANI 125 Introduction to 2D Animation	3	Prog. Req
BDS 101 Design Thinking and Making	4	ART 124 Design 2D	3	Prog. Req
BDS 103 Drawing for Design	4	ART 130 Drawing I	3	Prog. Req
PNTG 263 Painting I	3	ART 135 Painting I	3	Prog. Req
ADS 320 KU Design Professional Lecture Series ( <i>Must be successfully taken 3 times.</i> )	1	ART 199 Fine Arts Symposium ( <i>Must be successfully taken 3 times.</i> )	1	Prog. Req
DRWG 213 Life Drawing I	3	ART 231 Life Drawing I*	3	Prog. Req
ILLU 200 Introduction to Image Making	4	GDES 130 Drawing and Media Methods I*	3	Prog. Req
Major Studio Elective - Any courses offered in Visual Art, including Visual Art (ART), Life Drawing (DRWG), Painting (PNTG), Printmaking (PRNT), Ceramics (CER), Expanded Media (EXM), Sculpture (SCUL), Metalsmithing/Jewelry (METL), Textile Design (TD)	4	Refer to <a href="#">KU CredTran</a> for JCCC equivalent courses.	4	Prog. Req

\* JCCC course has a prerequisite or corequisite.