



Johnson County Community College  
Transfer Program to the University of Kansas  
**School of Architecture & Design**  
**Department of Design**  
**B.F.A. in Design - Visual Communication Design**  
**or Interaction Design**  
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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.

- Visual Communication Design & Interaction Design shape the information that everybody sees, uses and experiences. The Visual Communication Design & Interaction Design programs at KU prepares students for current professional demands and provides students with the fundamental design thinking, making and process skills required to build a rewarding career and facilitate life-long learning. Career options for Visual Communication Design & Interaction Designers include a wide range of areas such as traditional print media, magazine and book design, corporate marketing communications, branding, packaging design, exhibition and environmental design, motion graphic design, website design, interface design and more.
- 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 have a 3.0+ cumulative GPA from previous institutions, submit official transcripts to the KU Office of Admissions, and submit a [portfolio](#).
- Students should familiarize themselves with [policies and resources](#) prior to transferring to the Department of Design.
- 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 - International students should apply through the Office of International Recruitment and Undergraduate Admissions. Visit the [English proficiency requirements](#) for more information.
- 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. At least 45 of those credit hours must be in "junior/senior-level courses," which are numbered 300 and above. Credit for classes taken at JCCC cannot count toward Jr/Sr hours. At least 30 credit hours must be in residence to receive a degree from the department and KU.
- 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](#).
- Visit the [KU's Core 34 General Education Guide](#) for more information.

**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.**

## Visual Communication Design or Interaction Design Requirements

KU Course	Hrs.	JCCC Course	Hrs.	KU Core 34
<b>KU Core 34</b> – Department of Design recommends students complete 5 of the required core classes before transferring to KU to remain on track to graduate.				
Core 34: English (two courses)	6	Visit the <a href="#">KU Core 34 General Education guide</a> for JCCC equivalents.	6	ENG
Core 34: Communications	3	Visit the <a href="#">KU Core 34 General Education guide</a> for JCCC equivalents.	3	CMS
Core 34: Math and Statistics	3	Visit the <a href="#">KU Core 34 General Education guide</a> for JCCC equivalents.	3	MTS
Core 34: Natural and Physical Sciences	4-5	Visit the <a href="#">KU Core 34 General Education guide</a> for JCCC equivalents.	4-5	NPS/NLEC/ NLAB
Core 34: Social and Behavior Science (Select two courses in two different disciplines)	6	Visit the <a href="#">KU Core 34 General Education guide</a> for JCCC equivalents.	6	SBS
Core 34: Arts and Humanities (Select two courses in two different disciplines) HA 150 History of Western Art: Ancient Through Medieval ( <i>Program Requirement</i> ) <b>OR</b> HA 151 History of Western Art: Renaissance to Contemporary+ ( <i>Program Requirement</i> )	3 3 3	Visit the <a href="#">KU Core 34 General Education guide</a> for JCCC equivalents. ARTH 180 Art History: Ancient to Medieval  <b>OR</b> ARTH 182 Art History: Renaissance to Modern	3 3 3	AH
Core 34: US Culture – Institutionally Designated	3	Visit the <a href="#">KU Core 34 General Education guide</a> for JCCC equivalents.	3	USC
Core 34: Global Culture - Institutionally Designated	3	Visit the <a href="#">KU Core 34 General Education guide</a> for JCCC equivalents.	3	GLBC
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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
ADS 320 KU Design Symposium ( <i>Must be successfully taken 7 times.</i> )	1	ART 199 Fine Arts Symposium ( <i>Must be successfully taken 7 times.</i> )	1	Prog. Req
Two (2) Electives (ADS, IXD, VISC)	8	See <a href="#">KU CredTran</a> for JCCC equivalent. Any two (2) elective courses from <a href="#">ART</a> , <a href="#">ANI</a> , or <a href="#">GDES</a>	8	Prog. Req
IXD 101 Introduction to Digital Design	4	WEB 126 Technical Interface Skills*	3	Prog. Req
IXD 302 Fundamentals in UI/UX Design	3	WEB 231 User Experience*^	4	Prog. Req
VISC 101 Introduction to Visual Communication Design	4	GDES 134 Layout Design*	3	Prog. Req

\* JCCC course has a prerequisite or corequisite.

+This course is a [Recommended](#) Core 34: Systemwide General Education course. This specific course is not required but is recommended by the program's faculty.

^ WEB 231/IXD 302 is not a requirement in the first year of the program but will transfer to fulfill a program requirement.