Advising Road Map

Major:	BA Design Studies
Concentration in:	Graphic Design
Total Units to Degree:	120
AcademicYear:	2025–2026

The following road map is an advising tool that outlines a path of courses a student can take to complete requirements for graduation. This roadmap should be used in consultation with the catalog and your department to identify additional requirements for completing the major (for example course grade minimums). Students must have 60+ units in order to take SJSU Studies courses.

Fall Semester- Year 1

Course or Requirement	Units
ANI 11	3
DSGD 83	3
DSGN 44HA	3
GE Area 1C	3
GE Area 5A ***	3

Total Semester Units:

Fall Semester-Year 2

Course or Requirement Units

DSGD 100 (BFA GD Portfolio Review I)	3
DsGD 109	3
ARTH 72 - Design in Society*	3
GE Area 4	3
GE Area 2	3
Complete the Upper Division Writing - Directed Self Placement	
Total Semester Units:	15

Fall Semester- Year 3

Course or Requirement	Units
DSGN 100W (Area Z)	3
Approved Lower Division Design Elective	3
Approved Lower Division Design Elective	3
University Elective - Lower Division	3
Physical Education	1
Total Semester Units:	13

Fall Semester-Year 4

Course or Requirement	Units
DSGD 111	3
Upper Division GE Area 4	3
University Elective - Upper Division	3
University Elective - Upper Division	3
Physical Education	1
Total Semester Units:	13

Spring Semester- Year 1

Course or Requirement	Units
DSGD 63	3
DSGD 100A	3
GE Area 3B	3
GE Area 1A	3
GE Area 5B ***	3
GE Area 5C	1
Total Semester Units:	16

Spring Semester-Year 2

Course or Requirement	Units
DSGD 104 (BFA GD Portfolio Review II)	3
GE Area 3A - ARTH 70 A, B, or C	3
GE Area 1B	3
GE Area 4	3
GE Area 6	3
Total Semester Units:	15

Spring Semester- Year 3

Course or Requirement	Units
DSGD 176A	3
Approved Upper Division Design Elective	3
Approved Upper Division Design Elective	3
Upper Division GE Area 2 or 5	3
H&A Elective - Upper Division	3
Total Semester Units:	15

Spring Semester-Year 4

Course or Requirement	Units
DSGN 197	3
Upper Division GE Area 3	3
University Elective - Lower or Upper Division	3
University Elective - Lower or Upper Division	3
University Elective - Lower or Upper Division	3
Total Semester Units:	15

48 units of degree requirements + 43 units of GE + 2 units of PE + 3 units of H&A college requirements + 3 units of H&A UD Electives + 21 units of University Electives = 120 units

- * Courses are 50% in Common Requirements for the Major (24 units across the four programs).
- ** Courses are "Area of Specialization" (12 units per program).
- *** Either 5A or 5B must be taken with a 5C Laboratory

[^] Courses are "Design Electives" (12 units). See the departmental advisor-approved design electives list at the Design Office (ART 120).