

Visual Communication and Digital Media Arts (VCDMA) FAQ and helpful information.

Please review and understand (follow) the VCDMA program requirements. Save/bookmark and see the website, advisement checklists, and BSU undergraduate catalog.

- Meet with your VCDMA advisor for your concentration each semester and before classes end (April & November) usually and as needed
- Meet with the coordinator for a transfer portfolio review (if a transfer student)
- Gather work from the previous institution for a transfer portfolio review/meeting with me (later and ASAP) - If a transfer student
- Transfer students must pass the portfolio review and assessment within 1 year of coming to BSU (VCDM 219)
- Must pass all foundation and lower-level courses in ART/VCDM(A) and the VCDM 219 Portfolio Review by Sophomore year
- Must maintain a 2.0 GPA or higher to remain in the VCDMA program
- Must earn a "C" or better in all major courses. This includes all ART, COMM, THEA, ENGL, MKTG, MGMT, MUSC, and VCDM courses for your major/concentration
- Take courses in order/sequence and pass the prerequisites in order; take 100/200 level and foundation courses first and then move up to 300/400
- Use and follow the [advisement checklist \(4-year plan\)](#) for your concentration
- Know and understand your [undergraduate catalog](#) for the year you came to BSU
- Keep all artwork from all classes (ART/VCDM) in a [professional portfolio](#) until you graduate
- You must take or transfer 12 credits: (4) four courses in ART/VCDMA (A) history, visual culture, etc.
- You must take/pass a min. of 15 credits per semester (30 credits per year) and should take advantage of Winter/Summer classes if possible; so you can graduate in (4) four years
- You must take/pass (2) two courses in MUSC (3 credits each, a total of 6 credits)
- You must take/pass (2) two courses in THEA (3 credits each, a total of 6 credits)
- You must take/pass [VCDM 219 Portfolio and Review and Assessment I and VCDM 419 Portfolio Review and Assessment II](#) to graduate
- Portfolio reviews (219 & 419), [Senior Show](#), Internship (491) - all must be approved by VCDMA faculty
- Senior thesis body of work must be approved, reviewed, and completed (1) one semester before you graduate
- Must be approved for and complete [\(1\) one internship](#) and take VCDM 491 in your senior year and have passed 24 or more upper-level (300/400 courses in major and concentration); and VCDM 219 and must be in your senior year
- The last 35 credits must be here at BSU and must be 300/400-level courses
- Check/use your BSU email and often

- If a class is closed or asks for a permission code, do not give up. Please contact the instructor and cc me; codes and permission are dependent upon space and the instructor let your advisor know and check back often

Please see/bookmark and follow:

VCDMA Program Requirements: <https://www.bowiestate.edu/academics/colleges/college-of-arts-and-sciences/departments/fine-and-performing-arts/undergraduate-programs/vcdma-major/program-requirements/index.php>

VCDMA/DFPA Advisors: <https://bowiestate.edu/academics/colleges/college-of-arts-and-sciences/departments/fine-and-performing-arts/faculty/>

VCDMA Advisement Video: <https://vimeo.com/538078844>

BSU Undergraduate Catalog: <https://catalog.bowiestate.edu/index.php?catoid=17>

VCDMA on IG: <https://www.instagram.com/vcdma/>

How to register for classes in Bulldog and add permission codes/numbers:

<https://bowiestate.edu/about/administration-and-governance/division-of-academic-affairs/academic-advisement-center/freshman-registration-instructions.pdf>

<https://www.bowiestate.edu/about/administration-and-governance/division-of-academic-affairs/academic-advisement-center/registering-for-classes.php>

<https://bowiestate.edu/files/resources/how-to-register-for-class--registrars-office.pdf> (how to add permission codes/numbers, see this and page 4)