

The Arts Studio Associates at UNM-Valencia provides students with the first two years of study toward a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts (BFA) at UNM-Albuquerque. Courses and course sequences are designed to encourage students to discover art principles and develop their creativity in such subjects as drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpture, photography, and electronic media. Students also study art to broaden their cultural background and enhance their general education. The first level of courses is designed for beginning students with little or no experience in fine arts.

Fall		Course	Credits
		MATH 1215: Intermediate Algebra	3
		ENGL 1110: Composition I	3
		ARTS 1220: Art Practices I	3
		ARTS: 1610: Drawing I	3
Spring		Course	Credits
		ENGL 1120: Composition II	3
		ARTS 1230: Art Practices II	3
		Gen Ed Physical and Natural Sciences Course: Choose a course plus lab	4
		Gen Ed Mathematics and Statistics Course: Choose a course	3
Summer		Course	Credits
		ARTS 1410: Introduction to Photography	3
		PSYC 110: Intro to Psychology <u>OR</u> SOCI 1110: Intro to Sociology	3
Fall		Course	Credits
		ARTH 2110: History of Art I	3
		ALBS 2110: Business of Being and Artist	3
		ENGL 2120: Intermediate Composition <u>OR</u> PHIL 1120: Logic, Reasoning and Critical Thinking	3
		Gen Ed Second Language Course: Choose a course	3
Spring		Course	Credits
		ARTS 2996: Topics: Capstone - Creating a Portfolio	3
		ARTH 2120: History of Art II	3
		Program Elective: Choose one course:	3
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARTS 2410 (3) • ARTS 1310 (3) • ARTS 1710 (3) • ARTS 2522 (3) • ARTS 1630 (3) • ARTS 1510 (3) • ARTS 2523 (3) • ARTS 2996 (3) 	
		ARTS 1840: Sculpture I	3
Summer		Course	Credits
		Gen Ed Student Choice: Choose a Gen Ed course	3
		Gen Ed Humanities: Choose a course	3

Total Program Credit Hours = 61



Associate of Arts: Art Studio

This is intended to be a transfer program. This degree provides students with the courses necessary for completion of the first two years toward a Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) degree at UNM and most other four-year institutions. Information on UNM’s College of Fine Arts can be accessed here. Fine Art students often go on to pursue careers in design, animation, curacy, archiving, teaching, photography, or art direction to name a few. The successful student works on building a portfolio and having their work displayed in galleries or shows. Study Abroad programs and artist mentorships are excellent work-based learning opportunities for Art students.



New Mexico data taken from [O*Net Online](#) United States Department of Labor database. Wages reflect annual income and are rounded to the nearest thousand dollars.

= slow growth
 = average
 = fast growth

For questions or to schedule a time to meet with an Advisor/Academic Success Coach about this program contact: Advisement at 505.925-8907. Map Current as of the 2025-2026 Academic Year.