

# CaLArTS

## ACADEMIC ADVISING

Welcome to New Student Advising Day 2017!

We are so glad that you have made it to campus today, and look forward to learning more about your personal and artistic goals over the next few years.

Hopefully today's event will provide you with details on what to expect from your academic coursework while at CalArts, but if you ever have any questions, please feel free to contact us, as we are here to help!

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### ***BFA Critical Studies Requirements***

You'll need a total of 46 Critical Studies credits in order to graduate. This includes your Core (Critical/Intellectual Skills, Humanities, Social Science, Math/Science, and Cultural Studies), Foundation, Residency, plus any additional Elective courses needed to reach the 46 credit minimum.

Below is a list of how many Critical Studies credits you need at the end of each semester, so you remain on track to graduate, and are not placed on Academic Warning. During your BFA1 year, you should have 5 credits of Critical Studies every semester, then 6 credits of Critical Studies per semester during your BFA2, 3, and 4 years.

- End of First Year (BFA1-2) 10 units
- End of Second Year (BFA2-2) 22 units
- End of First Semester, Third Year (BFA3-1) 28 units
- End of Second Semester, Third Year (BFA3-2) 34 units
- End of First Semester, Fourth Year (BFA4-1) 40 units
- End of Second Semester, Fourth Year (BFA4-2) 46 units

### ***Transfer Guide (See Back of Sheet)***

While enrolled at CalArts, you are able to take classes outside of the Institute, either during the semester, or in the summertime. This is usually very helpful for students if they need to catchup on Critical Studies, or for others, to get ahead. Getting ahead in Critical Studies can make your semester much less stressful and more productive.

**California Institute of the Arts  
Critical Studies Transfer Credit Guide**

CalArts has developed the following transfer guide to assist students in choosing courses from institutions outside of CalArts, which may be considered for transfer into the Critical Studies area of a Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA).

<b>Breadth Requirements</b>	
<b>Critical Studies – complete one course from each area</b>	
<b>Critical Studies</b>	<b>Subject Area</b>
<b>Humanities (HMN)</b>	English-Literature, English-Critical Thinking, Ethics, Humanities (Intro to Humanities, Humanities through the Arts), Philosophy, Poetry
<b>Social Science (SOC)</b>	Anthropology, Archaeology, Geography, U.S. History, European History, World History, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology
<b>Science and Math (SCM)</b>	Analytic Geometry and Calculus, College Algebra, Statistics, Astronomy, Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Geology, Physical Science, Physics
<b>Cultural Studies (CST)</b>	Cultural Anthropology, Gender Studies, Intercultural Communications, Ethnic Studies (Latino/a, Chinese, African American, etc.)
<b>Optional Critical Studies Breadth Courses</b>	
*These courses are not required; however, courses from these subject areas can be applied to Critical Studies.	
<b>Critical Studies</b>	<b>Subject Area</b>
<b>*Arts in Context (AIC)</b>	History/Survey/Intro/Appreciation of any Visual or Performing Art
<b>*Computing and Research (COM)</b>	Computer Science, Programing
<b>Creative Writing (CRW)</b>	English Composition (Freshman Composition, College Writing), Critical Analysis & Composition , Creative Writing, Journalism, Short Story, Screen Writing
<b>Critical Studies Electives</b>	
A total of 46 Critical Studies units required (8 units must be completed in residence at CalArts). After completing courses in the above areas students will need elective units to meet the 46 unit requirement.	
<b>Critical Studies Elective Credit</b>	<b>Subject Area</b>
<b>Economics</b>	Microeconomics, Macroeconomics
<b>Foreign Language</b>	College Level Foreign Language, Sign Language
<b>Speech/Communication</b>	Public Speaking, Family Communication, Group Communication, Interpersonal Communication
* Courses from any of the Breadth areas above can also be applied to the elective area.	
* CSU and/or UC Transferable courses from a California Community College are eligible for transfer upon review by the Office of the Registrar.	