

# Model Programs of Study Guide: Arts & Communications

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NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

## ORIENTATION / INTRODUCTION Grades 9-10 | SKILL DEVELOPMENT Grades 10-12 | CAPSTONE / ADVANCED Grades 12 | POSTSECONDARY COURSES Recommended 1st Year

CAREER FOCUSED COURSES	ORIENTATION / INTRODUCTION Grades 9-10	SKILL DEVELOPMENT Grades 10-12	CAPSTONE / ADVANCED Grades 12	POSTSECONDARY COURSES Recommended 1st Year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fine Arts &amp; Design</li> <li>Performing Arts</li> <li>Mass Media &amp; Communication</li> </ul>	Beginning Digital Graphics or Beginning Graphic Communication	Drawing I or AP Drawing Intro to Digital Design or Digital Graphics	2-Dimensional Design or AP 2-D Art & Design Graphic Communications I & II	Drawing II 3-Dimensional Design Graphic Design I
	Introduction to Performing Arts	Stagecraft	Acting I or Art, Music, Dance, Film, or Theater Appreciation	Acting II or Performance of Literature
	Beginning Audio/Visual Production or Production Technology	Introduction to Media and Communication Arts/Mass Communication or Audio/Visual Production I & II	Introduction to Broadcasting or Multimedia Production	Introduction to Audio Production Writing for Multimedia Interpersonal Communication

Courses and Work-Based Learning Address the PWR Act Recommended Technical and Essential Employability Competencies

WORK-BASED LEARNING	ORIENTATION / INTRODUCTION Grades 9-10	SKILL DEVELOPMENT Grades 10-12	CAPSTONE / ADVANCED Grades 12	POSTSECONDARY COURSES Recommended 1st Year
	Career Exploration (2) Team-Based Challenge	Team-Based Challenge Career Development Experience or Youth Apprenticeship	Team-Based Challenge Career Development Experience or Apprenticeship	

\* May be offered through Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) including Business Professionals of America (BPA), Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), SkillsUSA Illinois, and Technology Student Association (TSA)

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SCIENCE	Science Sequence	Science Sequence	Science Sequence	Science Sequence
SOCIAL SCIENCE	Social Science Sequence	Social Science Sequence	AP Art History	Art Appreciation
MATH	Algebra or Geometry	Geometry or Algebra 2 or Pre-Calculus	Transitional Math: Quantitative Literacy Statistics or Pre-Calculus or Calculus or General Education Statistics	General Education Statistics
ENGLISH	English Sequence	English Sequence Oral Communication	AP Language & Composition or English Composition I & II	English Composition I & II
ELECTIVES	Business & Technology Concepts Foundations to Teaching	Entrepreneurship Intro to Education / Educational Methodology	Introduction to Website Development Diversity in Education Business Management / Intro to Marketing	Introduction to Website Development Entrepreneurship Introduction to Education

## POSTSECONDARY OPTIONS



## SELECTED OCCUPATIONS, WAGES, & JOB GROWTH

Program	Typical Job	Near or Above Living Wage Threshold for 1 Adult + 1 Child <sup>1</sup>	Median Hourly Wage <sup>2</sup>	Growth in IL: Annual Job Openings <sup>2</sup>	Growth in IL: % Change Over 10 years <sup>2</sup>	Stackable?
1 Fine Arts & Design	Commercial & Industrial Designer	Y	\$30.18	170	4%	Typically Stacks to Bachelor's Program  AFA and AAS Degrees Typically Stack to Related Bachelor's Program at Select Illinois Universities
	Fine Artists, Sculptors & Illustrators	N	\$20.43	50	3%	
	Multimedia Artists and Animators	Y	\$29.74	190	3%	
	Graphic Designers	Y	\$26.10	1,130	6%	
2 Performing Arts	Interior Designers	Y	\$24.17	270	4%	
	Producers & Directors	Y	\$29.37	360	12%	
	Musicians & Singers	Y	\$32.29	510	2%	
	Music Directors & Composers	N	\$18.18	250	1%	
3 Mass Media & Communication	Dancers & Choreographers	N	\$17.15-\$24.97	2,400	1%	
	Broadcast News Analysts	Y	\$24.51	30	0%	
	Public Relations Specialist	Y	\$27.43	960	7%	
	Producers	Y	\$29.37	360	12%	
	Film and Video Editors	Y	\$30.69	50	13%	
	Sound Engineering Technicians	Y	\$26.89	40	5%	
	Photographer	N	\$16.31	26	18%	

1. Living wage calculations are based on: Glasmeier, Amy K. Living Wage Calculator. 2020. Massachusetts Institute of Technology. [livingwage.mit.edu](https://livingwage.mit.edu). As of January 2021 for the state of Illinois, the "Living Wage" for 1 Adult + 1 Child equaled \$26.27/hour and "near," defined as 85% of that statewide living wage, was \$22.33/hour. In March of 2021, the Living Wage calculator updated its calculations for Illinois, but information presented in this guide reflects the wage levels as of January 2021, when the project team conducted its analysis.

2. U.S. Department of Labor, CareerOnestop ([careeronestop.org/explorecareers](https://careeronestop.org/explorecareers)), Illinois Department of Employment Security Virtual Labor Market Information ([www2.illinois.gov/ides](https://www2.illinois.gov/ides))

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 Postsecondary Course Affiliated with IAI Code  
 College and Career Pathway Endorsement Earned  
 If courses in this column were accomplished through early college credit, students should take the next required course in the sequence or, if none, additional AAS or Major Courses