ILLUSTRATION (B.F.A.)

The **B.F.A. in Illustration** program is housed in the Department of Art and Design (https://www.montclair.edu/art-and-design/) and is most suited for students who are skilled in painting and drawing and wish to pursue a career in communication arts. This rigorous program expands students' skill sets in conceptualization, visual narrative, world-building, and visual problem solving. Course sequencing prepares students for industries including publishing and pre-production development while building a professional network in both the classroom and community partners. Students will complete the program with an advanced portfolio, marketing and promotion skill sets, and a resource of networks to build a professional career as an illustrator.

Students must pass a portfolio review to enter into the program, and then complete 120 credits of coursework with a minimum 2.0 overall GPA, and a minimum of 2.0 major GPA. Approximately 65% of the program is based on studies in illustration, supportive courses in art and design, and studies in related art histories. The remaining coursework is dedicated to general education topics, providing students with the opportunity to immerse themselves in their chosen field of study while also experiencing a wide array of knowledge offered by the university's diverse academic community. For more information please visit Illustration (BFA). (https://www.montclair.edu/art-and-design/academic-programs/illustration-bfa/)

Degree Requirements Overview

Code	Title	Credits
SEEDS General Education Requirements		21-24
New Student Seminar		1
Major Requirements		80
Free Electives		18-15
Total Credits		**120**

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Major Core		
ARFD 100	Perceptual Drawing	3
ARFD 101	Surface	3
ARFD 124	Figure Drawing	3
VIST 102	Visual Culture	3
VIST 105	Global Foundations in Art and Visual Culture	3
or VIST 106	Modern Visions 1400-1945	
VIST 109	Special Topics in Global Art Cultures	3
or ARTX 201	Culture and Appearance	
ARIL 101	Introduction to Illustration	3
ARIL 103	Acrylic Painting for Illustration	3
ARIL 200	Digital Painting 1	3
ARIL 223	World-building for Fantasy Illustration	3
ARIL 261	Character Design	3
VIST 282	History of Illustration	3
ARIL 300	Digital Painting 2	3
VIST 306	Critical Design Studies	3
ARIL 315	Mixed Media Concepts	4
ARIL 323	Text and Image	3
COED 401	Cooperative Education Experience I	3

Code	Title	Credits
ARIL 422	Thesis Project	4
ARIL 430	Advanced Illustration	3
ARIL 450	Professional Practice in Illustration	3
Major Elective Track		
Complete one track. See lists below.		18
Total Credits		**80**

Major Elective Tracks

Pre-Production Design Track

Code	Title	Credits
ARIL 203	Watercolor for Illustration	3
ARIL 262	Illustration and Motion 1	3
ARST 309	Art and Games	3
or ARGS 260	Special Topics in Art and Design	
ARIL 364	Visual Development	3
ARIL 370	Illustration and Motion 2	3
ARIL 402	Illustrating for Community Partners	3
Total Credits		**18**

Publishing Track

Code	Title	Credits
ARIL 203	Watercolor for Illustration	3
ARIL 205	Pen and Ink for Illustration	3
ARST 303	Creating Graphic Novels	3
or ARIL 312	Products and Zines for Conventions	
ARIL 311	Comics	3
ARIL 314	Children's Book	3
ARIL 401	Editorial Illustration	3
Total Credits		**18**

Interdisciplinary Track

Code	Title	Credits
ARIL 203	Watercolor for Illustration	3
or ARIL 205	Pen and Ink for Illustration	
ARIL 253	The Art of Caricature	3
or ARIL 262	Illustration and Motion 1	
ARIL 401	Editorial Illustration	3
or ARIL 402	Illustrating for Community Partners	
Complete three courses:		9
ARIL 311	Comics	
ARIL 314	Children's Book	
ARIL 345	Art Licensing	
ARIL 364	Visual Development	
Total Credits		**18**

New Student Seminar

Code	Title	Credits
Students in the Adult Learner program must take GNED 100.		
Complete one course from the following. Some courses may be restricted by major. Consult with an academic advisor.		1
ADVS 198	Pathways to Success	
CHEM 190	Freshman Seminar in Chemistry	
FYS 100	First Year Seminar	

GNED 100	Adult Academic Success Seminar
GNED 199	New Student Seminar
HPEM 199	Freshman Seminar in Health and Physical Education
IDS 155	Pathways to Adult Learning
JUST 199	New Student Seminar
MATH 102	New Student Experience for Mathematical Sciences
MUGN 199	Freshman Seminar for Music Majors
NURS 199	Introduction to Nursing
POLS 199	Freshman Seminar in Political Science and Law

SEEDS General Education Requirements

Click here for a list of courses that fulfill the SEEDS requirements. (http://catalog.montclair.edu/programs/seeds-general-education-requirements/)

Code	Title	Credits
Foundations		
Effective Writing I		
Complete one Effective Writing I course.		3
Effective Writing II		
Complete one Effective Writing II course.		3
Interactive Communication		
Complete one Interactive Communication course.		3
Quantitative Reasoning		
Complete one Quantitative Reasoning course.		3
Political and Civic Life		
Complete one Political and Civic Life course.		3
World Language		
Complete two sequential classes in one World Language when starting at the Beginner I or Beginner II level. Complete one class when starting at the Intermediate/Advanced Level.		3-6
Exploration		
Complete one course from four different Exploration categories		3
Analyzing Cultures and Societies		
Fulfilled by VIST 109 or ARTX 201 in the major.		
Creative Expression		
Fulfilled by ARFD 100 in the major.		
Ethical Inquiry		
Historical Thinking		
Literary and Artistic Analysis		
Fulfilled by VIST 106 or VIST 106 in the major.		
Scientific Reasoning		
Total Credits		**21-24**

Recommended Roadmap to Degree Completion

This recommended degree plan is provided as an outline for students to follow in order to complete their degree requirements within four years and 120 credits. This plan is a recommendation and MUST be used in consultation with their academic advisor. Important note: Students should be aware this plan assumes no pre-requisite coursework is required. If pre-requisite coursework is needed, students may have additional requirements to fulfill which do not appear on the plan.

Pre-Production Design Track

First Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
New Student Seminar	1	SEEDS: Effective Writing II	3
SEEDS: Effective Writing I	3	VIST 102	3
SEEDS: Quantitative Reasoning	3	ARFD 124	3
ARFD 100 (Fulfills SEEDS: Exploration – Creative Expression)	3	ARIL 101	3
ARFD 101	3	ARIL 103	3
VIST 105 or 106 (Fulfills SEEDS: Exploration – Literary and Artistic Analysis)	3		
	16		**15**

Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
SEEDS: World Language I	3	SEEDS: World Language II	3
VIST 109 or ARTX 201 (Fulfills SEEDS: Exploration – Analyzing Cultures and Societies)	3	VIST 282	3
ARIL 200	3	ARIL 300	3
ARIL 262	3	ARIL 261	3
ARIL 203 or 205	3	ARIL 223	3
	15		**15**

Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
SEEDS: Interactive Communication	3	ARST 309 or ARGS 260	3
VIST 306	3	ARIL 315	4
ARIL 364	3	ARIL 323	3
ARIL 370	3	COED 401	3
Free Elective	3	Free Elective	3
	15		**16**

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
SEEDS: Exploration	3	SEEDS: Political and Civic Life	3
ARIL 422	4	ARIL 402	3
Free Elective	3	ARIL 430	3
Free Elective	3	ARIL 450	3
		Free Elective	3
	13		**15**

Total Credits 120

Publishing Track

First Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
New Student Seminar	1	SEEDS: Effective Writing II	3
SEEDS: Effective Writing I	3	VIST 102	3
SEEDS: Quantitative Reasoning	3	ARFD 124	3
ARFD 100 (Fulfills SEEDS: Exploration – Creative Expression)	3	ARIL 101	3
ARFD 101	3	ARIL 103	3
VIST 105 or 106 (Fulfills SEEDS: Exploration – Literary and Artistic Analysis)	3		
	16		**15**

Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
SEEDS: World Language I	3	SEEDS: World Language II	3
VIST 282	3	VIST 109 or ARTX 201 (Fulfills SEEDS: Exploration – Analyzing Cultures and Societies)	3
ARIL 200	3	ARIL 300	3
ARIL 223	3	ARIL 203	3
ARIL 205	3	ARIL 261	3
	15		**15**

Third Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
SEEDS: Interactive Communication	3	ARIL 311	3
VIST 306	3	ARIL 314	3
ARST 303 or ARIL 312	3	ARIL 315	4
ARIL 323	3	COED 401	3
Free Elective	3	Free Elective	3
	15		**16**

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
SEEDS: Exploration	3	SEEDS: Political and Civic Life	3
ARIL 422	4	ARIL 401	3
Free Elective	3	ARIL 430	3
Free Elective	3	ARIL 450	3
		Free Elective	3
	13		**15**

Total Credits 120

Interdisciplinary Track

First Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
New Student Seminar	1	SEEDS: Effective Writing II	3
SEEDS: Effective Writing I	3	VIST 102	3
SEEDS: Quantitative Reasoning	3	ARFD 124	3
ARFD 100 (Fulfills SEEDS: Exploration – Creative Expression)	3	ARIL 101	3
ARFD 101	3	ARIL 103	3
VIST 105 or 106 (Fulfills SEEDS: Exploration – Literary and Artistic Analysis)	3		
	16		**15**

Second Year

Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
SEEDS: World Language I	3	SEEDS: World Language II	3
VIST 109 or ARTX 201 (Fulfills SEEDS: Exploration – Analyzing Cultures and Societies)	3	VIST 282	3
ARIL 200	3	ARIL 300	3
ARIL 262	3	ARIL 261	3
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SEEDS: Exploration	3	SEEDS: Political and Civic Life	3
ARIL 422	4	ARIL 402	3
Free Elective	3	ARIL 430	3
Free Elective	3	ARIL 450	3
		Free Elective	3
	13		**15**

Total Credits 120