

**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).

Breadth Requirements	
Critical Studies – complete one course from each area	
Critical Studies	Subject Area
Humanities (HMN)	English-Literature, English-Critical Thinking, Ethics, Humanities (Intro to Humanities, Humanities through the Arts), Philosophy, Poetry
Social Science (SOC)	Anthropology, Archaeology, Criminal Justice, Geography, U.S. History, European History, Linguistics, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, World History, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology
Science and Math (SCM)	Analytic Geometry and Calculus, College Algebra, Statistics, Astronomy, Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Geology, Physical Science, Physics
Cultural Studies (CST)	Cultural Anthropology, Gender Studies, Intercultural Communications, Ethnic Studies (Latino/a, Chinese, African American, etc.)
Optional Critical Studies Breadth Courses	
*These courses are not required; however, courses from these subject areas can be applied to Critical Studies.	
Critical Studies	Subject Area
*Arts in Context (AIC)	History/Survey/Intro/Appreciation of any Visual or Performing Art
*Computing and Research (COM)	Computer Science, Programing
Creative Writing (CRW)	English Composition (Freshman Composition, College Writing), Critical Analysis & Composition, Creative Writing, Journalism, Short Story, Screen Writing
Critical Studies Electives	
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.	
Critical Studies Elective Credit	Subject Area
Foreign Language	College Level Foreign Language, Sign Language
Speech/Communication	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.	

Note: A maximum of 38 semester units will be allowed to transfer toward the CalArts Critical Studies requirements.