

Book Arts, MFA

Requirements

The Master of Fine Arts program in book arts requires a minimum of 60 s.h. of graduate credit, including a thesis. Students complete core courses and work with a faculty advisor to design an individualized curriculum spanning several studio practice disciplines: artist book work, bookbinding, lettering arts, digital book work, papermaking, or letterpress printing. The degree culminates with the successful completion of a thesis.

The MFA requires the following coursework.

Studio Requirements

Courses from the following areas should be selected in consultation with an advisor.

Required Core Electives

Course #	Title	Hours
Three of these (9 s.h.):		
UICB:4205/ BKAT:4205	Bookbinding I: Materials and Techniques	3
UICB:4300/ ARTS:4300	Letterpress I	3
UICB:4400/ ARTS:4400	History of Western Letterforms	3
UICB:4415/ ARTS:4415	Introduction to Classical Calligraphy	3
UICB:5110/ BKAT:5110	Papermaking I: East Asia, Nepal, and Contemporary Practice	3
UICB:5130/ BKAT:5120	Papermaking I: Central Asia, Europe, and Contemporary Practice	3

Graduate Book Arts Workshop

Course #	Title	Hours
UICB:6520	Graduate Book Arts Workshop (must be taken three times for a total of 9 s.h.)	9

Book Art Seminar

Course #	Title	Hours
This course:		
UICB:6510	Book Art Seminar: History, Practice, and Critique	3

Studio Practice Electives

Course #	Title	Hours
Studio practice courses		15

Scholarly Inquiry and Material Analysis Requirement

Course #	Title	Hours
Two of the following, or students may request to use related courses approved by the head of the scholarly inquiry or material analysis area (6 s.h.):		

UICB:3140/ ENGL:3140	Literature and the Book	3
UICB:3142/ ENGL:3142	Topics in Book History	3
UICB:3980/ ARTH:3980	American Print Culture	3
UICB:4150/ ENGL:4150/ SLIS:4150	Introduction to Book Studies	3
UICB:4910/ HIST:4422/ SLIS:4910	The Book in the Middle Ages	3
UICB:4920/ HIST:4429/ SLIS:4920	The Book in Early Modern Europe	3
UICB:4930/ HIST:4430	Topics in Material Analysis	3
UICB:5600/ SLIS:5600	Reading Culture: History and Research in Print and Digital Media	3
UICB:6100	Book Studies Proseminar	3

Additional Electives

Course #	Title	Hours
Elective courses (may include 0-6 s.h. of thesis credit)		15

Thesis

Course #	Title	Hours
Can be taken for a maximum of 6 s.h.:		
UICB:6540	MFA Thesis Hours	arr.