

Book Arts, M.F.A.

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 M.F.A. requires the following coursework.

Studio Requirements

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

Required Core Electives

Code	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

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

Book Art Seminar

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

Studio Practice Electives

Code	Title	Hours
Studio practice courses		15

Scholarly Inquiry and Material Analysis Requirement

Code	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

Code	Title	Hours
Elective courses (may include 0-6 s.h. of thesis credit; see below)		15

Thesis

Code	Title	Hours
Can be taken for a maximum of 6 s.h.:		
UICB:6540	M.F.A. Thesis Hours	arr.