Art, B.A.

Requirements

The Bachelor of Arts with a major in art requires a minimum of 120 s.h., including at least 39 s.h. of work for the major. Students must maintain a g.p.a. of at least 2.00 in all courses for the major and in all UI courses for the major. They also must complete the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences GE CLAS Core.

The major provides a foundation in art history as well as an understanding of the formal traditions and contemporary practices in studio art. Students take courses in the school's studio art programs, including animation, ceramics, graphic design, three-dimensional (3D) design, drawing, intermedia, jewelry and metal arts, painting, photography, printmaking, and sculpture.

Students may count a maximum of 56 s.h. earned in art and art history courses toward the degree; they must earn at least 64 s.h. of credit in courses outside the School of Art and Art History in order to graduate.

B.A. students with a double major in the school (e.g., a major in art and a major in art history) or a major and a minor in the school (e.g., a major in art and a minor in art history) must earn at least 56 s.h. of credit in courses outside the School of Art and Art History in order to graduate.

For more information about teaching art in elementary and/or secondary schools, see "Teacher Licensure" below.

The B.A. with a major in art requires the following coursework.
Not all courses are offered every semester, including required courses. When planning coursework, students should consult their advisors and MyUI to determine when specific courses will be offered.

Code Title Hours
Four Art History Courses 12
Two Foundational Studio Art Courses 6
Two Studio Art 3D Courses 6
Two Studio Art 2D Courses 6
Two Upper-Level Studio Art Courses 6
Required Electives 3
Total Hours 39

Art History

Code Title Hours
Two of these:
ARTH:1040 Arts of Africa 3
ARTH:1050 From Cave Paintings to Cathedrals: Survey of Western Art I 3

Foundational Studio Art

Studio Art majors are required to complete ARTS:1510 Basic Drawing and ARTS:1520 Design Fundamentals by the end of their first academic year. Majors can enroll in one beginning or introductory studio arts course during the same semester they are enrolled in either ARTS:1510 or ARTS:1520.

Code Title Hours
Both of these:
ARTS:1510 Basic Drawing 3
ARTS:1520 Design Fundamentals 3

Studio Art 3D Courses

Code Title Hours
Two of these:
CERM:2010 Ceramics I: Handbuilding 3
INTM:2710 Introduction to Intermedia 3
MTLS:2910 Introduction to Jewelry and Metal Arts 3
SCLP:2810 Undergraduate Sculpture I 3
TDSN:2210 Introduction to 3D Design 3

Studio Art 2D Courses

Code Title Hours
Two of these:
ANIM:2125 Introduction to Animation 3
DRAW:2310 Life Drawing I 3
DSGN:2500 Graphic Design I 3
PHTO:2600 Photography I 3
PNTG:2410 Painting I 3
PRNT:2610 Introduction to Printmaking 3

Upper-Level Studio Art Courses

Students must take two upper-level studio art courses. They may take both upper-level courses in the same studio art discipline or one upper-level course in each of two disciplines. Any course beyond the introductory course in the discipline is considered upper level.

Introductory courses include the following and do not count toward the upper-level studio arts courses requirement.

Code Title Hours
ARTH:1060 From Mona Lisa to Modernism: Survey of Western Art II 3
ARTH:1070 Asian Art and Culture 3
ARTH:1095 Native American Art 3
And:
Two art history courses not in the list above, excluding ARTH:1000, ARTH:1080, ARTH:2975, ARTH:3985, ARTH:3995, and ARTH:4999

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Required Electives

School of Art and Art History elective courses must bring the total credit for the major in art to a minimum of 39 s.h.

Transfer Students

Transfer students should contact the undergraduate academic advisors for information about transfer portfolio review and specific coursework that satisfies the requirements for the major in art. Students may count a maximum of 12 s.h. of approved transfer credit toward their major.

Study Abroad

Students who wish to study abroad must meet with the undergraduate advisor before they depart in order to confirm approval of the courses they plan to take.

Students who take studio art courses abroad must bring their artwork back to campus and must present it in a portfolio review, which determines whether the work satisfies a requirement for their major. The portfolio review is not required if the study abroad course was taught by a School of Art and Art History faculty member who gave the student a grade for the course.

Students who plan to take art history courses abroad must present the course syllabus to their advisor well in advance of their departure. The head of the art history program determines whether the study abroad course is equivalent to a course required for the major; if it is, the student is credited with fulfilling the requirement once the course is completed with a passing grade.

Teacher Licensure

Students interested in teaching in elementary and/or secondary schools should seek admission to the Teacher Education Program (TEP) in the College of Education.

To qualify for licensure in secondary teaching, students in the TEP complete a degree in education as well as a related College of Liberal Arts and Sciences degree. See Teacher Education Program Application and Admission on the College of Education website for details on requirements and deadlines for applying to the College of Education and about TEP choices of majors leading to licensure.

The B.A. in art education is offered by the Department of Teaching and Learning, and the degree is awarded by the College of Education. In order to earn the B.A. in art education, students also must complete the B.A. in art. For more information, contact the College of Education Academic Advising Office.