



## DEPARTMENT OF ART

### BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS DEGREE - SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN OF STUDY

The Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree is the ideal choice for students who wish to participate in our most studio-intensive art program. Completion of this degree prepares individuals to begin a career in the multi-faceted and exciting world of art practice and commerce. To meet the requirements of this degree, students complete a minimum of 72 art studio credits, which includes foundations, breadth, and elective studio courses. All courses offered by the Department of Art, with the exception of 108 and 208, count towards studio credits, including Special Topics and Independent Studies. BFA students also complete 18 credits of required Aesthetics. This includes Art 108 and 208, and two additional courses from the following: Art History 201, 202, 205 or Art 438 (graphic design students only). To reach the 18 credits, four credits from Humanities Literature and Fine Arts categories may be used. In addition to studio and aesthetics, students complete a minimum of 40 credits in general education and liberal studies categories.

IMPORTANT: See following worksheet for details on fulfilling all requirements.

All art students begin their studies under the Bachelor of Science in Art classification, and after a successful portfolio review of work completed in their first and second years, students will enter the BFA program. The portfolio review is typically held in fall semesters.

*Students who wish to complete the 126 credits required for BFA degree within four years should enroll in an average of 15 credits per semester in their first year and 16 credits per semester in years 2, 3, and 4. Some students may benefit from taking studio credits in summer sessions, reducing credit loads during regular semesters.*

The following illustrates one way to structure BFA program in 4 years – individual enrollment patterns will vary.

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#### FALL SEMESTER

#### SPRING SEMESTER

#### FIRST YEAR – PRE-BFA (BS-Art classification)

##### Art Foundations Program\*

Art 102-2D Design, 3 cr  
Art 108-Foundations of Contemporary Art, 3 cr (Aes)  
Art 212-Drawing Concepts & Methods, 3 cr  
Art 508-Colloquium in Art, 1 cr  
Gen Ed/Liberal Studies, 1 course, 3-4 cr

*Recommended Credit Load: 13-14 credits*

##### Art Foundations Program\*

Art 104-Three Dimensional Design, 3 cr  
Art 107-Intro to Digital Forms, 3 cr  
Art 208-Current Directions in Art, 3 cr (Aes)  
Art 508-Colloquium in Art, 1 cr  
Gen Ed/Liberal Studies, 2 courses, 6-7 cr

*Recommended Credit Load: 16-17 credits*

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**FALL SEMESTER**

**SPRING SEMESTER**

**SECOND YEAR – PRE-BFA (BS-Art classification)**

Aesthetic elective, 4 cr  
Required Studio Breadth electives, 8 cr  
*2+ studio course(s) from 2D, 3D, 4D or GR lists*  
Additional studio elective credits, 1-2 cr  
Gen Ed/Liberal Studies, 1 course, 3-4 cr

Aesthetic elective, 4 cr  
Required Studio Breadth electives, 8 cr  
*2+ studio course(s) from 2D, 3D, 4D or GR lists*  
*(IDEAL SEMESTER TO STUDY ABROAD, IF DESIRED)*  
Gen Ed/Liberal Studies, 1 course, 3-4 cr

*Recommended Credit Totals: 16-18 credits*

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**THIRD YEAR – BFA classification (upon successful portfolio review)**

BFA Portfolio Review  
Studio Course Electives, 8-12 cr  
*(2 or 3 studio courses-beginning, intermediate or advanced level)*  
Gen Ed/Liberal Studies/, 2 courses, 6-7 cr

Studio Course Electives, 10-12 cr  
*(3 studio courses, intermediate and/or advanced level)*  
Gen Ed/Liberal Studies, 2 courses, 6-7 cr

*Recommended Credit Totals: 16-17 credits*

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**FOURTH YEAR – BFA**

Studio Course Electives, 8-12 credits  
*2- 3 studio courses, intermediate and/or advanced level*  
Art 508-Colloquium in Art, 1 cr  
Gen Ed/Liberal Studies, 2 course(s), 6-8 credits

Participate in BFA Group Exhibition (mandatory)  
Studio Course Electives, 8-12 credits  
Capstone-Professional Practice course, 2-3 credits  
Gen Ed/Liberal Studies, 1 course, 3-4 credits

*Recommended Credit Totals: 15-18 credits*

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**Summary of Credit Requirements for BFA Degree Program:**

**72 studio credits minimum (includes required and elective studios, topics, independent studies, etc.)**  
**40 credits minimum in general education/liberal studies categories (see worksheet for specific requirements)**  
**14 credits aesthetics (4 credits from liberal studies literature and fine arts also count as aesthetics)**

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**= 126 credits minimum**

**Minimum Studio GPA: 3.0; Minimum Cumulative GPA 2.50**

**June 23, 2016**