

B.F.A. in Art Studio or Design

College of Fine and Performing Arts

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What is the study of Art?

The broad instructional concept is to integrate the components of Art History, criticism, Design and Studio courses, university courses, gallery exhibition programs

and permanent collection. The student learns to interpret, analyze and make intelligent judgments about art as well as learning the skills and concepts of the studio. A

grasp of the dynamic nature of a culture and the continuing extension of its visual language is a fundamental objective.

Why should I consider an Art Major?

To understand the history, traditions and conventions of art and art criticism, for herein lies the intelligible language of art and the heritage of humankind.

Declaring a B.F.A. Art Studio or Design Major:

Application should be made to the Department of Art faculty for admission to the Bachelor of Fine Arts Program during spring quarter of the preceding year. Students must be in the final quarter of the Bachelor of Arts study, or have completed the Bachelor of Arts to apply for the Bachelor of Fine Arts Program.

Application consists of 20 labeled slides of work, artist statement, a letter of application indicating your goals and theme of study and a preference for faculty committee members; a grade point average of 3.00 or higher, and a transcript. The BFA is a selective and competitive program. If a

student is not accepted into the BFA program, the student may reapply the following year. Send application to BFA Review Committee Department of Art, Western Washington University, Fine Arts Complex, Room 116, 516 High Street, Bellingham, WA 98225-9068.

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Sample Career Fields:

- Art Educator
- Exhibiting Artist
- Illustrator
- Exhibit Designer
- Gallery Director
- Web Designer
- Graphic Design
- Photographer
- Design Production Manager

Art Studio or Design Major Requirements: 115 Credits

Completion of the Bachelor of Arts Course Study:

Art-Studio Major (70 Credits*)

Or

Art-Design Major (80 Credits*)

*See major guides for these programs

Additional Credits for the BFA degree: 45 credits

One of two Options: 10 credits:

ART 494 Advanced Studio Seminar (5)

ART 495 Professional Practices for Studio Artist (5)

Or

ART 479 and 7 credits of internship

Studio practice in areas of focus: 20 credits

300-400 Level Art History Courses: 8 credits

Electives specific to course study: 7 credits

Midterm review, to be scheduled before registration for spring quarter.

Final Exhibition and evaluation

These required or elective courses will also satisfy the GUR or other Graduation Requirement:

HUM: A/HI 220, 221, 230, 231, 240, 241, Art 109

ACGM: A/HI 270, 271

WP: A/HI 401, 415, 416, 429, 439, or 475

Other Art options:

B.A. in Art-Studio (70 credits)

B.A. in Design (80 credits)

B.A. in Art History (72 credits)

B.A.Ed. in Art–P-12 (72 + 64 credits for the Secondary Education Professional Program)

B.A.Ed in Art–Elementary (50 +106 for the Elementary Education Professional Program)

Minor in Art History (24 credits)