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B.F.A. in Design

College of Fine and Performing Arts

What Is the Study of Design?

The design area of the Department of Art identifies design as the visual communication of ideas. The program utilizes a curriculum that emphasizes the process of problem solving and encourages students to make connections between culture and design, and their role as visual communicators. Students learn to combine personal expression and critical thinking as they create solutions that connect industry to an audience and themselves to the world.

Why Should I Consider This Major?

Career opportunities are found in all segments of industry, both in the private and public sector. Western Design graduates go on to work in advertising agencies, design firms, in-house departments, paper companies, printing firms, as well as serving as private consultants in corporate identity, environmental graphic design, packaging, publication and web design. They work as Designers, Art Educators, Production Managers, Web Designers and Digital Image Makers.

How to Declare:

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 in Design study, or have completed the Bachelor of Arts to apply for the Bachelor of Fine Arts Program. A portfolio of work must be submitted to the Design Program, indicating their intent. Send application to:

BFA Review Committee

Western Washington University, Department of Art

Fine Arts Complex, Room 116

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Sample Careers:

Art Educator
Exhibiting Artist
Illustrator
Exhibit Designer
Gallery Director



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Major Requirements: 115 Credits

The bachelor of Fine Arts in Design Degree requires each student to complete the following program:

- Completion of the Bachelor of Arts course study (79 credits)
- 3 additional credits of DSGN 479 and 5 credits of internship
- 20 credits of design practice in the chosen emphasis
- 8 credits of electives specific to course study
- Portfolio exhibition

These courses are offered within this major and may be used to satisfy GUR or Writing Proficiency requirements.

HUM: A/HI 240, 241, DSGN 211

WP: Three Writing Proficiency points are required for graduation (they are noted as WP1, WP2, and WP3). Check [Classfinder](#) or [Online Timetable](#) for departmental offerings each quarter.

Other Art Options:

B.A. Art-Studio (70 credits)

B.A. Design (79 credits)

B.A. Art History (72 credits)

B.A.Ed. Art–P-12 (71 plus 64 credits for the Secondary Education Professional Program)

B.A.Ed. Art–Elementary (49 plus 106 for the Elementary Education Professional Program)

Minor in Art History (24 credits)