Mizzou
University of Missouri

BFA in Art

Degree Program Description

The School of Visual Studies' Art program offers opportunities for creative development, provides instruction in visual literacy, and trains students in the necessary technical and conceptual skills needed to pursue a lifetime of creative activity. Through a variety of studio art courses, students learn critical thinking skills, creative problem solving, and become life-long learners. Course offerings include ceramics, drawing, fibers, graphic design, painting, photography, printmaking, and sculpture. The BFA is considered a professional degree intended to provide a solid foundation for a career in visual art. Students that earn a degree in art pursue a variety of careers, including professional artists and illustrators; art educators; museum and gallery curators and directors; commercial and studio designers; and graphic, web, print and packaging designers. Businesses are looking for creative thinkers and innovative problem solvers, skills acquired in the BFA degree.

Major Program Requirements

Art majors earning a BFA degree complete art foundations courses, art core requirements, and art studio electives with 15 credits in one specific media area. Students enrolled in the BFA degree program may not include art or art history courses with a grade of D.

All art students are assigned a departmental faculty advisor. Students are encouraged to meet with the advisor to plan a program of study with a focus in one particular media area.

BFA students complete 60 to 70 credits in studio art, including a minimum of 15 credits in one specific media area, and 12 credits of art history, including at least two 3-hour Art History & Archaeology courses numbered 2000 or above. A minimum of 35 credit hours of studio art coursework must be taken at MU.

In addition, students must complete all College of Arts and Science and University graduation requirements (http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/universityrequirements/), including University general education. (http://catalog.missouri.edu/academicdegreerequirements/generaleducationrequirements/)

All students wishing to pursue a BA or BFA degree in art will need to pass the Art program BA/BFA Portfolio Review. A student will need to have completed six (6) courses in art before submitting a portfolio (it is acceptable to be enrolled in the last class(es) the semester the portfolio is submitted) for either the BA or BFA. The courses are ART_VS 1030, ART_VS 1040, ART_VS 1050 and three studio art courses at the 2000 level. For more detailed information on the portfolio, please refer to the School of Visual Studies website.

Major core requirements:

Art foundations		
ART_VS 1030	2-D Materials and Methods	3
ART_VS 1040	3-D Materials and Methods	3
ART_VS 1050	Drawing: Materials and Methods	3
Art core requirements		
ART_VS 2210	Beginning Color Drawing	3
ART_VS 2500	Beginning Painting	3
ART_VS 2800	Beginning Sculpture	3
ART_VS 4975	Senior Seminar in Art	3

Students need a total of 6 hours from ceramics and/or fibers	6
Students need a total of 6 hours from Photography or Printmaking Courses	6
ART media area electives	15 minimum
ART studio electives	up to 19
ARH_VS (Art History)	12

Semester Plan

Below is a sample plan of study, semester by semester. A student's actual plan may vary based on course choices where options are available. (Students focusing on graphic design will take ARTGD_VS 4976. Fall of their fourth year instead of an Art Studio Elective which they will move to the Spring of their fourth year and take instead of ART_VS 4975)

First Year			
Fall	**CR**	**Spring**	**CR**
Art Foundations Course	3	Art Foundations Course	3
ENGLSH 1000	3	Art Foundations Course	3
ARH_VS 1130	3	MATH 1050, 1100, or STAT 1200	3
Behavioral Science Course	3	American History or Government Course	3
Humanities Course	3	Humanities Course	3
	15		**15**
Second Year			
Fall	**CR**	**Spring**	**CR**
Art Core Requirement Course	3	Art Core Requirement Course	3
Art Core Requirement Course	3	Art Studio Elective Course	3
Humanities Course	3	Art Studio Elective Course	3
ARH_VS Art History Course	3	Biological/Physical/Math Science Course (MRP)	3
Behavioral or Social Science Course	3	General Elective Course	3
	15		**15**
Third Year			
Fall	**CR**	**Spring**	**CR**
Art Core Requirement Course	3	Art Core Requirement Course	3
Art Core Requirement Course	3	Art Core Requirement Course	3
Art Studio Elective Course	3	Art Studio Elective Course	3
Biological/Physical/Math Science Course	3	Biological/Physical/Math Science Course (MRP)	3
ARH_VS Art History Course (2000+)	3	General Elective Course	3
	15		**15**
Fourth Year			
Fall	**CR**	**Spring**	**CR**
Art Studio Elective Course	3	Art Studio Elective	3
Art Studio Elective Course	3	Art Studio Elective	3
Art Studio Elective Course	3	ART_VS 4975	3
ARH_VS Art History 2000+	3	General Elective Course	3
General Elective Course	3	General Elective Course	3
	15		**15**

Total Credits: 120