

Art, Art History, and Visual Studies

The studio art program offers classes in six disciplines: digital arts, drawing, painting, photography, sculpture, and video.

Requirements for the Major in Art

The major requires successful completion of the following:

Course Requirements

ART 101	Line, Form and Space: Studies in Drawing, Photography and Sculpture	4
ART 102	Color, Motion, and Time: Studies in Digital Art, Painting, and Video	4
ART 420	Seminar in Creativity	4
ART 430	Senior Seminar	4
Select one course in art history (ARTH)		4
Select three additional courses in art (ART)		12
Select two additional courses in art (ART) numbered 300 or above		8
Total Semester Hours		40

Additional Requirements

A comprehensive examination ¹

¹ The comprehensive examination for studio art majors includes the following: preparation and presentation of a portfolio produced over the course of at least one year, participation in a senior exhibition along with the submission of an artist's statement, writing a thesis paper, undergoing a private defense of the portfolio and thesis, and giving a public presentation with response to questions from the audience. The comprehensive exam result is based on passing all of these components.

Honors

Students with a department GPA of at least 3.20 by the end of their junior year are eligible to apply for department honors. To apply for honors, a student must submit a proposal for a thesis project by the designated date during the first semester of his or her senior year. Those students whose proposals have been approved will, in addition to fulfilling the comprehensive exam requirements, assemble a solo exhibition along with the submission of an artist's statement, write an extended thesis paper, undergo a private defense of the exhibition and thesis, and give a public presentation with response to questions from the audience. Final determination of honors is based on the quality of all of these components.