

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS • Visual Art Studies Major

Degree Guideline

This degree guideline provides only a summary of the requirements for the degree and major indicated above. For complete information about degree requirements, consult *The Undergraduate Catalog* and the pertinent *General Information* catalog. For questions, please contact the Office of the Dean, Student Affairs in DFA 1.103 (471-5011).

The major in visual art studies is a preprofessional academic program recommended for students seeking teacher certification in art (early childhood through grade twelve classroom) or planning to pursue undergraduate or graduate training for visual art careers in community art programs. Students seeking teacher certification must adhere to current state requirements in addition to the degree requirements described in this catalog. Please contact the College of Education, SZB 216 (471-3223) for current state certification requirements and requirements for admission to candidacy.

See reverse side for "Notes" and additional requirements.

Area/Requirement	Course	Hrs	✓	Area/Requirements	Course	Hrs	✓
Core Curriculum¹				Major Requirements			
First-year Signature Course	<i>UGS 302 or 303</i>	3		Foundations	<i>ARH 302⁸</i>	3	
English Composition (Communication)	<i>RHE 306</i>	3			<i>ARH 304</i>	3	
	<i>Writing Course</i>	3			<i>ART 303K</i>	3	
Humanities	<i>E 316K</i>	3			<i>ART 303L</i>	3	
American & Texas Government	<i>GOV 310L</i>	3			<i>ART 304K</i>	3	
	<i>GOV 312L</i>	3		<i>ART 304L</i>	3		
American History	<i>6 hours</i>	6		Studio Art Area Requirements	<i>3 hours from each area:</i>		
Social & Behavioral Sciences ²	<i>3 hours</i>	3			<i>Area A: Drawing, Life Drawing, Painting</i>	3	
Mathematics	<i>3 hours</i>	3			<i>Area B: Intaglio, Lithography, Photography, Serigraphy</i>	3	
Science & Technology Part I	<i>6 hours</i>	6			<i>Area C: Digital-time Art, Performance Art, Video Art</i>	3	
Science & Technology Part II	<i>3 hours</i>	3			<i>Area D: Ceramics, Metals, Sculpture</i>	3	
Visual & Performing Arts	<i>3 hours</i>	3		Upper-division Studio Art	<i>3 hours upper-div ART</i>	3	
Flags³					<i>3 hours upper-div ART</i>	3	
Writing ⁴	<i>2 courses</i>				<i>3 hours upper-div ART</i>	3	
Quantitative Reasoning	<i>1 course</i>				<i>3 hours upper-div ART</i>	3	
Global Cultures	<i>1 course</i>			Visual Art Studies ⁹	<i>EC-12 Art Teacher Certification</i>		
Cultural Diversity	<i>1 course</i>				<i>3 hours VAS</i>	3	
Independent Inquiry	<i>1 course</i>				<i>3 hours VAS</i>	3	
Entrance Deficiencies⁵					<i>3 hours VAS</i>	3	
Foreign Language, Language Arts, Social Science, Natural Science, Math					<i>3 hours VAS</i>	3	
Minor⁶				Upper-division Art History	<i>3 hours⁸</i>	3	
12 hours		12			<i>3 hours⁸</i>	3	
Approved Electives⁷				Minimum Hours Required		120	
Complete hours							
Remaining hours							

Notes

- 1 Consult the School of Undergraduate Studies for complete lists of courses that may be used fulfill the core curriculum requirements.
- 2 Students pursuing teacher certification are strongly encouraged to take Psychology 301 to fulfill this requirement.
- 3 Courses used to fulfill flag requirements may fulfill other degree requirements as well; therefore, students should select courses carefully. If flag requirements are not satisfied within the minimum number of semester hours required for the degree and major, the student will need to complete additional coursework to fulfill these flag requirements.
- 4 Courses used to fulfill a writing flag requirement may also be used to fulfill other degree requirements, except RHE 306.
- 5 Courses used to fulfill entrance deficiencies do not count toward the degree; all entrance deficiencies must be removed by appropriate courses in order to graduate.
- 6 The minor is predetermined by the option selected and must be approved by the visual art studies advisor. (Usually 370S and EDC 950W for teacher certification.)
- 7 Electives are predetermined by the option selected and must be approved by the visual art studies advisor. (Usually EDC 331S and EDC 332S for certification.) Students who complete all stated degree requirements without earning the 120 semester hours required for the B.F.A.: Visual Art Studies Major must complete additional elective coursework until 120 hours are earned.
- 8 Three semester hours of art history used to fulfill major degree requirements may also be counted toward the visual and performing arts requirement of the core curriculum. Please consult the School of Undergraduate Studies for a complete list of courses that may be used for the visual and performing arts requirement.
- 9 At this stage of the degree, students must select either the teacher certification or the community art programs option.

General Degree Requirements

Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirements: To graduate, students must have a GPA of at least 2.00 based on all courses undertaken at the university. A student pursuing teacher certification must meet certain grade point average requirements during the course of the certification program. For information, consult the teacher certification officer, College of Education.

Flag Requirements: Extra courses may be necessary if all flag requirements are not met through regular degree requirements, so courses should be chosen carefully. The following flags are required of all students in the College of Fine Arts: Quantitative Reasoning, Global Cultures, Cultural Diversity, Independent Inquiry, and Writing (2 courses). Courses used to fulfill flag requirements may also be used to fulfill degree requirements. For more information, see the *2012-2014 Undergraduate Catalog*.

Residency Requirements: Students must fulfill all residency requirements in order to graduate. Refer to chapter 1 in the *2012-2014 Undergraduate Catalog* for university residency requirements; refer to the College of Fine Arts' chapter for college residency requirements.

- Students must complete at least 60 semester hours of coursework counted toward the degree in residence.
- 24 of the last 30 semester hours counted toward the degree must be completed in residence.
- At least 6 semester hours of upper-division coursework in the major must be completed in residence.
- The last 18 hours of coursework in the major must be taken in residence.

Completing Degree Requirements: A minimum of 120 hours and all degree requirements stated in the *2012-2014 Undergraduate Catalog* must be completed in order to earn the degree.

Teacher Certification

Students seeking teacher certification must adhere to current state requirements, even if they differ from the degree requirements described in this catalog. Please contact the College of Education for current state certification requirements. Because it serves various needs, the degree program does not specify all of the requirements for teacher certification. The Texas state certification standards require specific coursework and examinations not stipulated in this degree program. A student pursuing teacher certification must carefully select courses to meet the certification standards and must fulfill all of the additional requirements for admission to candidacy and certification (e.g. course prerequisites, grade-point average requirements, examinations). ***Students intending to pursue teacher certification in art must consult the teacher certification officer, College of Education SZB 216 (471-3223) and the visual art studies advisor in the Department of Art and Art History for information about the current certification standards and requirements for admission to candidacy.***