

Department of Art

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Mission

The Department of Art's primary undergraduate responsibilities include educating professional artists with concentrations in Fine Arts, Graphic Design, and Photography; preparing students for a career or advanced study; offering courses that fulfill University requirements; and providing an active art gallery to serve the University, the community, and region.

Bachelor of Fine Arts

The Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) degree is a professional studio degree. The B.F.A. degree is earned after successful completion of an intensive, 4 year program that provides the student with a series of in-depth studio experiences leading to thesis/senior presentation balanced by studies in humanities, communication, mathematics, and sciences.

The B.F.A. degree may also serve as a preparation for graduate studies-usually the Master of Fine Arts degree in studio art or design.

Admission

Art-Undeclared (UART) - All students desiring to major in art will be admitted into Art-Undeclared in the Department of Art at Mississippi State University. Students will declare their concentration following successful passage of the Foundation Portfolio Review in that concentration.

Concentrations

In the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, a student may choose a concentration from the following: Fine Arts, Graphic Design, and Photography.

Transfer Requirements

As part of the Articulation Agreement between Mississippi Junior and Community Colleges and the state's four-year universities, the following courses will automatically transfer to MSU. A grade of "C" or better is required in each class to be accepted by the Department of Art.

- ART 1213 Drawing I
- ART 1223 Drawing II
- ART 1123 Design I (2-D)
- ART 1133 Design II (Color)
- ART 1013 Art History I
- ART 1023 Art History II
- ART 1153 3D Design.

Images of articulated studio coursework work should be submitted to <https://msuart.submittable.com/submit> (<https://msuart.submittable.com/submit/>) for review by the Department of Art Faculty to ensure success in the department's Foundation Portfolio Review.

The MSU Department of Art reserves the right to deny or accept transfer courses not covered by the Articulation Agreement as applicable to the B.F.A. degree based on portfolio evaluation. This review requires the submission of artwork completed in studio courses and course descriptions (and in some cases, syllabi) from classes completed for credit at other institutions. Artwork and course information must be uploaded at <https://msuart.submittable.com/submit> (<https://msuart.submittable.com/submit/>)

Foundation Portfolio Review Requirements

All Art majors are required to participate in the Foundation Portfolio Review.

For students interested in the Fine Arts concentration (Ceramics, Drawing, Painting, Printmaking, and Sculpture), the Foundation Portfolio Review will take place in the spring semester of each year. The review is a faculty evaluation of student work from a minimum of 18 credit hours completed in the following courses: Drawing I, Drawing II, Design I, Design II, 3-D Design, and Introduction to Computing for Art. The Foundation Portfolio Review will result in an "accept" or "deny" into the Fine Arts concentration.

For students interested in the Photography concentration, the Foundation Portfolio Review will take place in the fall and spring semester of each year. The review is a faculty evaluation of student work from a minimum of 18 credit hours completed in the following courses: Drawing I, Drawing II, Design I, Design II, 3-D Design, and Photography Survey. The Foundation Portfolio Review will result in an "accept" or "deny" into the Photography concentration.

For students interested in Graphic Design, the Foundation Portfolio Review for entrance into that concentration will take place in the fall semester of each year. The review is a faculty evaluation of student work from a minimum of 18 credit hours completed in the following courses: Drawing I, Drawing II, Design I, Design II, 3-D Design, and Introduction to Computing for Art. The Foundation Portfolio Review will result in an “accept” or “deny” in the Graphic Design concentration.

Students accepted (by faculty evaluation) into the Fine Arts, Graphic Design, or Photography concentration may begin the concentration sequence of courses. Students denied may remain in the art program and resubmit a portfolio in the next Review. Students cannot pursue a concentration in which they have been denied twice. They will have to choose another concentration in order to pursue a B.F.A. in Art at Mississippi State.

Entry into Graphic Design is competitive. Contact the Advising Coordinator for more information.

Senior Presentation Requirements

Senior Graphic Design students are required to present a portfolio and present an exhibition. Senior students in the other concentrations are required to present an exhibition as degree requirements. These final presentation requirements are fulfilled in capstone courses; ART 4640 Advanced Studio - Graphic Design for students in the Graphic Design concentration; ART 4083 Senior Research and ART 4093 Senior Thesis for students in the Fine Arts concentration area; and ART 4583 Photographic Portfolio I and ART 4593 Photographic Portfolio II for students in the Photography concentration.

Computer and Camera Requirements

The Department of Art requires all incoming Art majors to purchase certain technology and equipment necessary for the production and presentation of artwork within departmental courses. All incoming students are required to have a personal laptop computer and required software. The required computer and software must be selected from an approved departmental list of minimum hardware and software requirements available on the Department of Art website. <https://www.caad.msstate.edu/current-students/art/materials-fees> (<https://www.caad.msstate.edu/current-students/art/materials-fees/>)

Financial aid that includes this requirement may be available by contacting the MSU Student Financial Aid and Scholarship office.

Additionally, upon enrollment in ART 2103 (<http://catalog.msstate.edu/archives/2024-25/search/?P=ART%202103>) Photography Survey, students will be required to purchase a digital single-lens reflex (DSLR) camera. The required camera must be selected from an approved departmental list of minimum specifications. The approved list is available on the Department of Art web site. <https://www.caad.msstate.edu/current-students/art/materials-fees> (<https://www.caad.msstate.edu/current-students/art/materials-fees/>)

Student Materials Fee

Additional fees associated with class materials, technology and laboratory materials are required of students and are automatically assessed to the students.

Bachelor of Fine Arts

General Education and College Requirements

English Composition		6
EN 1103	English Composition I	
or EN 1104	Expanded English Composition I	
EN 1113	English Composition II	
or EN 1173	Accelerated Composition II	
Fine Arts		3
ART 1013	Art History I	3
Humanities		6
See General Education courses		
Social Sciences		6
See General Education courses		
Quantitative Reasoning		3
Math higher than MA 1213 --See General Education courses		
Natural Sciences		6-8
See General Education courses		
Math/Science Elective		3
See General Education courses		

Major Core

ART 1023	Art History II	3
ART 1123	Design I	3
ART 1133	Design II	3
ART 1153	Three-Dimensional Design	3
ART 1213	Drawing I	3
ART 1223	Drawing II	3
Art History Electives		6

Fine Arts Concentration

(Ceramics, Drawing, Painting, Printmaking, and Sculpture)

Survey Program

ART 2013	Painting Survey	3
ART 2103	Photography Survey	3
ART 2213	Life Drawing I	3
ART 2303	Printmaking Survey	3
ART 2403	Sculpture Survey	3
ART 2503	Ceramic Art Survey	3
ART 2803	Introduction to Computing for ART ¹	3
Art History Elective		3

Concentration Core ³

Intermediate Studio Requirement - 3 hours chosen from the list below: 3

ART 2233	Drawing III
ART 3523	3D Seminar

Intermediate Studio Electives 3

See advisor for list of approved electives

Advanced Studio Electives 12

See advisor for list of approved electives

Advanced Studio Requirements 6

ART 4620 Advanced Studio - Fine Arts ⁴

Capstone Courses 6

ART 4083 Senior Research ⁵

ART 4093 Senior Thesis ⁵

Electives 9

Art Studio Electives choose 6 hours

Free Elective choose 3 hours

Total Hours 120

¹ Fulfills Computer Literacy Requirement

² Fulfills Fine Arts General Education Requirement

³ Upon successful completion of the Foundation Portfolio Review for the Fine Arts concentration, students proceed into the concentration sequence of courses.

⁴ To be taken in conjunction with ART 4083 Senior Research and ART 4093 Senior Thesis, typically in the final two semesters of coursework

⁵ Senior Capstone experience, co-requisite with 6 hours of ART 4620 Advanced Studio - Fine Arts.

Graphic Design Concentration

CO 1003	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
ART 2803	Introduction to Computing for ART ²	3
ART 3163	History of Graphic Design	3

Survey Program

Choose four of the following courses: 12

ART 2013	Painting Survey
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ART 2213	Life Drawing I	
ART 2303	Printmaking Survey	
ART 2403	Sculpture Survey	
ART 2103	Photography Survey	
ART 2503	Ceramic Art Survey	
Concentration Core		
ART 2813	Intermediate Computing for Designers	3
ART 3313	Graphic Art Design I	3
ART 3323	Graphic Art Design II	3
ART 4103	The Art of Typography and Layout I	3
ART 4403	Advertising Design I	3
ART 4640	Advanced Studio - Graphic Design	3-9
ART 4883	Graphic Design for the Internet	3
Concentration Electives		
Must be selected from list or with consent of Concentration Coordinator.		12
ART 3443	Illustration	
ART 3873	Digital Photography	
ART 3913	Introduction to Print Production	
ART 4113	The Art of Typography and Layout II	
ART 4413	Advertising Design II	
ART 4523	Internship in Graphic Art Design	
ART 4713	Advanced Print Production	
ART 4813	Introduction of Multimedia I Design and Authoring	
ART 4863	Advanced Studio - Computer Art and Design	
Electives		9
Art Studio Electives	choose 6 hours	
Free Elective	choose 3 hours	
Total Hours		120

¹ The Foundation Portfolio Review is required after successful completion of the Foundation Program.

² Fulfills Computer Literacy requirement

³ Fulfills Fine Arts General Education requirement

Photography Concentration

CO 1003	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
ART 3633	History of Photography (or approved photo/film based art history course)	3
Survey Program		
ART 2103	Photography Survey	3
ART 2303	Printmaking Survey	3
Choose two of the following:		6
ART 2013	Painting Survey	
ART 2213	Life Drawing I	
ART 2403	Sculpture Survey	
ART 2503	Ceramic Art Survey	
Concentration Core		
ART 3223	Darkroom Basics	3
ART 3233	Studio Lighting	3
ART 3873	Digital Photography	3
ART 4223	Alternative Photography	3
or ART 4443	Alternative Color	
ART 4583	Photographic Portfolio I	3
ART 4593	Photographic Portfolio II	3

Concentration Electives

Must be selected from list or with consent of Concentration Coordinator.

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ART 3243	Intermediate Darkroom
ART 3303	Printmaking II
ART 3803	Gallery Management
ART 4223	Alternative Photography
ART 4443	Alternative Color
ART 4660	Advanced Studio - Photography
ART 4693	Internship in Fine Art
ART 4873	Digital Imaging
CO 3713	Digital Communication

Art Studio Electives

15

Total Hours

120

Accreditation

Mississippi State University is an accredited institutional member of the National Association of Schools of Art and Design.

Art Minor

The Department of Art offers a minor in Art. The minor consists of 18 credit hours of courses with an ART prefix. One or more 1000-level courses and one 2000-level course must be completed in addition to at least three 3000- or 4000-level courses. For an Art minor, a student may take all Art studio courses or a combination of Studio and Art History.

Art History Minor

A minor in Art History consists of 18 credit hours. A student must take

ART 1013	Art History I	3
ART 1023	Art History II	3
Choose four approved, upper-level Art History courses (contact department for approved list)		12
Total Hours		18