



ART

Bachelor of Arts

College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences

Program Overview

The Art Program offers a major in Art culminating in a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Fine Arts. The B.A. offers a generalized study of Art and Art History, while the B.F.A. allows the student to specialize in a discipline. The Art major balances studies in the liberal arts and sciences through study of Studio Art and Art History. The program provides a hands-on competence in a variety of disciplines within Art and a thorough knowledge of the theory, history, and criticism of Art, all taught within the context of global diversity. Focal areas in Studio Art include drawing, painting, printmaking, photography, ceramics, and sculpture. Courses in Art History provide opportunities for critical thinking.

The Semmes Art Gallery works with professional artists from various parts of the country to bring premier exhibits to our students. Through the Art Program's Museology and Internship courses, Art majors have interned at the San Antonio Museum of Art, Blue Star Art Space, San Antonio's Public Art Program, Centro Cultural Aztlan, the Witte Museum, and Art Pace.

Career Opportunities

There are many career options open to students majoring in Art. Among them are teaching on a primary or secondary school level as well as on a college/university level. Artists also teach through alternative community arts programs and museum educational programs. They work as conservators to restore vintage work for future generations. Artists work in the non-profit sector as curators and arts administrators. Jobs are available through city art programs, which need coordinators for after-school programs and coordinators and staff members for public art programs. These positions rise to the highest level, with artists working at the National Endowment for the Arts and other foundations. Artists can also work as grant writers for museums and non-profit organizations. Artists serve as staff members for local, state, regional, and national arts funders, including San Antonio's Office of Cultural Affairs, the Texas Commission on the Arts and many others. Visual artists are gallery owners or work for art galleries as directors and preparators; they often become art agents or work as buyers for corporate collections. Artists can work for art magazines as critics/arts writers and editors. An artist who chooses to pursue a full-time studio career can make a livelihood through public art commissions. Majors in Art also work as professional photographers and commercial artists. Several of our graduates have become successful commercial and portrait photographers. In San Antonio, the city's Director of the Department of Creative and Cultural Development, the curator of the UTSA art collection, and several other successful arts professionals are all working/exhibition artists.

Scholarships

Small, partial scholarships are available to Art majors on the basis of a portfolio review each spring. Prospective students should submit a portfolio of 12 pieces of original work for consideration. Please contact the Chair of the Art Program before March 1 for more information.

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2015-2017

Freshman Year: Fall		Hrs.
ARTS 1301 Drawing I	3	
ARTS 1311 Two-Dimensional Design	3	
ENGL 1311 (or 1311L) Composition I	3	
PHIL 1381 Introduction to Philosophy	3	
Social Science Core	3	
Total hours	15	
Sophomore Year: Fall		
ARTS 2320 Painting I	3	
ARTH 2361 Art History: Ancient Through Medieval	3	
DWHP 1200 or DWHP 3200 Dimensions of Wellness) and 1-hour lifelong physical activity course	3	
ENGL 2310 World Literature Studies	3	
Modern Language I	3	
Total hours	15	
Junior Year: Fall		
ARTS 3000-/4000-level	3	
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Minor	6	
RELS Core	3	
Total hours	15	
Senior Year: Fall		
ARTS 4320 Senior Studio	3	
Minor or Elective (upper-division)	3	
Elective (upper-division)	3	
Electives	6	
Total hours	15	

Freshman Year: Spring		Hrs.
ARTS 2301 Drawing II	3	
ARTS 2311 Three-Dimensional Design	3	
ENGL 1312 Composition II	3	
HIST Core	3	
MATH Core	3	
Total hours	15	
Sophomore Year: Spring		
ARTH 2362 Art History: Renaissance to Modern	3	
ARTS 3000-/4000-level	3	
Modern Language II	3	
Natural Science and Lab Core	4	
Minor or Elective	3	
Total hours	16	
Junior Year: Spring		
ARTH or ARTS 3000-/4000-level	3	
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Minor (upper-division)	6	
PHIL 3375 Aesthetics: Philosophy of Art and Beauty	3	
Total hours	15	
Senior Year: Spring		
ARTS 4390 Senior Capstone	3	
Minor or Elective (upper-division)	3	
Elective	9	
Total hours	15	

Core Curriculum - Total Hours 43
Major - Total Hours 78
Degree - Total Hours 121