

Art Major

Department of Fine Arts

In the Department of Fine Arts, students gain advanced theoretical, performance, and production competencies for careers as educators and practitioners in the fine arts and music, and for further study for graduate degrees. Successful students will graduate with a baccalaureate degree in one of the department's three fields of focus and the certification to teach (P-12) in that field. Many successful graduates will go on to teach, while others will become accomplished in the music industry, arts administration, media production, design, international relations, business, and as performers and creatives. The professional applications of what you will learn in our department are almost endless!

The interdisciplinary Fine Arts Department offers a broad liberal arts degree program, combining general education with studies in pedagogy and the practice of art and music. To earn the degree and teaching certification, students majoring in this department will fulfill the College's general education requirements, the School of Education's requirements, and major requirements, including a capstone thesis and exhibition or recital. Also, the Alabama State Department of Education requires students to maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5 to qualify for teacher certification.

Our mission is to empower students to forge genuine, joyful, and purposeful lives in a diverse and changing world through creative and original self-expression; assist students in discovering their voice, refining their talents, and making bold, courageous choices; and prepare students to contribute to local and global society with their heads and their hearts. Join us!

ART and ART EDUCATION

Mission Statement

We will strive to create a nurturing and encouraging environment for students of all disciplines to hone their creative talents and appreciation for the arts. Our diverse and talented faculty are active within their fields of endeavor and will design studio and small-group lecture environments to provide the best possible education in visual arts at the undergraduate level.

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Art with certification in Art Education affords students an intensive and extensive introduction to the field. Stillman's art faculty encourages students to explore and express their personal ideas and artistic skills through a variety of art mediums. Majors are given fundamental instruction in studio foundations and may choose a concentration in painting, ceramics, drawing, photography, sculpture, or printmaking. The candidate for the BA degree in Visual Arts will present a Senior Exhibition, an installation of a cumulative body of their work in a professional manner in the College art gallery.

The Art Education certification, conferred on successful completion of STEP (the Stillman Teacher Education Program) will prepare degree candidates to teach P-12 learners in the public school system. Students will train in pedagogical theory and methods and enjoy an immersive field experience, as they work side-by-side with cooperating teachers in P-12 settings.

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Art major, students will be able to:

1. Display a working knowledge of art history and art criticism (Critical Thinking).
2. Display an appropriate level of competency in various art mediums (Critical Thinking).
3. Display knowledge and command of design principles and concepts (Content).
4. Display skills in seeing and observation (Critical Thinking).
5. Express visual concepts and ideas in a creative manner (Communication).
6. Install their work in a professional presentation in the College Art Gallery (Content & Critical Thinking).

Program Outcomes

As a result of successful completion of the Art Program, graduates will:

1. Be prepared for graduate school.
2. Be prepared to pursue other careers in art.
3. Be prepared to effectively express themselves using artistic skills in various art mediums.

Semester Plan

Included below is a sample semester-by-semester plan of the major in Art. Note that if a student is pursuing the Certification in Art Education, the ideal sequence will be different, to accommodate STEP classes. Your advisor or the department chair will be able to provide details.

Degree Type

Bachelor of Arts

Major in Art

Required courses for the major in Art

The major in Art consists of 36 hours: 15 hours of required courses and 21 hours of Art elective courses.

Item #	Title	Credits
ART 131	2D Design	3
ART 134	3D Design	3
ART 132	Drawing I	3
ART 331	Art History I	3
ART 332	Art History II	3
ART 401	Senior Exhibition	0
	Art Major Electives	21

Minor in Art

Required courses for the minor in Art

The minor in Art consists of a minimum of 18 credit hours. The following courses are required for the minor:

Item #	Title	Credits
ART 131	2D Design	3
ART 132	Drawing I	3
ART 331	Art History I	3
ART 332	Art History II	3
	300/400-level Art	3
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	Total Credits	54

Major in Art FRESHMAN YEAR Fall Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
ENG 131	English Composition I	3
HUM 130	African American Heritage	3
REL 131	Introduction to the Old Testament	3
ART 131	2D Design	3
HIS 131	Foundations of World Civilization	3
STI 111	Orientation	1

FRESHMAN YEAR Spring Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
ENG 132	English Composition II	3
HPR 121	Lifetime Wellness	2
REL 132	Introduction to the New Testament	3
ART 134	3D Design	3
ART 132	Drawing I	3
STI 114	Orientation II	1

SOPHOMORE YEAR Fall Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
MAT 131	Algebra	3
BIO 131	Life Science	3
	Art Elective	3
CSC 121	Critical Thinking in Digital Age	2
	Art Elective	3

SOPHOMORE YEAR Spring Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
SPE 232	Public Speaking	3
PHY 131	Physical Science	3
BUS 210	Financial Literacy	1
	General Elective (3 credits)	3
	Art Elective	3

JUNIOR YEAR Fall Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
	200-level Religion	3
ART 331	Art History I	3
LOG 330	Logic	3
	300-level Art Elective	3
EDU 310	Test Taking Strategies	1
	General Elective (3 credits)	3

JUNIOR YEAR Spring Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
PSY 230	Introduction to Psychology	3
ART 332	Art History II	3
	300-level Art Elective	3
	General Elective (3 credits)	3
	300-level Religion	3

SENIOR YEAR Fall Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
	Art Elective	3
	General Elective (3 credits)	3
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	General Elective (3 credits)	3
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SENIOR YEAR Spring Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
ART 401	Senior Exhibition	0
	General Elective (3 credits)	3
	General Elective (3 credits)	3
	General Elective (3 credits)	3
	General Elective (3 credits)	3
	General Elective (3 credits)	3