

College of Art

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Majors

Bachelor of Fine Arts

First-year students take Drawing, 2D Design, 3D Design, Digital Studio, and Practices in Architecture + Art + Design I.

Second-year studio courses introduce students to the different areas of focus.

A student's last two years include intense study in their chosen focus area and a capstone experience. The capstone studio brings together all seniors in the studio areas and separately in the communication design and fashion areas for critical dialogue beyond disciplinary boundaries to guide preparation for a culminating BFA exhibition.

Throughout the studio courses and the final capstone, the BFA degree places an emphasis on developing a portfolio that displays the student's mastery of art and design skills. Graduates are prepared to pursue careers as artists, illustrators and designers.

For specific degree requirements, visit the Degree Requirements page for the College of Art.

Bachelor of Arts

First-year students take Digital Studio and two additional foundation courses that may include Drawing, 2D Design, 3D Design, and so on. Upper-level studio courses and Sam Fox electives introduce students to different areas of focus.

With fewer required courses and no capstone studio, this degree provides an opportunity for students to explore art and design in the context of a rigorous liberal arts education. The BA program is ideal for students who are interested in studying art and design as a cultural phenomena, as a practice for strategic thinking, or as preparation for a career alongside artists and designers. Working within and between traditional disciplines, students will explore how ideas can shape materials and how materiality can shape ideas.

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The Majors in Art & Design

BFA majors are offered in the following areas:

- Art — with these optional concentrations:
 - Painting
 - Photography
 - Printmaking
 - Sculpture
 - Time-Based + Media Art
- Communication Design
- Fashion Design

BA majors are offered in the following areas:

- Art
- Design — with these optional concentrations:
 - Fashion
 - Communication

Second Majors in Art & Design

A student pursuing a bachelor's degree in Architecture, Arts & Sciences, Business or Engineering may also pursue a second major in the College of Art. Second majors are offered in art and design. The design program has optional concentrations in fashion and communication. Any student in good academic standing may declare a second major using WebSTAC. Upon completion of the requirements, the student's transcript will show the second major along with their earned degree. Only one diploma is granted; no reference to the second major is noted on the diploma.

Second Major in Art

Required	Units
Art/Design Foundation	
Select two from Drawing, 2D Design or 3D Design	6
Digital Studio	3
Total	9

Major Area Requirements	
Sophomore Intro Art Studios*	6
Junior/Senior Art Practice Studios**	6
Methods & Contexts I (must be taken in the fall with concurrent enrollment in at least one Art Practice Studio)	3
Total	15

Architecture, Art or Design electives	12
Total Credit Units Required	36

* Intro Art Studios are identified with the attribute "INTRO." Students must take an Intro Art Studio in at least *two* of the following areas:

- Painting ("PAINT")
- Photography ("PHOTO")
- Printmaking ("PRINT")
- Sculpture ("SCULPT")
- Time-Based Media ("TIME")

** Art Practice courses are designated with the attribute "ARTPRAC."

Second Major in Design: No Concentration

Required	Units
Art/Design Foundation	
Select two from Drawing, 2D Design, 3D Design or Design Across Disciplines	6
Digital Studio	3
Total	9

Major Area Requirements	
Sophomore Design Material and Culture Studios*	6
Junior/Senior Design Practice Studios**	9
Total	15

Architecture, Art or Design electives	12
Total Credit Units Required	36

* Sophomore Design Material and Culture Studios (select two):

- Introduction to Fashion Design
- Fashion Drawing
- Textiles and Surface Design
- Typography I
- Word & Image I

** Junior/Senior Design Practice Studios (select three):

- Fashion History and Research
- Fashion Design I: Pattern Drafting
- Typography II
- Word & Image II
- Interaction Foundations
- One 300- or 400-level Fashion Major Elective course with "FAME" attribute *or* one 300- or 400-level Communication Design Major Elective course with "CDES" attribute may count toward this requirement

Second Major in Design: Communication Concentration

Required	Units
Art/Design Foundation	
Select two from Drawing, 2D Design, 3D Design or Design Across Disciplines	6
Digital Studio	3
Total	9

Major Area Requirements	
Sophomore Design Material and Culture Studios*	6
Junior/Senior Design Practice Studios**	9
Total	15

Architecture, Art or Design electives	12
Total Credit Units Required	36

* Sophomore Design Material and Culture Studios:

- Typography I
- Word & Image I

** Junior/Senior Design Practice Studios

- Select *one* 300- or 400-level Communication Design Major Elective with "CDES" attribute
- Select *two* from the following: Interaction Foundations, Typography II or Word & Image II

Second Major in Design: Fashion Concentration

Required	Units
Art/Design Foundation	
Select two from Drawing, 2D Design, 3D Design or Design Across Disciplines	6
Digital Studio	3
Total	9

Major Area Requirements	
Sophomore Design Material and Culture Studios*	6
Junior/Senior Design Practice Studios**	9
Total	15

Architecture, Art or Design electives	12
Total Credit Units Required	36

* Sophomore Design Material and Culture Studios:

- Introduction to Fashion Design
- Select *one*:
 - Fashion Drawing
 - Textiles and Surface Design

** Junior/Senior Design Practice Studios:

- Fashion History and Research
- Fashion Design I: Pattern Drafting
- *One* 300- or 400-level course with "FAME" attribute

Second Majors and Minors Outside the College of Art

Students may earn a second major or minor in the College of Arts & Sciences, the Olin Business School, or the McKelvey School of Engineering, or they may earn a minor in the College of Architecture while completing the requirements for the BFA or BA degree. Students who choose this path will graduate with their chosen art or design degree and major (BFA or BA) alongside the additional major or minor.

Students must successfully complete all of the degree requirements for the College of Art and all of the requirements for the second major or minor.

The second major or minor option can be completed within four years if careful planning begins during the first year. If a student is interested in these options, they should consult with the associate dean of students in the College of Art.

Art Education

Students who wish to teach art at the elementary and secondary levels may obtain Missouri state certification by taking additional units of required education courses offered by the university's Department of Education in the College of Arts & Sciences. These courses may be taken as academic electives within the BFA or BA program. For more information, visit the Department of Education's Teacher Certification page.