University of Minnesota  
College of Liberal Arts  
Student Services

Art  
Bachelor of Fine Arts

Information on major requirements is subject to change and is provided here for information purposes. For current information about major requirements, contact your CLA student community or the major department. --- 01/02

Degree Requirements

To complete the B.F.A., students must complete at least 126 credits, including at least 68 credits in the major. Because the B.F.A. track includes the same liberal education requirements as the B.A., including proficiency in a second language, there is an increase in total credits.

Students complete five core (1xxx) courses at 4 credits each, including the introduction to visual arts, a course in drawing, a course in three-dimensional concepts, a course in the reproducible media, and an elective ArtS course at the 1xxx level.

Major coursework requires a course in critical theory, ArtS 5400 (3 credits), three courses in the history of art, an internship experience (1-3 credits), and a minimum of 30 credits (8 courses) in art at 3xxx or above.

An internship with a local or national art organization or an apprenticeship with an established artist recognized in the field is required, usually in the junior or senior year.

In their final semester, B.F.A. candidates participate in a solo or small group exhibition that is reviewed by faculty.

All coursework for the major must be taken A-F. Only grades of C- or above apply to the major.

Required Courses

- Arts 1001—Introduction to Visual Arts
- ArtS 1101—Drawing
- ArtS 1301—Sculpture or ArtS 1801—Ceramics
- ArtS 1501—Printmaking or ArtS 1601—Electronic Art or ArtS 1701—Photography
- An advisor approved course in critical theory from a related discipline
- ArtS 3496—Internship in the Arts or ArtsS 3499—Internship at the Katherine E. Nash Gallery
- ArtS 5400—Seminar: Concepts and Practices in Art
- 30 cr ArtS 3xxx or above
- 9 cr ArtH (6 cr must be 3xxx or above)

All courses from the Department of Art History may apply to the art history requirement in the major. Adviser-approved, individual courses from the Departments of American Indian Studies, Anthropology, History, Cultural Studies and Comparative Literature, and Women’s Studies may also be applied to the art history requirement as they concern issues and topics germane to the history of the visual arts.

Final Project

B.F.A. candidates must participate in a solo or small group exhibition at an adviser-approved gallery or exhibition space during the final semester.

Minor Requirements

A minor in art introduces students to the creative process and visual thinking. All minor coursework
must be taken A-F. Only grades of C- or above will apply to the minor. The undergraduate minor in art requires a minimum of 20 credits, as follows:

- ArtS 1001—Introduction to Visual Arts (this course must be completed before taking any upper level art courses).
- One course from the 1xxx ArtS electives (1101, 1301, 1501, 1505, 1601, 1701, 1801)
- Three ArtS courses at 3xxx or above (must have appropriate prerequisites). One of these elective courses may be an additional 1xxx elective if a second media area is desired.
- One elective course in art history at 3xxx or above.

4. If you decide to change your major, contact your CLA student community for information on the new major’s declaration process.

For more information

About the art major:
Undergraduate Advising
208 Art Building
(612) 625-8096
http://artdept.umn.edu

About CLA requirements, graduation, and other information about majors:
CLA Arts Student Community
560 Heller Hall
(612) 624-7504
http://arts.cla.umn.edu
arts@class.cla.umn.edu

or

CLA Martin Luther King, Jr. Program
19 Johnston Hall
(612) 625-2300
http://www.mlk.umn.edu/mlk@class.cla.umn.edu

About careers, internships, and community learning opportunities in this major and others:
Career and Community Learning Center
135 Johnston Hall
(612) 624-7577
www.cclc.umn.edu
cclc@class.cla.umn.edu

How do I declare an art major?

You will be required to declare a major by the time you have completed 60 credits.

1. Talk with someone from the department: an adviser, a professor, or a teaching assistant, to learn more about the field of art.

2. When you decide upon an art major, meet with the Coordinator of Advising from the department to complete a Major Program form.

3. Bring a copy of the completed form to your CLA student community.

Remember!

You have not declared a major until you have:

- completed a Major Program Form with your major adviser
  - filed a copy with the major department
  - filed a copy with your CLA student community
  - be sure to keep a copy for yourself