VISUAL ARTS



COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Fine Arts – 2D Media (Mansfield only)

This degree map is based on the current Academic Catalog and is subject to change. Please note that the degree map is designed to give you a sense of roughly how courses might be distributed over a 4-year degree. Your exact schedule will differ depending on a range of factors though we recommend taking a minimum of 15 credits each fall and spring semester. Regular consultation with your academic advisor is the best way to make sure that you are taking the courses you need in the right order to ensure efficient progress through your degree program.

Sample 4-Year Plan

First Year					
Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits		
ART 100 2D Foundations	3	ART 101 3D Foundations	3		
ART 120 Drawing Foundation	3	ART 190 Digital Foundations	3		
Gen Ed - First Year Seminar (1/15)	3	ARTH 210 Ancient to Medieval Art	3		
Gen Ed Course (2/15)	3	Gen Ed Course (4/15)	3		
Gen Ed Course (3/15)	3	Gen Ed Course (5/15)	3		
Semester Total	15	Semester Total	15		

Second Year					
Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits		
ART 220 Drawing II OR ART 221 Figure Drawing	3	GRDS 200 Introduction to Graphic Design	3		
One course in Printmaking	3	One course in Painting	3		
One course in Photography	3	One course in Sculpture	3		
ARTH 220 Renaissance to Contemporary	3	Gen Ed History or Global Perspectives: Art History course 200 level or higher (7/15)	3		
Gen Ed Course (6/15)	3	Gen Ed Course (8/15)	3		
Semester Total	15	Semester Total	15		

Third Year					
Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits		
One course in Ceramics (or Fabric Design at BL)	3	200-300 level course in 2D Media (2/4)	3		
One course in Digital Art OR Graphic Design	3	200-300 level course in 2D Media (3/4)	3		
200-300 level course in 2D Media (1/4)	3	Gen Ed History or Global Perspectives: Art History Course Non-Western (11/15)	3		
Gen Ed – Arts/ Music, Theater, or Dance (9/15)	3	Junior Seminar: ART 483 Studio Theory and Practice	3		
Gen Ed Course (10/15)	3	Gen Ed course (12/15)	3		
Semester Total	15	Semester Total	15		

Fourth Year					
Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits		
200-300 level course in 2D Media (4/4)	3	300-400 level course in 2D Media	3		
2D Media Focus course	3	CAPSTONE: 2D Media Thesis Course	3		
Graphic Design (GRDS) or Digital Art Elective	3	Visual Art Elective	3		
Gen Ed course (13/15)	3	Gen Ed course (15/15)	3		
Gen Ed course (14/15)	3	Free elective course	3		
Semester Total	15	Semester Total	15		

Winter/Summer College - Optional

While not required, Winter and Summer sessions are offered each year and may help you stay on track or get ahead. You may take up to seven (7) credits during Winter College and up to 14 credits during Summer College.

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Curriculum Checklist

75 credits

BFA CORE (39 credits)

- ____ ART 100 2D Foundations (3)
- ____ ART 101 3D Foundations (3)
- ____ ART 120 Drawing Foundations (3)
- ____ ART 190 Digital Foundations (3)
- ____ ART 220 Drawing II or ART 221 Life Drawing (3)
- ___ Choose one course in Printmaking (3)
- ART 260; 261; 262; 263; 264; 265; or GRDS 282
 Choose one course in Photography (3)
- ART 250; 252; 253;254; 255; 256; or 257
- Choose one course in Painting (3)
- ART 180, 240; 241; 242; 243, 340 or 341
- ____ Choose one course in Sculpture (3)
- ART 270; 271; 272; 273; 274; 275; 276; or 277
- ____ Choose one course in Fabric Design or Ceramics (3)
 - Ceramics: ART 210; 211; 212; 213; 214; 310; or 311
 - Fabric Design: ART 230; 231 232; 233; or 234
- ____ GRDS 200 Intro to Graphic Design (3)
- ARTH 210 Ancient to Medieval Art (3)
- ARTH 220 Renaissance to Contemporary Art (3)

Concentration (21 credits)

____ Choose Four 200-300 level courses in 2D Media (12)

- Digital Media: ART 290; 291; and/or 292
 - Drawing: ART 180, 220; 221; 290, 321, or 420 (repeatable)
- Painting: ART 240; 241; 242; 243; 280; 340 and/or 341
- Photography: ART 250; 252; 253; 254; 255; 256; and/or 257
- Printmaking: ART 260; 261; 262; 263; 264; 265; and/or GRDS 282
- Fabric Design: ART 232; 233; and/or 234
- ___ Choose One 300-400 level 2D Media course (3)
- ART 321; 341; 401; 402; 420; 430; 440; 450; or 460
 Choose one 2D Media Focus course (3)
- ART 401; 402; 420; 430; 440; 450; or 460
- ____ Choose one Capstone Thesis Course: (3)
 - ART 421; 431; 441; 451; or 461

BFA Junior Seminar (3 credits)

____ ART 483 Studio Theory and Practice

Visual Arts Electives (12 credits)

- ____ Choose one NON-WESTERN Art History elective (3)
- ARTH 230; 253; 330; or 350
- Choose one 200-300 level Art History elective (3)
- ARTH 210; 220; 230; 251; 252; 253; 257; 302; 303; 304; 307; 308; 310; 311; 330; 340; 350 or 370
- Choose one Graphic Design or Digital Elective (3)
- ART 290; 291; or 292
- GRDS 201; 202; 277; 282; 283
- Choose one Visual Arts Elective (ART, ARTH or GRDS) (3)
- <u>EXCLUDING</u>ARTH 110 and ARTH 120

Portfolio Reviews (0 credits)

- ____ Sophomore Portfolio Review (0)
- ____ Junior Portfolio Review (0)



General Education Requirements

(45 credits)

Note: Some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in your major program including directed Gen Ed courses noted below

- Foundations (15 credits)
 - Directed Gen Ed in History Choose one:
 - ARTH 230 Intro to Asian Art
 - ARTH 257 History of the Art Market
 - ARTH 302 The Greco-Roman World
 - ARTH 303 Medieval Art and Society
 - ARTH 304 Italian Renaissance Art
 - ARTH 307 19th Century Art
 - ARTH Islamic Art and Architecture
- Interconnections (9 credits)
- Citizenship & Responsibility (6 credits from at least two goals)
 - Directed Gen Ed Global Perspectives, Choose one:
 - ARTH 253 History of Fiber and Fashion
 - o ARTH 330 Latin American Art
 - ARTH 350 Art of Africa and Oceania
- Natural World & Technologies (9 credits)
- Creativity & Expression (6 credits)
 - ARTS NASAD Requirement = Choose one:
 - Any course in Music, Theater or Dance

Degree Requirements

All students must obtain a minimum of 120 credits, complete all General Education requirements, and all requirements for the selected major. Meet with your advisor and consult Degree Works to monitor your progress and for all graduation requirements.

A minimum GPA of 2.0 in the major and overall are required.