Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Studio Art Drawing & Illustration

The degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) requires successful completion of 120 hours, whose required components include (1) the UCA Core: complete 38 hours to meet lower-division UCA Core requirements (see UCA Core requirements and note that ART 2325, 2335, or 2336—required for Art majors and minors—fulfills the LD UCA Core requirement in Critical Analysis, Fine Arts/Humanities) and complete upper-division UCA Core requirements using designated courses (again, see UCA Core requirements); (2) 83 hours of art and design courses in an approved BFA major in Studio Art and emphasis degree plan as described below; (3) and electives to bring total credit hours to 120. Art and design courses must follow a prerequisite structure. A minor is not required. This degree may require more than the normal eight semesters to complete. Students with a 2.5 cumulative GPA and a 3.25 major GPA on a minimum of 24 hours of art may apply for acceptance to the BFA program after completing the Major Advancement Portfolio review (MAP).

Students are strongly encouraged to follow the semester-by-semester structure in the published BFA Academic Map. As such, this document is to be used as a checksheet to evaluate the student's progress through the degree in a course-by-course manner.

Trajectory of Professional Track

ART 3350 Fibers

☐ ART 3355 3D Animation

Foundations → Major Advancement Portfolio → MAP review → Creative Practice Seminar → BFA Application → (if accepted) → BFA Professional Practices I → BFA Professional Practices II → BFA Practicum Draft & Application → BFA Internship → BFA Practicum I → (BFA Practicum II & BFA Assessment & Exhibition) → OUTCOME > BFA Senior Exhibition and BFA Exit Interview

Art Core Courses (a total of 18 hours required)
ART 1210, 1220, and 1230 are to be taken concurrently and are only offered in the fall ART 1210 Foundations Seminar I: Introduction To Professional Studio Practice, Theory, And Workshop ART 1220 Foundations Studio A: Visual Analysis, Ideation, And Process ART 1230 Foundations Studio B: Research, Experimentation, And Iteration
ART 1270, 1280, and 1290 are to be taken concurrently and are only offered in the spring ART 1270 Foundations Seminar II: Introduction To Contemporary Art Media, Processes, And Meaning ART 1280 Foundations Studio C: Structure, Meaning, And Craft ART 1290 Foundations Studio D: Time, Motion, And Collaboration
6 hours of Lower Division Art History ✓ ART 2335 Art History, Prehistoric to Medieval ✓ ART 2336 Art History, Renaissance to Modern
Art Area Studies (a total of 20 hours required)
 ✓ ART 2140 Major Advancement Portfolio (fall only) ✓ ART 3140 Creative Practices Seminar (spring only) ✓ ART 3324 Advanced Life Drawing or ART 3326 Advanced Drawing Topics
Category A (select one) ART 3361 Sculpture I ART 3379 Ceramics I

ART 3315 Contemporary Media in 3-D (Prerequisite: 3 hours 3000-level studio) [UD UCA Core: C, I]

ART 3V92 Special Topics in Studio Art (Topics are emailed to students when available)

Category B (select one)
ART 3318 Photography I
ART 3330 Illustration
ART 3332 Painting I
ART 3334 Mixed Media in 2D
ART 3343 Printmaking I
ART 3353 Design Theory and Process
ART 3356 Time-Based Media
☐ ART 3V92 Special Topics in Studio Art (Topics are emailed to students when available)
Category C (select one)
☐ ART 3321 Digital Photography
ART 3353 Design Theory and Process
☐ ART 3354 Composition in Design [UD UCA Core: C, I]
☐ ART 3355 3D Animation
ART 3356 Time-Based Media
☐ ART 3357 Emergent Art [UD UCA Core: C, I]
ART 3358 Interactivity [UD UCA Core: C, I]
☐ ART 3V92 Special Topics in Studio Art (Topics are emailed to students when available)
ART 4328 Design Reasoning and Research
ART 4335 Conceptual Design and Symbolism
Select one additional course from this list
(write the course chosen next to the category)
☐ Category A
Category C
☐ ART 3304 Introduction to Art Education
3 hours of Upper Division Art History (Category D) ART 3307 Arts of Africa [UD UCA Core: Diversity] ART 3311 Ancient South American Art [UD UCA Core: Diversity] ART 3329 Ancient Mesoamerican Art [UD UCA Core: Diversity] ART 3385 Art of India ART 3395 Art of Japan
BFA Art History (a total of 6 additional hours of art history required specific to the BFA degree)
Choices may come from either category below
Category D
☐ ART 3307 Arts of Africa [UD UCA Core: Diversity]
☐ ART 3311 Ancient South American Art [UD UCA Core: Diversity]
☐ ART 3329 Ancient Mesoamerican Art [UD UCA Core: Diversity]
☐ ART 3385 Art of India
☐ ART 3395 Art of Japan
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Category E
☐ ART 3301 Modern Art [UD UCA Core: Diversity]
☐ ART 3302 History of American Art [UD UCA Core: Diversity]
☐ ART 3303 Nineteenth Century Art History [UD UCA Core: Diversity]
☐ ART 3335 Art Museum Studies
☐ ART 3363 History of Graphic Design

□ ART 3365 Women in Art [UD UCA Core: Diversity]□ ART 4372 Senior Seminar (fall only)
BFA Studio Emphasis (a total of 21 hours required) (Note – If one or more of the courses below have been checked off on the front of this sheet under Category A B or C, then select additional courses from the studio emphasis electives section.
Special Note — ART 3324 Advanced Life Drawing, ART 3326 Advanced Drawing Topics, and ART 4325 Experimental Drawing are required elsewhere in the BFA, however ART 4325 Experimental Drawing is encouraged to be taken as soon as possible with prerequisites.
 □ ART 3334 Mixed Media in 2D ☑ ART 3330 Illustration □ ART 3339 Advanced Mixed Media in 2D □ ART 3331 Advanced Illustration [UD UCA Core: C, I]
Select one of the following ART 4388 Advanced Studio: Drawing ART 4V71 Directed Studio: Drawing ART 3V92 Special Topics in Studio Art
Select one of the following ART 4335 Conceptual Design and Symbolism ART 4388 Advanced Studio: Illustration ART 4V71 Directed Studio: Illustration ART 3V92 Special Topics in Studio Art
Select one of the following ART 3315 Contemporary Media in 3-D [UD UCA Core: C, I] ART 3320 Photography II [UD UCA Core: C, I] ART 3333 Painting II [UD UCA Core: C, I] ART 3344 Printmaking II [UD UCA Core: C, I] ART 3354 Composition in Design [UD UCA Core: C, I] ART 3355 3D Animation ART 3356 Time-Based Media ART 3357 Emergent Art [UD UCA Core: C, I] ART 3358 Interactivity [UD UCA Core: C, I] ART 3362 Sculpture II [UD UCA Core: C, I] ART 3380 Slip Casting and Glaze Formulation [UD UCA Core: C, I]
BFA Requirements (a total of 18 hours required) ✓ ART 3150 BFA Professional Practices I ✓ ART 4150 BFA Professional Practices II ✓ ART 4325 Experimental Drawing (fall only) ☐ ART 4V75 BFA Internship - spring 2026 ✓ ART 4300 BFA Studio Practicum ☐ ART 4301 BFA Studio Practicum ☐ ART 4160 BFA Assessment and Exhibition [UD UCA Core: Z]