

ART, MINOR

Requirements for a minor may be completed at any campus location offering the specified courses for the minor. Students may not change from a campus that offers their major to a campus that does not offer their major for the purpose of completing a minor.

Program Description

The B.A. degree in art provides a comprehensive liberal education coupled with professional resident instruction in art. Students electing to take the Art Minor will gain access to skills and knowledge to enable them to understand and integrate a range of art and design methods and content to broader academic interests. Students completing this minor will find a flexible coursework structure that ensures their objectives and artistic interests are met. Depending on each student's objectives and course choices they may choose courses that provide a foundation for a liberal arts education, preparation for a double major, preliminary stages towards a professional career in visual arts and design, or broad grounding for graduate studies. Each student must elect an area of concentration from one or more of the following: ceramics, drawing and painting, new media, photography, printmaking, or sculpture. The Art Minor enables students to advance and integrate visual arts and design knowledge and skills in a range of areas and is especially appropriate for students with substantial interest in art and design, but who intend to pursue careers in other fields.

What is Art?

Art is an individual and social practice that makes an impact. When people create or respond to art, they make connections between themselves and the experiences of others. In some cases, art provides a private encounter whereby individual thoughts and feelings are expressed through art, or recognized in the art of someone else. In other cases, art gives form to ideas and issues that concern entire communities. It is because art extends personal and public awareness that it is highly valued as a cultural activity. Those who make art and write about art offer imaginative insights that challenge us to see things differently. By creating artworks yourself, and enhancing your capacity to interpret artworks made by other individuals, communities, and cultures, you contribute to one of the most important purposes of art, which is to celebrate this unique human form of social communication that shapes the way we see ourselves.

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You are intrigued by not only coming to know different things as you learn, but want to increase your creative capabilities to come to know things differently. Creative thinkers from all areas of knowledge and systems of inquiry have the capacity to explore ideas, seek and solve problems, question answers, and probe issues. Making and understanding visual arts and design helps us to experience difference and appreciate diversity.