

Art

University of Wisconsin-River Falls

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Goals and Objectives

- to provide in-depth and comprehensive exposure to and expertise in the following core studio areas: art education, drawing, painting, graphics, ceramics, printmaking, photography, fibers, metals and glass.
- to provide a foundation experience in sculpture and art history as well as significant instruction in computerized advertising/design.
- to attract and retain the highest caliber of professional experts in each of its core curriculum areas and major degree areas.
- to meet the educational and personal development needs of students through effective teaching, academic advising and counseling by providing cultural opportunities and extra-curricular programs which expand the base of liberal and specific studies necessary to the foundation for the baccalaureate degree and teaching certification in the field of fine arts.

The objectives of the art department academic programs are closely tied to the university mission and aim to develop students who shall be adept at creative problem solving. Students shall be critically aware of themselves and their visual environment and dexterous in the use of materials but respectful of both possibilities and limitations. Students shall be capable in critical judgment and capable of revising criteria in the light of new experiences as well as possessing an awareness of what has been done in the visual arts and what might therefore be possible, enriched by tradition but not bound by it. Students shall be articulate in discussion and analysis of the visual phenomena which they encounter. They shall be flexible and adaptable to new times, technologies, and situations, but will be able to recognize, create and preserve value. Further objectives of the department are to establish a studio major and minor focus based philosophically on interests and experience; broaden the aesthetic base in both art and the liberal arts generally and establish a stronger art history base with greater depth in Western art and broader scope in art of non-Western cultures.

Program The art department is in the College of Arts and Sciences and students have several options in designing a course of study. The art department currently offers a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree (72 credits) and either a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree with 4 options including art major (36 credits with minor), art education major (36 credits with minor), broad area art education major (54 credits), and broad area art major (56 credits).

Faculty The art department employs nine faculty members who possess terminal degrees in their fields. Members are active professionals who are exhibiting and lecturing nationally and internationally as well as working with over 1300 UW-River Falls students annually.

Career Opportunities Art majors do a variety of jobs in education and the private sector. An undergraduate art degree is required for any additional graduate training in the arts. Past graduates have developed careers in a variety of fields and recognize the importance of developing their creative problem solving abilities to adjust to the changing job climate.

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BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS

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Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree.

Academic Advising Plan.

Semester 1 (Fall)

ART 121	Design Foundation.....	3
ART 131	Drawing I	3
ENGL 111	Academic Reading and Writing.....	3
	General education humanities course.....	3
	General education behavioral/social science course	3
	Total semester credits.....	15

Semester 2 (Spring)

ART 132	Drawing II.....	3
ENGL 112	Persuasive Reading and Writing	3
	ART 200-level studio course	3
	General education speech course.....	3
	Science course with lab	3
	Total semester credits.....	15

Semester 3 (Fall)

ART 211	Western Art to 1500.....	3
	(fulfills general education fine arts humanities req.)	
	ART 200-level studio courses (two).....	6
P ED 108	Health and Fitness for Life	1
	Physical education activity course.....	.5
	General education mathematics course	3
	Total semester credits	13.5

Semester 4 (Spring)

ART 212	Art History Since 1500.....	3
	ART 200-level studio course	3
	Major studio area art course	3
	General education humanities course.....	3
	General education science course	3
	Physical education activity course.....	.5
	Total semester credits	15.5

Semester 5 (Fall)

ANTH 100	Introduction to Anthropology.....	3
	ART 200-level studio course	3
	Art major studio area	3
	Art history course	2
	General education science course	3
	Total semester credits	14

Semester 6 (Spring)

PHIL 235	Philosophy of the Arts.....	3
	Art major studio lab	3
	Art minor studio area	3
	Art history course	2
	General education social/behavioral science course	3
	Approved elective course.....	3
	Total semester credits	17

Semester 7 (Fall)

ART 485	Senior Seminar.....	1
IHUM 498	Senior Level Capstone Course	2
	ART 200-level studio course	3
	Art major studio area	3
	Art minor studio area	3
	General education diversity course	3
	Total semester credits	15

Semester 8 (Spring)

	ART 200-level studio course	3
ART 309	Gallery Techniques.....	1
ART 320	Drawing from the Figure.....	3
	Art major studio lab	3
	Required elective related fields	2
	Approved elective course.....	3
	Total semester credits	15

Summary of Degree Requirements

General Education	39 cr.
Major Courses	66 cr.
Support Courses.....	9 cr.
Electives	6 cr.
Credits to Degree.....	120 cr.