

BFA in Art - Studio Art: Photo Media Concentration

The Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in art — studio art emphasis develops students' perceptual skills, technical making skills, creativity, and ability to think critically and independently. Students are encouraged to explore ideas between fine and applied arts methodologies and gain experiences in developing and applying skills and creativity outside the classroom. Instruction in use of art materials and specific art processes enables students to create original work reflecting their evolving vision. The degree program also facilitates broad cultural awareness of the visual arts in society through art history and criticism, the expectation of travel, and applied, real-world experiences required within the curriculum. Graduating majors are able to clearly express ideas through artworks via historical and contemporary aesthetic and technical models, along with developing a substantial vision for their own careers and/or creative possibilities in the 21st century art world.

The photo media concentration offers coursework in both analog and digital methods, including B&W darkroom printing, 19th century processes, studio lighting, large format shooting and printing, advanced digital manipulation, appropriation, and crossover with time-based media. A foundation in the fundamental aspects of photography is required, as well as an understanding of the historical and social context in which photography is encountered.

Admission

Students gain formal admission to the degree program through the preparation of a plan of study in Mid-Program Review (ARTF 202), a course that provides structured advising about career options and degree requirements.

Program Requirements

A minimum total of 120 credit hours is required for the Bachelor of Fine Arts in art – studio art: photo media concentration and includes 86 credit hours of art and art history courses listed below. A grade of C (2.000 grade points) or higher is required in all major courses to count towards degree requirements. In addition to meeting the university scholastic, residence and General Education Program (<http://catalog.wichita.edu/undergraduate/academic-information/general-education-program/>) requirements, a minimum grade point average of 2.000 is required within the major.

Course	Title	Hours
General Education (34-35 credit hours)		
Select courses to meet General Education requirements ¹		34-35
Art Foundation Studies		
ARTF 102	Introduction to Art and Design ²	3
ARTF 136	Foundation 2-D Design ²	3
ARTF 145	Foundation Drawing ²	3
ARTF 189	Foundation 3-D Design ²	3
ARTF 202	Mid-Program Review	0
Art History		
ARTH 125A-Z	Introduction to Art History (select two lettered courses)	6
ARTH 347	Themes in Contemporary Art and Design I	3
Select 3 credit hours in ARTH 300+ (300-level or above)		3
Select 3 credit hours in ARTH 500+ (500-level or above)		3
Introductory Art Studies		
ARTS 232	Introduction to Photography	3
ARTS 240	Introduction to Life Drawing	3

ARTS 252	Introduction to Painting Media	3
ARTS 261	Introduction to Printmaking	3
ARTS 270	Introduction to Ceramics	3
ARTS 282	Introduction to Sculpture and Extended Media	3
Select one of the following		3
ARTS 245	Digital Studio	
ARTS 283	Digital 3-D Tools in Sculpture	
Studio Art Program Studies		
ARTS 305	Studio Tools and Presentation	3
ARTS 398	Interdisciplinary Seminar	2
Select one course in ARTE/ARTG/ARTS 200-level or 300-level (excludes ARTS 375A-Z, ARTS 390A-Z)		3
Select two courses in ARTE/ARTS 300-level or above (excludes ARTS 375A-Z, ARTS 390A-Z, ARTS 590A-Z, ARTS 591A-Z)		6
Select one course in ARTE/ARTS 300-level or above or three 1 credit hour courses from the following		3
ARTH/ARTS 390A-Z	QuickFire Topics	
ARTS 375A-Z	Special Topics in Ceramics	
Photo Media Concentration		
ARTS 335	Contemporary Photography Studio	3
ARTS 535	Advanced Photo Media (take two semesters)	6
ARTS 598	Studio Art Senior Project	3
ARTS 599	Senior Exhibition	3
Select two of the following		6
ARTS 330	Alternative and Hybrid Photography	
ARTS 331	Digital Photographic Techniques	
ARTS 334A-Z	Photo Media Topics	
Total Credit Hours		120

Note: 45+ upper-division credit hours are required for graduation. Model programs of study are available in the School of Art, Design and Creative Industries office and ADCI website (<http://wichita.edu/adci/>).

¹ Required major courses may also count towards General Education requirements. Students will need to select additional electives to reach 120 credit hours required for graduation with assistance from an advisor.

² Must be completed prior to enrolling in ARTF 202.

Applied Learning

Students in the Bachelor of Fine Arts in art - studio art program are required to complete an applied learning or research experience to graduate from the program. The requirement can be met by completing ARTS 599 Senior Exhibition.