



# DEPARTMENT OF ART

Creative Education, Creative Careers



**ABOUT US** The Department of Art is a vibrant, diverse community where creativity is our passion. Whether you are interested in being a professional artist, designer, educator, or historian, you will learn the skills you need to pursue a career that feeds your curiosity. Classes in our department focus on innovation and experimentation in both traditional and new media with faculty focused on student success.



**STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES** Engage, exhibit, and work at the Center for Visual Art, our off-campus gallery that exhibits international and nationally-recognized artists as well as our own students and faculty. You can intern at a variety of local museums, galleries, and design firms. Join a club like the Dirtburners or the Art Guild, or go on a study abroad trip organized by our faculty in places like Barcelona or Berlin.



**WHAT MAKES US SPECIAL** Our faculty are deeply embedded in the Denver creative scene and bring real-world knowledge to their classrooms. They often connect students with opportunities in the community and bring guest artists and designers to campus. Art History faculty bring history to life by bringing objects from the materials collection to class and working with students in collections such as the Denver Museum of Nature and Science or taking them on field trips to the Museum of Contemporary Art, the Museo de las Americas, and the Denver Art Museum.



**MAJOR/MINOR** We offer a B.A. or a B.F.A. in Art, a B.F.A. in Communication Design, a B.F.A. in Art Education, or a B.A. in Art History, Theory, and Criticism. You can also do a minor in Studio Art, Art History, Theory, and Criticism, or Digital Media.



## STUDENT QUOTE

"MSU Denver strives to make its education relevant, and the Art Department realizes that vision and produces artists who can step from their academic practice right into a professional one."

—Heather Doyle-Maier



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# ART | Bachelor of Arts

## Experiential Major Map



COLLEGE OF LETTERS,  
ARTS AND SCIENCES

	First Year	Middle Years	Last Year
<b>Cultivate</b> Learning & Academic Excellence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take your Foundations classes in ART/ARTH</li> <li>Meet with your Faculty advisor</li> <li>Attend open studio hours</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take 2000 and 3000-level Art classes</li> <li>Take either ARTH 2600 or ART 2221</li> <li>Declare a Minor or other credential that will complement your major</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finish your upper-level coursework in the Art degree</li> <li>Prepare for your senior capstone project</li> </ul>
<b>Engage</b> Globally and Locally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Join a student organization</li> <li>Go to an exhibition at the Center for Visual Art</li> <li>Research study abroad opportunities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participate in a Department of Art study abroad opportunity</li> <li>Attend a conference in your discipline with one of the student organizations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enter juried exhibitions and/or plan exhibitions with other students</li> <li>Serve as an officer in a student organization</li> </ul>
<b>Prepare</b> for Postgraduation Success	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attend a Visiting Artist event and hear about the career paths of professional artists</li> <li>Build your resume through volunteering or working in the Department of Art</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply for on or off-campus arts-related jobs, including at the Center for Visual Art</li> <li>Visit Career Services and research how liberal arts degrees prepare for a variety of careers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do an internship assisting a local artist or working in an arts organization</li> <li>Complete Professional Practices I to learn about careers in the arts</li> <li>Visit Career Services</li> </ul>

### Academic Success Checklist

- Discover library resources
- Book an appointment with your academic advisor
- Visit the writing and tutoring center
- Complete FASFA and academic scholarship applications

Employment in Art is projected to grow by 6.2 percent from 2024 to 2026.

### Career Development Checklist

- Update your resume early & often
- Drop into the C2 Hub's Career Lab
- Secure an internship or career aligned part time job to develop essential skills for graduation

### Career Information

#### What skills do employers want?

- Art handling and familiarity with a variety of artistic media
- Ability to work collaboratively on a team
- Knowledge and familiarity with contemporary and historical art and processes
- Strong oral and written communication skills

#### This major gives me the skills to:

- Creatively problem-solve
- Visually and verbally convey cultural and aesthetic ideas
- Plan and implement projects from beginning to end

#### What careers can I pursue?

- Independent Artist
- Artist's Assistant
- Arts Administrator
- Art Therapist
- Animator
- Illustrator

