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 Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Advisor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Program: Art Major, B.A.  
 Minimum Credits Required: \_\_\_\_\_

## Art Major, B.A.

Department of Art  
 College of Letters, Arts and Sciences

Available Program Format(s): In-Person

### About the Program

The Bachelor of Arts in Art is a liberal arts degree that provides students with an opportunity to gain a broad background in visual art. The creative problem-solving and critical thinking skills learned in this degree program are useful in a variety of career applications and personal aspirations toward lifelong learning. The Department of Art and MSU Denver are accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (N.A.S.A.D.).

### Student Outcomes

1. Select, evaluate and apply appropriate research resources to develop and support their ideas.
2. Apply creative processes to the design and completion of works of art that communicate compelling ideas.
3. Clearly synthesize ideas about visual art in verbal form.

### General Degree Requirements

To earn a degree, students must satisfy all requirements in each of the four areas below, in addition to their individual major requirements.

- Completion Requirements for Degrees and Certificates
- General Studies Requirements
- Ethnic Studies & Social Justice Graduation Requirement
- Senior Experience Graduation Requirement

### Program Requirements

- A total of 120 semester hours are required for graduation.
- A grade of C- or better is required for each course in this program to count toward the bachelor's degree. Students should note that programs differ in the minimum grade required.
- Students who are in the B.A. in Art may not minor in Studio Art.
- Art History, Theory and Criticism is a distinct academic discipline from Art, Art Education, or Communication Design, although all reside within the Department of Art and share common foundational requirements.
- Foundation courses are prerequisites for courses within the Art, Communication Design, and Art History, Theory and Criticism majors. Check each course description for specific prerequisites or corequisites.

### General Studies Requirements: 33 credits

Students should consult the General Studies Requirements for a list of courses that fulfill the General Studies Requirements for degree completion.

- Written Communication (6 credits)
- Oral Communication (3 credits)
- Quantitative Literacy (3 credits)
- Arts and Humanities (6 credits)
- Historical (3 credits)
- Natural and Physical Sciences (6 credits)
- Social and Behavioral Sciences (6 credits)
- Global Diversity (0 or 3 credits\*\*)

*\*\* Students will fulfill the global diversity requirement by taking an approved course within one of the following categories: arts and humanities; historical; natural and physical sciences; or social and behavioral sciences.*

### Ethnic Studies & Social Justice Requirement: 0 or 3 credits

- Students should consult the Ethnic Studies & Social Justice Graduation Requirement for a list of courses that fulfill the ESSJ Requirement for degree completion.
- Many programs include courses that meet this requirement. Students should consult with their advisor to determine what program courses may fulfill this requirement.

### Art Foundation Requirements: 18 credits

Course Name	Credits:	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
ART 1101 - Art Studio: 2D	Credits: 3			
ART 1501 - Art Studio: 3D	Credits: 3			

ART 1531 - Art Studio: 4D	Credits: 3			
ARTH 1600 - Art of the Ancient World	Credits: 3			
ARTH 1700 - Art of the Medieval and Early Modern World	Credits: 3			
ARTH 1800 - Art of the Modern and Contemporary World	Credits: 3			

### Required Course Work: 7 credits

Course Name	Credits:	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
ART 3101 - Professional Practices I	Credits: 1			
ART 4101 - Advanced Interdisciplinary Studio	Credits: 3			
Take one of the following:				
ARTH 2600 - Reading and Writing Visual Culture	Credits: 3			
ART 2221 - Doing Theory	Credits: 3			

### Electives in the Major: 21 credits

Select a minimum of 21 credits of electives in the major. At least 9 of these credits must be in upper-division courses that have an ART prefix. \* ART 3701 Professional Practices II may be taken as an elective in the major, but may not be applied to this 9 credit ART requirement. Students are encouraged to include at least one course designated as integrated media.

*\*Prerequisites apply. Students pursuing the B.A. in Art may not enroll in ART 4701, ARTH 4710, CDES 4450, CDES 4600, CDES 4625, CDES 4650, or CDES 4721, or in courses with an ARTE prefix. Certain other advanced ART and CDES courses may be available only to B.F.A. students.*

### 2XXX ART Elective: 3 credits

Students take 3 credit hours in a 2XXX ART elective to complete the major. Select from the following courses.

Course Name	Credits:	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
ART 2611 - Beginning Ceramics: Handbuilding	Credits: 3			
ART 2613 - Beginning Ceramics: Wheelthrowing	Credits: 3			
ART 2631 - Beginning Digital and Emerging Art Practices	Credits: 3			
ART 2641 - Color Drawing: Wet and Dry	Credits: 3			
ART 2643 - Figure Drawing: Wet and Dry	Credits: 3			
ART 2651 - Beginning Jewelry and Metalsmithing	Credits: 3			
ART 2661 - Beginning Painting	Credits: 3			
ART 2671 - Beginning Photography	Credits: 3			
ART 2682 - Beginning Printmaking	Credits: 3			
ART 2691 - Beginning Sculpture	Credits: 3			

### Upper-Division ART Elective: 9 credits

Students take 9 credit hours of 3XXX or 4XXX ART electives to complete the major. Select from the following courses.

Course Name	Credits:	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
ART 3235 - Video Art	Credits: 3			
ART 3236 - Experimental Animation	Credits: 3			
ART 3237 - Art of the International Film Poster	Credits: 3			
ART 3244 - Advanced Figure Drawing	Credits: 3			
ART 3266 - Community Painting: The Mural	Credits: 3			
ART 3301 - The Artist's Book	Credits: 3			
ART 3391 - Fiber Structures	Credits: 3			
ART 3393 - Electronics and Experimental Systems	Credits: 3			
ART 3500 - Variable Topics: Site Specific Studies in Studio Art	Credits: 3			
ART 3591 - Digital Fabrication	Credits: 3			
ART 3612 - Intermediate Ceramics	Credits: 3			
ART 3613 - Pattern Networks	Credits: 3			
ART 3614 - Variable Topics in Intermediate Ceramics	Credits: 3			
ART 3632 - Intermediate Digital and Emerging Art Practices	Credits: 3			
ART 3637 - Socially Engaged Art	Credits: 3			
ART 3639 - Performance Art	Credits: 3			
ART 3640 - Installation Art	Credits: 3			
ART 3642 - Intermediate Drawing	Credits: 3			
ART 3652 - Intermediate Jewelry and Metalsmithing	Credits: 3			
ART 3653 - Miniature Casting Methods	Credits: 3			
ART 3654 - Variable Topics in Intermediate Jewelry	Credits: 3			
ART 3662 - Intermediate Painting	Credits: 3			
ART 3664 - Variable Topics in Intermediate Painting	Credits: 3			
ART 3672 - Intermediate Photography	Credits: 3			

ART 3678 - Environmental Art	Credits: 3			
ART 3682 - Intermediate Printmaking	Credits: 3			
ART 3692 - Intermediate Sculpture	Credits: 3			
ART 3920 - Variable Topics in Integrated Media	Credits: 3			
ART 4101 - Advanced Interdisciplinary Studio	Credits: 3			

### **ART, ARTH, or CDES Electives: 9 credits**

- Students take 9 credit hours in ART, ARTH, or CDES electives to complete the major.

### **Senior Experience: 3 credits**

Course Name	Credits:	Term Taken	Grade	Gen Ed
ART 4710 - Art Senior Experience	Credits: 3			

### **Summary of Requirements**

General Studies Requirements	33 credits
ESSJ Requirement	0-3 credits
Art Foundation Requirements	18 credits
Required Courses	7 credits
Major Electives	21 credits
Senior Experience	3 credits
Unrestricted Electives	35-44 credits
<b>Total for the Art Major, B.A.</b>	<b>120 credits</b>

Required courses for the major may also count for General Studies and ESSJ requirements, so the total credits listed may be greater than the number required to complete the degree. Therefore, it is important that you work with your advisor to make sure you are meeting requirements for your degree.

Notes: