
The Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree is a program of distinction designed for students wishing to become professionals or pursue graduate studies in Art, and is a Comprehensive Major specializing students in Painting, Photography, Printmaking, Ceramics, Jewelry, Sculpture, and Graphic Design. Refer to the Art section of the Catalog for further information on B.F.A. degree requirements.

Students who qualify and follow the instructions given here will be considered for B.F.A. status by the Art faculty.

Applicant Qualifications:
- Students applying for the B.F.A. must be formally admitted Art majors (usually students in the spring semester of their sophomore year, or fall semester of their junior year, who have completed one year of residency in the Western Department of Art).
- Applicants must apply at least one year prior to their intended graduation date, so they will be able complete all B.F.A. program requirements.
- B.F.A. applicants must have a GPA of 2.5 or greater and good academic standing.
- B.F.A. applicants are students whose art work, class performance, and commitment to their discipline exceeds expectations. Attendance at all Convocations is included.
- To ensure continuance in the B.F.A. program, students must maintain the above requirements and meet regularly with their emphasis advisor. The Art faculty will conduct Continuance Reviews each semester.

Applicant Instructions:
- Complete applications must be displayed in assigned Quigley showcases by the application deadlines or they will not be considered. Spring 2014-2015 B.F.A. Application Deadline: Friday, April 3 (sign up deadline March 20).
- Prior to the deadline: a sign-up sheet will be posted on the department chair’s office door (Dr. Heather Orr, Q228) each semester for students intending to apply that semester.
- Prior to the deadline: once students have written their names on the sign-up sheet, they must next immediately contact the department gallery director (Professor Thaddeus Smith) to be assigned a showcase for their application display.

Application form and checklist (next page):
- Students must include the completed form and all items indicated on the checklist in their assigned showcase by the application deadline.
Applicant Full Name ____________________________________________________________

Student ID: ___________________ Phone Number: ____________________________

Current Mailing Address:
________________________________________________________________________
(include apartment and street number, city, state, zip)

Intended year and semester of graduation: ______________________________________

Year/semester applying for B.F.A.: ____________________________________________

Emphasis and Advisor: _______________________________________________________

**Checklist (all these items must be included in the student’s assigned showcase by the deadline):**

- this completed application/checklist form.
- a recent transcript showing current GPA, hours earned, and completion of Art 119, 120, 171, 172.
- a quality portfolio with twenty color images of the student’s university-level art work. Art work should be recent, and demonstrate expected competency in drawing, perspective, the rendering of the human figure, color, materials, and 2-D and 3-D design principles.
- three examples of the student’s recent original art work, preferably in the emphasis. These works must be well presented (e.g., matted, framed, mounted, etc.)
- a one-page Artist Statement discussing the student’s interest in their emphasis, their philosophy of art, and why they wish to undertake the B.F.A. program.
- a writing sample – preferably a recent art history paper (only copies without grades or comments).

**Student signature** (indicates student agrees to qualifications and expectations):