

VISUAL ARTS

Bachelor of Fine Arts

This degree map is based on the 2026-27 Academic Catalog and is subject to change. Students should meet with their academic advisor each semester and use Degree Works to monitor their individual progress toward degree completion. The time it takes to earn a degree will vary based on several factors including summer/winter enrollment, dual enrollment and number of courses successfully completed each semester. We recommend taking a minimum of 15 credits each fall and spring semester.

Sample 4-Year Plan

First Year

Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
ART 100 2D Foundations	3	ART 101 3D Foundations	3
ART 120 Drawing Foundation	3	One course: Either GRDS200 or Digital Media Course	3
Gen Ed - First Year Seminar (1/15)	3	ARTH 210 Ancient to Medieval Art	3
Gen Ed Course (2/15)	3	Gen Ed Course (4/15)	3
Gen Ed Course (3/15)	3	Gen Ed Course (5/15)	3
Semester Total	15	Semester Total	15

Second Year

Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
One course in Fabric Design	3	ART 220; ART 221 or ART 222	3
One course in Printmaking	3	One course in Painting	3
One course in Photography	3	One course in Sculpture	3
ARTH 220 Renaissance to Contemporary	3	<i>Gen Ed Directed Gen Ed - History: (7/15)</i>	3
Gen Ed Course (6/15)	3	Gen Ed Course (8/15)	3
Semester Total	15	Semester Total	15

Third Year

Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
Specialization course (1/3)	3	Visual Arts Elective (3/5)	3
Visual Arts Elective (1/5)	3	Specialization course (2/3)	3
Visual Arts Elective (2/5)	3	Visual Arts Professional Practices Seminar	3
Gen Ed Course (9/15)	3	<i>Gen Ed Course (11/15)</i>	3
Gen Ed Course (10/15)	3	Gen Ed - Arts/ Music, Theater, or Dance (12/15)	3
Semester Total	15	Semester Total	15

Fourth Year

Fall Courses	Credits	Spring Courses	Credits
Specialization course (3/3)	3	Specialization Capstone Thesis Course	3
Specialization Focus course	3	Visual Art Elective (5/5)	3
Visual Art Elective (4/5)	3	Art History Elective	3
Non-Western Art History elective	3	Gen Ed course (14/15)	3
Gen Ed course (13/15)	3	Gen Ed course (15/15)	3
Semester Total	15	Semester Total	15

Winter/Summer College - Optional

While not required, Winter and Summer sessions are offered each year and may help you stay on track or get ahead. You may take up to seven (7) credits during Winter College and up to 14 credits during Summer College.

Curriculum Checklist

75 credits

BFA CORE (45 credits)

- ___ ART 100 2D Foundations (3)
- ___ ART 101 3D Foundations (3)
- ___ ART 120 Drawing Foundations (3)
- ___ ART 220* Drawing II or ART 221* Life Drawing or ART 222 Figurative Illustration (3)
- ___ Choose one course in Printmaking (3)
 - ART 260*; 261*; 262*; 263*; 264*; 265*; or GRDS 282*
- ___ Choose one course in Photography (3)
 - ART 250*; 252*; 253*;254*; 255*; 256*; or 257*
- ___ Choose one course in Painting (3)
 - ART 180, 240; 241*; 242*; 243*, 340* or 341*
- ___ Choose one course in Sculpture (3)
 - ART 270*; 271*; 272*; 273*; 274*; 275*; 276*; or 277*
- ___ Choose one course in Fabric Design (3)
 - Fabric Design: ART 230*; 231*; 232*; 233*; or 234*
- ___ Choose GRDS200 or one course in Digital Media (3)
 - Digital Media options: ART290; 291; 292; 293; 294; 295
- ___ ARTH 210 Ancient to Medieval Art (3)
- ___ ARTH 220 Renaissance to Contemporary Art (3)
- ___ Choose one Visual Arts Professional Practices Junior Seminar (3)
 - ART 483* Studio Theory and Practice **or**
 - GRDS 483 Design Theory and Practice **or**
 - ART 388* Gallery Management and Exhibition Design
- ___ Focus Course in chosen Specialization (3)
- ___ Capstone/Thesis Course in chosen Specialization (3)

Visual Arts Electives (30 credits)

- ___ Three courses in chosen Specialization (9)
- ___ Five Upper level Visual Arts Electives: 200-400 level courses (15)
- ___ Choose one NON-WESTERN Art History elective (3)
 - ARTH 230; 253; 330*; or 350*
- ___ Choose one 200-300 level Art History elective (3)
 - ARTH 210; 220; 230; 251; 252; 253; 257; 302*; 303*; 304*; 307*; 308*; 310*; 311*; 330*; 340*; 350* or 370*

Portfolio Reviews (0 credits)

- ___ Sophomore Portfolio Review (0)
- ___ Junior Portfolio Review (0)

Visual Arts BFA Specializations

Drawing Specialization

- Course Options: ART 180, 220*; 221*; 222*, 290*, 321* or 420* (9)
- Focus Course: ART 420 (3)
- Capstone/Thesis Course: ART 421 (3)

Fabric Design Specialization

- Course Options: ART 230*; 231* 232*; 233*; or 234* (9)
- Focus Course: ART 430* (3)
- Capstone/Thesis Course: ART 431* (3)

Graphic Design Specialization

- Course Options: GRDS 201*; 202*; 277*; 282*; 283*; 293* 311*; 322*; 333*; 355*; 366*; or 378*; 490* (9)
- Focus Course – GRDS 490 (3)
- Capstone/Thesis Course: GRDS 491* (3)
- *Recommended Professional Immersion Experience:*
 - *Graphic Design Practicum GRDS 397* or*
 - *Graphic Design Internship: GRDS 398**

Digital Media Specialization

- Course Options: ART 251*; 275*; 290*; 291*; 292*; 293*; 294*;295*
GRDS 200, 277*; 322*; 378*
- Focus Course: ART 401*; 402*; 470* or 490*
- Capstone/Thesis Course: ART491 Digital Art Thesis

Painting Specialization

- Course Options: ART 240; 241*; 242*; 243*; 244*,280*; 340* or 341* (9)
- Focus Course: ART 440* (3)
- Capstone/Thesis Course: ART 441*(3)

Photography Specialization

- Course Options: ART 250*; 252*; 253*;254*; 255*; 256*; or 257* (9)
- Focus Course: ART 450* (3)
- Capstone/Thesis Course: ART 451* (3)

Printmaking Specialization

- Course Options: ART 260*; 261*; 262*; 263*; 264*; 265*; GRDS 282* (9)
- Focus Course: ART 460* (3)
- Capstone/Thesis Course: ART 451* (3)

Sculpture Specialization

- Course Options: ART 270*; 271*; 272*; 273*; 274*; 275*; 276*; 277* (9)
- Focus Course: ART 470* (3)
- Capstone/Thesis Course: ART 471* (3)

General Education Requirements

(45 credits)

Note: Some requirements may be fulfilled by coursework in your major program including directed Gen Ed courses noted below

- Foundations (15 credits)
 - Including 3 credits Directed Gen Ed in History
 - Choose one:**
 - ARTH 230 Intro to Asian Art
 - ARTH 257 History of the Art Market
 - ARTH 302* The Greco-Roman World
 - ARTH 303* Medieval Art and Society
 - ARTH 304* Italian Renaissance Art
 - ARTH 307* 19th Century Art
 - ARTH 340* Islamic Art and Architecture
- Interconnections (9 credits)
- Citizenship & Responsibility (6 credits from at least two goals)
- Natural World & Technologies (9 credits)
- Creativity & Expression (6 credits)
ARTS NASAD Requirement = Choose one:
 - *Any course in Music, Theater or Dance*
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Degree Requirements

All students must obtain a minimum of 120 credits, complete all General Education requirements, and all requirements for the selected major. Meet with your advisor and consult Degree Works to monitor your progress and for all graduation requirements.

A minimum GPA of 2.0 in the major and overall are required.

*Denotes advanced coursework Students must take a minimum of 42 credits of advanced coursework. Advanced coursework can be met in major courses, minor courses, free elective courses, and general education courses. Courses that meet this requirement are designated in Banner.

Campus Locations

Bloomsburg Online; In-person; Blended

Lock Haven Online; In-person; Blended

Mansfield Online; In-person; Blended