Art (Art Education), BFA

Develop a studio practice while learning how to design interdisciplinary educational experiences for diverse communities in a variety of settings.

Program Description

The BFA program in art with a concentration in art education involves creative teaching and learning processes and strategies, first-hand experience teaching art with a range of ages, the study of art history and global cultures, and practice in a variety of studio areas.

The program focuses on engaging with artistic inquiry and education in K-12, community and museum settings. Students investigate issues related to teaching art from multiple perspectives, including:

- creativity and critical thinking
- ecological connections
- inquiry-based learning
- interdisciplinary curriculum development
- multicultural contexts
- studio and conceptual art practices

In addition to their art education coursework, students are required to take coursework in the various studio areas offered in the School of Art. Students declare their Bachelor of Fine Arts concentration at the time of their ASU admission. Following admission, if students wish to change their concentration, they may meet with their School of Art academic advisor.

At a Glance

- College/School: Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts
- Location: Tempe campus
Required Courses (Major Map)

2020 - 2021 Major Map
Major Map (Archives)

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.  

Additional Requirements:

Currently, all art students are admitted to ASU into the Bachelor of Arts (art studies) program. They must complete a series of requirements that include foundational coursework to be eligible for study in one of the school's Bachelor of Fine Arts degree programs, which includes upper-division coursework in the studio. There is no portfolio review process for admission to the School of Art.

Students in their second year who are interested in studio art and art education obtain a signed BFA declaration form after completing the core requirements and during completion of the last of the 12 hours of 200-level art requirements. Students interested in art history or museum studies submit a major declaration form in the semester in which they complete 30 credit hours. The student's major is changed upon successful completion of the major declaration form. Students may choose to remain in and complete the Bachelor of Arts (art studies).

Beginning Fall 2019, students are admitted directly to the art education concentration upon admittance to the BFA program in art.

Transfer Admission Requirements:

Transfer students who have completed the foundational core and pre-art requirements may submit a major declaration form before they have been admitted to ASU. To complete an undergraduate degree in four years, it is recommended that community college transfer students, who are completing a two-year degree and have
completed the foundational core and pre-art requirements, apply and submit a declaration form in the semester they are completing their community college degree or the semester before they plan to enter Arizona State University.

Direct transfer of courses from other accredited institutions to the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts are subject to the existence of parallel and equal courses in the college's curriculum and subject to departmental or school evaluation of studio courses with respect to performance standards.

Every candidate for the bachelor's degree must earn a minimum of 30 credit hours in resident credit at ASU. Transfer students enrolled in the college must complete a minimum of 15 credit hours of resident credit in the major as approved by the faculty.

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Change of Major Requirements

An ASU student who would like to change majors to one offered by the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 (scale is 4.00 = "A").

Students should refer to https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request for information about how to change a major to this program.

Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use the Transfer Map search to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs.

Global Opportunities
Global Experience

Creativity and inspiration find fuel during a study abroad program. Global experiences provide a platform for aspiring art educators to develop and broaden intercultural sensitivity, communication skills and leadership ability to take into the classroom. Studying abroad can prove to be a vital accompaniment to a concentration in art education. https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/

Career Opportunities

Graduates who also complete the state certification requirements for an art specialist certificate may teach in public and private elementary schools, middle schools and high schools. Graduates who do not seek state certification may find opportunities for jobs with some charter schools, art museums, nonprofit art spaces and recreational or community-oriented service groups that offer art instruction.

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).
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