Art (Fibers), BFA

A broad range of fiber techniques enable and encourage the creative exploration of traditional and innovative methods rooted in the rich history of textiles. The national and international reputation of the faculty provides students with a link to outside opportunities such as assistantships, internships, scholarships, residencies and exhibitions, which enhance their education and professional careers.

Program Description

The BFA program in art with a concentration in fibers cultivates an environment that stimulates creative and intellectual growth. Coursework ranges from the spinning and processing of raw fiber to digital textile printing. With concentrations in techniques such as weaving, dyeing, textile printing and fiber sculpture, students are encouraged to discover their individual artistic voice. Throughout the program, students are challenged to utilize and interpret textile traditions while considering innovative and interdisciplinary approaches to contemporary practices.

Students must submit a BFA declaration form after successful completion of the art foundational coursework to be admitted to the major.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts
- **Location:** Tempe campus
- **Additional Program Fee:** Yes
- **Second Language Requirement:** No
- **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics .
  
  OR MAT 117 OR MAT 119
- **Math Intensity:** General
Required Courses (Major Map)

2018 - 2019 Major Map
Major Map (Archives)

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.
Freshman | Transfer | International | Readmission

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 include 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 will be admitted directly to the Fibers 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://students.asu.edu/changingmajors](https://students.asu.edu/changingmajors) for information about how to change a major to this program.

**Global Opportunities**

**Global Experience**

With over 250 programs in more than 65 countries (ranging from one week to one year), study abroad is possible for all ASU students wishing to gain global skills and knowledge in preparation for a 21st century career. Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs. [https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/](https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/)

**Career Opportunities**

Graduates are prepared to establish their own studios and begin making art or design fabrics for use as interior fabrics or as one-of-a-kind garments. Students are also prepared to begin a graduate program. Some undergraduates have gone to New York City to work in the field of designing textiles. Others prefer to focus on their own art for exhibition. Graduates also set up their own studios and design fabrics that are wearable or for interior use while others make their living by doing commissioned work for interior spaces.
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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<th>Career</th>
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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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