Art (Art Studies), BA

If you enjoy exploring visual arts, performing arts and art history, you’ll appreciate the broad reach of this innovative program.

Program Description

The BA in art with a concentration in art studies is a multidisciplinary program with a broad educational foundation in the arts and General Studies and a curriculum unparalleled in its scope of course offerings from across the university.

This concentration offers students a great deal of flexibility in planning coursework. Students, in consultation with faculty advisors, can design a course of study focused on their individual aspirations. This uniquely open degree program features coursework in art history, studio art, and a range of arts-related topics, including performing arts and the history of performance, and such fields as African and African American studies, American Indian studies, history, languages and literature, and women's studies.

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 College Algebra OR MAT 119 Finite Mathematics
- **Math Intensity:** General
Required Courses (Major Map)

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

Additional Requirements:

Students meeting the university requirements for admission may matriculate in the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts. Separate admission procedures and approvals are required for some programs within the college. Students must contact specific departments or schools for details.

Freshmen may apply directly to the art studies program; there is no portfolio review for this major.

Transfer Admission Requirements:

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 semester hours in resident credit at ASU. Transfer students enrolled in the college must complete a minimum of 15 semester hours of resident credit in the major as approved by the faculty.

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://changemajor.apps.asu.edu 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 MyPath2ASU™ 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](https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs).

**Global Opportunities**

**Global Experience**
Students can explore famous works of art firsthand and experience the environments they were created in during study abroad programs in locations like Italy, France and England. The hands-on experience gained from a semester abroad is a great way to bolster portfolios and to gain multicultural insight into the world of art. [https://goglobal.asu.edu/](https://goglobal.asu.edu/)

**Career Opportunities**

This program prepares students to initiate creative careers as visual artists or as professionals in the public and private spheres. The wide range of options include independent artist, commission artist, museum or gallery professional, art dealer, creative art director, private school teacher, college professor, community-based artist (in health care settings, nonprofit agencies, and local and national public arts) and many others. Career opportunities are also available with employers who seek graduates with a well-rounded humanities education.

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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