



Visual Studies Emphasis BFA Requirements

Department of Art and Design GVSU

Visual Studies Emphasis Requirements 17-courses totalling (54 Credits)

1) 14-STUDIO COURSES: (42 Credits) Working with their advisor, undergraduates create individualized learning plans, which are evaluated every semester. Students take a total of 14 studio courses. Between 5-8 studio courses specific to Visual Studies in at least four different areas (Civic Studio, Curatorial Studio, Image Studio, Interactive Studio, Space Studio, Time Studio). These may be repeated once. The remaining studios are studio electives in other studio areas.

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Sample Studio Courses for plan:

Following are sample areas of focus and possible composition of 14 studio courses that effectively address each focus.

Public Organization

Public Organization concentrates on the structuring and presentation of art in the world.

2 Civic Studio
Curatorial Studio
Interactive Studio
Space Studio
Time Studio
8 studio electives

Media Space

Media Space addresses the uses of visual technologies and media in public space.

2 Time Studio
Image Studio
Interactive Studio
Space Studio
9 studio electives

Digital Web

Digital Web is organized around the use of interactive work as a medium for visual culture.

2 Time Studio
2 Interactive Studio
2 Image Studio
Space Studio
Curatorial Studio
6 Studio Electives

2) 3-SENIOR BFA COURSES: (12 Credits)

ART 401 Senior Seminar (3 credits)
 ART 495 Issues in Art (Capstone) (3 credits)
 ART 498 Senior Project (6 credits)

Additional art requirements:

4-Art History Courses: (12 Credits) - 2 Survey courses, 2 Art History Electives

ART 221 Art History Survey 1 (3 credits)

ART 222 Art History Survey 2 (3 credits)

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General Education Requirements:

Refer to the General Education requirements in the General Education Handbook. The total required credits including general education and all art department requirements is 134. Taken in 8 semesters, this results in an average of 16.75 credits a semester. University requirements all represent important aspects of your education. While each is distinct and important, some can be fulfilled simultaneously. Total credits, semester course loads, and time to graduation can be reduced.

•Options for reducing the total credits required:

1. Some General Education courses fulfill more than one requirement,
2. General education courses can be fulfilled in a summer study abroad program.
3. General Education coursework can be completed in Spring/Summer sessions.
4. Internships can be taken in the Summer.
5. You may opt to extend your time in school to 4.5 or 5 years.