

Visual Studies Emphasis BFA Requirements

• **Visual Studies Emphasis Requirements: 54 Total Credits** (Not including Foundations, Art History, or General Education)

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

Sample Studio Course plans:

Following are three sample studio course plans showing possible compositions of the 14 studio courses.

Public Organization Plan

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

Media Space Plan

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

Digital Web Plan

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

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

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

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 BFA Requirements: ART HISTORY: 12 Credits**

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)
- Art History Elective 1 _____
- Art History Elective 2 _____

• **Foundations Requirements: 18 Credits**

6 courses (ART 150, 151, 152, 153, 155 & 157)

• **General Education Requirements and Time to Graduation:**

Refer to the General Education requirements in the General Education Handbook. The complete BFA degree is 131 total credits including general education and all art department requirements. Spread across 8 semesters, this results in an average of 16.375 credits a semester. While each University requirement is distinct and important, some can be fulfilled simultaneously. It is possible to reduce total credits, semester course loads, and time to graduation.

Options for reducing total credits, semester course loads, and time to graduation:

1. Some General Education courses fulfill more than one requirement.
2. General Education or studio requirements can be fulfilled in summer study abroad programs, or studio intensives.
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.