The School of Art and Design

The New York State College of Ceramics

The School of Art and Design offers three Professional Degree Programs:
- The Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA)
- The Bachelor of Science in Art History and Theory (BS)
- The Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in three Areas:
  - Ceramic Art
  - Electronic Integrated Art
  - Sculpture/Dimensional Studies

The Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA)

The BFA degree provides opportunities for undergraduate students to concentrate in ceramic art, drawing, painting, photography, graphic design, print media, video, sonic art, interactive media, or glass and sculpture. This 4-year professional program develops a major commitment to studio practice and fosters the conceptual and technical skills necessary to pursue a career in the arts.

BFA students take elective and academic credit from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the College of Professional Studies. There are numerous options for art students who want to pursue academic minors such as arts management, art education with teacher certification, environmental studies, performing arts, and philosophy to name a few.

Foundations

Foundations is a first year course predicated on generating a rigorous studio practice through comprehensive teaching philosophy that engages a broad range of questions, extending across and beyond artistic disciplines. Individual students bring their own experiences and skills into a community of peers.

During the course of this year, Foundations emphasizes posing questions, creative problem solving, and the synthesis of expanding individual creative experiences in order to make connections between a range of media and ideas. Emphasizing experimentation, group projects and individual aspiration, the Foundations program is a portal to a creative education.

During the fall semester students work with faculty teams from different disciplines and perspectives to tackle vital topics in the education of an artist from form and color to building and drawing to performance and kinetics. The spring semester begins to sharpen conceptual and technical skills through smaller workshops. Throughout the year, all Foundations students meet collectively once a week on Wednesday mornings for films, discussions, group projects, performances, and Visiting Artists' talks.

In addition to the Foundations studio courses in the first year, students complete 6 credits of art history by taking three 2-credit courses in non-western art, ancient to baroque art, and modern to contemporary art. First year students also fulfill academic requirements in writing and humanities.

Sophomore Year

The sophomore curriculum is designed to enhance and further develop the studio experience of the Foundations year through the introduction to specific studio areas, all of which support the "high tech, high touch" vision of the school. The curriculum encourages study of studio disciplines represented across each of four Divisions - Ceramic Art; Expanded Media; Painting, Drawing and Photography; and Sculpture/Dimensional Studies.
Sophomores learn fundamental skills necessary in the development of an artistic practice. These include an awareness and ability to understand, use and integrate processes, tools, materials, and vocabularies. Through inquiry based in research, synthesis, and the use of drawing (one semester is required at the sophomore or junior level) each student learns strategies to realize their ideas. During this year students choose four studios, one from each division, or opt to take four studios in three divisions. This allows those who want to focus in a specific division, to do so, while allowing others, a more varied studio experience. Both options are meant to prepare students for the challenges of the junior and senior curriculum.

The sophomore art history requirement, Issues and Debates in Contemporary Art, provides a stimulating and integrated context to the studio experience. Students also extend the breadth of their academic experience by choosing elective courses from other schools and colleges at Alfred University.

Junior Year
Students entering the junior year have the latitude and ability to define their interests and creative goals. Students naturally become more focused, integrating conceptual and technical skills while developing a personal vision in their art making. At the junior level, academic and elective course work fosters interest in cross-disciplinary practice and undergraduate research possibilities.

The junior year is also the time for students to take advantage of study abroad opportunities. The School of Art & Design has several exchange programs including agreements with the University for the Creative Arts at Farnham, England, Edinburgh College of Art in Scotland, Fachhochschule Koblenz University of Applied Sciences in Germany, the Central Academy of Fine Art in Beijing, China, and Sydney College of the Arts and the University of New South Wales in Australia. The Drawing, Painting and Photography Division offers a summer program through the Santa Reparata International School of Art in Florence, Italy.

Senior Year
Seniors work semi-independently in their own studio spaces, and are required to meet weekly with two faculty advisors (instructors) to discuss their work, research and process. Additionally, seniors participate in seminars, visiting artists programs, group critiques, discussions and exhibitions. Defining their own direction, seniors develop and produce a consistent body of work, which draws on their individual experiences, acquired skills and personal vision. The culmination of the BFA degree is the senior thesis exhibition. During the final two weeks of the academic year, the School of Art and Design is transformed into quality exhibition space where graduating seniors display their thesis work. The opening celebration of Senior Shows includes families and numerous guests from throughout Western New York State. Following the openings, students come back into their exhibition spaces for final reviews and faculty critiques. The momentum gained during the senior year prepares graduates to enter the workforce as highly motivated artists and designers, and as accomplished technicians.

BFA Degree Requirements
Students who enroll in the School of Art and Design must complete the requirements listed below to receive the BFA degree:

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**Students must also complete:**
The University Global Perspective requirement (see p. 56; p. 81)
The University Physical Education requirement (see p. 56)

The University Global Perspective required credits could be taken within the required academic and/or Art History requirements. If a student completes the University Physical Education Requirement by taking two activity courses, the total number of credits to graduate to 132.

**Note:** additional PE activity credits (100-level PHED, EQUS) may not be used toward any degree requirements

*Academic Requirement (25 credit hours)*
This requirement is met by completing the 4 credits of Writing and 8 credits of Humanities plus enough additional academic courses to reach the minimum of 25 credits. This requirement is outlined below under the headings Writing, Humanities and Academic Requirements.

**Writing Requirement (4 credit hours)**
Each student must successfully complete one semester of college writing (ENGL101 or ENGL 102). Students will be placed in the appropriate level course depending upon their scores on college entrance exams. (See p. 89 for placement scores.)

**Humanities Requirement (8 credit hours)**
At least one 4-credit course must be taken from among the 100 or 200 level offerings from (area B, Philosophy or Religious Studies or area D, Historical Studies.) The second course may be taken from either the Humanities or Liberal Arts courses.

**Humanities (area B or D)**
- HIST 107  The World in the 20th Century (D) (GP)
- HIST 110  The Making of Europe (D)
- HIST 111  Modern Western History (D) (GP)
- HIST 120  The Ancient Mediterranean (D)
- HIST 121  Medieval Cultures (D)
- HIST 151  The Rise and Fall of Iberia, 1450-1950 (D)
- HIST 211  American History I (D)
- HIST 212  American History II (D)
- PHIL 101  Introduction to Philosophy (B)
- PHIL 201  Existentialism (B)
- PHIL 281  Ethics (B)
- PHIL 283  Philosophy of the Arts I (B)
- RLGS 105  Introduction to World Religions (B) (GP)
- RLGS 240  Religion in American (B)
- RLGS 251  Who wrote the Bible? (B)
- RLGS 252  Judaism and Islam (B) (GP)
- RLGS 254  Birth of the Christian Tradition (B)
- RLGS 265  Asian Religions: India, China, Japan (B) (GP)

**Liberal Arts (may include area A, Literature.)**
- ANTH 110  Cultural Anthropology
- BIOL 140  Global Ecology (GP)
- COMM 110  Mass Media & American Life
COMM 220  Understanding Popular Culture and Media
DANC 211  Dance History
ENGL 211  The Short Story (A)
ENGL 212  The Novel (A)
ENGL 213  Introduction to Poetry (A)
ENGL 214  Introduction to Drama (A)
ENGL 216  20th Century Poetry (A)
ENGL 219  British Literature(s) (A)
ENGL 220  Special Topics in Literature (A)
ENGL 221  Tales of King Arthur (A)
ENGL 225  Shakespeare in Cinema (A)
ENGL 240  American Literature(s) (A)
ENGL 243  Lunatic, Lovers, and Poets: Southern Storytellers (A)
ENGL 251  World Literature I (A)
ENGL 252  Contemporary World Literature (A)
ENGL/ WGST 254  Women Writers (A)
ENGL/ WGST 256  Multicultural American Literature (A)
ENGL 278  The Middle Ages in Literature and Film (A)
ENGL 281  Literature and Science (A)
ENGL 292  Tales of Terror (A)
ENGL 293  Writers Gone Wild: Literature and the Environment (A)
GLBS 101 Introduction to Global Studies
HIST 23  Survey of German History
MUSC 211  Global Music
POLS 110  American Politics
POLS 271  World Politics
SOCI 110  Introduction to Sociology
THEA 110  Introduction to Theatre
THEA 210  The Performing Arts: A Global Perspective (GP)
THEA 311  Theatre: History, Art, Politics and Society I
THEA 312  Theatre: History, Art, Politics and Society II
WGST 101  Women in Society
WGST 254  Women Writers (A) (GP)

**Academic Electives (13 or more credit hours)**
Courses from the following areas count toward this requirement:
- Courses offered by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences except private music lessons (MUSC 101-108 or 301-308)
- All courses offered by the College of Professional Studies
- All courses offered by the Inamori School of Engineering
- Art History courses beyond the 17-credit hour requirement
- Honors Seminars

*Note: 100-level PHED and EQUS courses do NOT count as Academic Electives*

**Typical Program**

*First Year*

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Sophomore Year
ART 200-level Sophomore Studios** 16
ART 282/23/84 Required Drawing (sophomore or junior year) 4
ARTH 211 Issues and Debates in Contemporary Art 3
Academic, Art History, or Elective 8-13

Junior Year
ART 300-level Junior Studios** 16
Art History, Academic, or Elective 16
Physical Education Activity Course 2

Senior Year
ART 401 Senior Studio** 16-24
ART 499 Senior Show 0
Art History, Academic, or Elective 10
Physical Education Activity Course 2

**Studio courses are assessed a fee for special materials. This fee may vary from $10.00 to $135.00 per credit hour.

BFA Degree with Art Education Minor* Requirements
Students who enroll in the School of Art and Design must complete the requirements listed below to receive the BFA degree.

*The Art Education Minor is offered to BFA students through the Division of Education in the College of Professional Studies. The BFA requirements are adjusted as indicated below to account for the Art Ed Minor and Teaching Certification requirements:

| Studio | 68 |
| Art History | 17 |
| Liberal Arts Core | 19 |
| Education Core | 31 |
| Senior Project | 0 |
| **Total degree credit hours** | **135** |

Students must also complete:
The University Global Perspective requirement (see p. 56; p. 81)
The University Physical Education requirement (see p. 56)

The University Global Perspective required credits could be taken within the required academic and/or Art History requirements. If a student completes the University Physical Education Requirement by taking two activity courses, the total number of credits to graduate to 139.
Note: additional PE activity credits (100-level PHED, EQUS) may not be used toward any degree requirements

Academic Requirements and Electives
For BFA students completing the Minor in Art Education, the Academic Requirements and Electives consists of the Liberal Arts Core and the Education Core required of the Minor and to satisfy New York State Education Department guidelines for Teacher Certification. (See the Division of Education description of the Art Education Minor on p. 177.)
**Liberal Arts Core (19 credit hours)**

SCIE 117 Integrated Science  
*or* SCIE 127 Doing Science  
ENGL 101 or 102 Writing I or II  
EDUC 230 Psychological Foundations of Education  

**Humanities (area B or D) (take one from the following list)**  
HIST 107 The World in the 20th Century (D) (GP)  
HIST 110 The Making of Europe (D)  
HIST 111 Modern Western History (D) (GP)  
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RLGS 254 Birth of the Christian Tradition (B)  
RLGS 265 Asian Religions: India, China, Japan (B) (GP)  

**Foreign Language** (take one from the following list)  
CHIN 101 Chinese I  
FREN 101 French I  
GRMN 101 German I  
SPAN 101 Spanish I  
ITAL 101 Italian I  

**Education Core (31 credit hours)**

EDUC 105 Education Perspectives  
EDUC 231 Social Foundations of Education  
EDUC 345 Education Fieldwork  
EDUC 413 Using Literature in Intermediate & Adolescent Classrooms  
*or* EDUC 405 Literacy in Content Area  
EDUC 463 Student Teaching-Art Education  
EDUC 464 Seminar in Teaching and Professional Development  
EDUC 491 Methods and Curriculum in Art Education  
SPED 456 Special Education  

**Typical Program**  
(Typical 4.5 year, 9-semester program)

**First Year**

ART 101 Foundations I *  
ART 102 Foundations II**  
ARTH 100-level Art History (three 2-credit classes)  
ENGL 101 or 102 Writing I or II  
Humanities 100 or 200 level  
EDUC 105 Education Perspectives  

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### The Bachelor of Science Degree in Art History and Theory (BS)

The BS degree in Art History and Theory is a professional degree program based on a curriculum historically developed in conjunction with studio BFA and MFA programs. It is designed to instill an understanding of artistic developments in the Western and global historical contexts, to provide students with the critical and theoretical tools necessary for functioning as art professionals, and to prepare them for the pursuit of graduate studies in the field. In accordance with this mission, the program intends to educate art historians and theorists whose knowledge of the visual arts is grounded in substantial studio experience as well as extensive academic learning and research. Therefore, the BS in Art History relies on a combination of fundamental theoretical and applied research in art. The faculty of the School and the Division of Art History believe in the necessity of anchoring historical and theoretical knowledge with material practice. Consequently, admission to the program requires the submission and review of a portfolio that will assure the candidate’s ability to withstand the rigors of both academic and studio education.

Art History and Theory majors are required to earn a minimum grade of B- for the 300 and 400 level courses in Art History needed to fulfill the required core credits toward the degree major.
BS Degree Requirements:

Art/Design History and Supportive Courses: 42 credit hours

- ARTH 120-129 Foundations in Art History (Non-Western) 2
- ARTH 130-139 Foundations in Art History (Ancient-Baroque) 2
- ARTH 140-149 Foundations in Art History (Modern Contemporary) 2
- ARTH 211 Issues and Debates in Contemporary Art 3
- PHIL 283 Philosophy of the Arts I 4
- ARTH 300-level 4 Junior Art History Courses: Non-Western, Ancient to Baroque, Modern to Contemporary 16
- ARTH 400-level 2 Senior Level Art History Courses 8
- ARTH 460 Art Historiography and Methodology 3
- ARTH 499 B.S. Thesis in Art History and Theory 2

Studio: 24 credit hours

- ART 101 & 102 Foundations 16
- ART 200 level Two Sophomore-level studios 8

General Studies: 16 credit hours

- ENGL 101 & 102 Writing I & II 8
- Humanities (as defined under the BFA requirements) 8

Electives: 40 credit hours

- Foreign Language (especially French or German) through the 202 level 16
- Academic courses (as defined under the BFA requirements, above) 16
- Additional Electives (selected under advisement) 8

Total credit hours for the BS in Art History and Theory 122

Students must also complete:

The University Global Perspective requirement (see p. 56; p. 81)
The University Physical Education requirement (see p. 56)

The University Global Perspective required credits could be taken within the required academic and/or Art History requirements. If a student completes the University Physical Education Requirement by taking two activity courses, the total number of credits to graduate to 126.

Note: additional PE activity credits (100-level PHED, EQUS) may not be used toward any degree requirements

Typical Program

First Year

- ARTH 100-level Art History (three 2-credit classes) 6
- ART 101 and 102 Foundations** 16
- ENGL 101 Writing I 4
- ENGL 102 Writing II 4
- Humanities 100 or 200 level 4

Sophomore Year

- ARTH 211 Issues and Debates 3
- ARTH 300-level Upper Level Art History 4
- Foreign Language 4
- Humanities 100 or 200 level 4
- Sophomore Studio** or Electives 8
- PHIL 283 Philosophy of the Arts I 4
- PHED 2

Junior Year

- Upper Level Art History 12
- Foreign Language 8
- Studio** or Electives 12
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Senior Year
Upper Level Art History  8
ARTH 460  Art Historiography and Methodology  3
ARTH 499  B.S. Thesis in Art History and Theory  2
Electives  16
Physical Education Activity Course  2

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Minors Offered by the School of Art and Design

Minor in Art History
This minor provides a broad base of knowledge about art as it relates to history and culture, exposes students to a variety of theoretical and methodological issues and helps them develop critical and analytical skills that can be applied to art making.

The art history minor is available to BFA students who have successfully completed Art History Foundation required courses (ARTH 100-level requirement and ARTH 211). Sixteen additional credits in art history at the 300 and 400 level are required to complete the minor. The Art History minor is also available to students in other colleges/schools at the University with the permission of the Division Chair.

Arts Management Minor
The Arts Management Minor provides an interdisciplinary approach to the business of art and management of arts organizations. Students have the opportunity to learn and explore the theoretical content and practical skills that engage arts professionals managing individual businesses, serving community arts organizations, and managing not-for-profit arts organizations in the visual, performing, and literary arts. The Arts Management minor is jointly offered by the School of Business in the College of Professional Studies, the School of Art and Design, and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and is open to all AU students. Students have one advisor from the business area and one from the arts content area.

Requirements for the Arts Management Minor
ACCT 211  Financial Accounting  3
BUSI 485  Internship (specific to Arts Management)  4
ECON 201  Principles of Microeconomics  4
MKTG 221  Marketing Principles and Management  3
Choose one additional business course from the following:  3
BUSI 201  Family Business Management
BUSI 439  Entrepreneurship in the 21st Century
Choose three arts course, at least one from each Section (A and B, below)  8-12

Total credit hours  25-29

Section A- History and Theory
ARTH  Art History (any course)  2-4
DANC 211  Dance History  4
ENGL 241  Survey of American Literature  4
IART 460  Interdisciplinary Art Seminar  4
MUSC 110  Music Appreciation  4
MUSC 211  World Music  4
PHIL 283  Philosophy of the Arts I  4
PHIL 300  Topics in Philosophy (consult with advisor)  1-4
THEA 110 Introduction to Theatre 4
THEA 210 The Performing Arts: A Global Perspective 4
THEA 311 Theatre: History, Art, Politics and Society I 4
THEA 200/300/400 Special Topics in Theatre (consult with advisor) 1-4

Section B-Applied and Studio Skills Courses
ART 111 Beginning Drawing 4
ART 121 Beginning Sculpture 4
ART 133 Basic Black and White Photography 4
ART 151 Introduction to Ceramics 4
ART 288 Visual Communications I 4
ART 389 Exhibition Design (open only to Art and Design students) 2
DANC Dance (any course) 1-4
ENGL 200 Special Topics in Writing 2-4
ENGL 202 Fiction Workshop 4
ENGL 205 The Play's the Thing! - Playwriting 4
ENGL 206 Poetry Workshop 4
ENGL 472 Dramatis Personae 4
ENGL 473 Auto/Biographical Acts: Studies in Creative Nonfiction 4
ENGL 474 Writing the Short Story 4
ENGL 475 Writing Formal Poetry 4
ENGL 476 Writing the Long Poem or Poetic Sequence 4
IART Interdisciplinary Art (any course) 1-4
THEA 120 Technical Theatre 4
THEA 220 Principals of Theatrical and Performance Design 4
THEA 230 Stage Management Fundamentals 4
THEA 240 Acting I 4
THEA 270 Play Production 1-4
THEA 200/300/400 Special Topics (consult with advisor) 1-4

The Graduate Program
Three Master of Fine Arts programs are offered at the School of Art and Design: Ceramic Art, Electronic Integrated Arts and Sculpture/Dimensional Studies. All MFA students receive an assistantship. Entry into these programs is highly competitive. Those interested in learning more about the individual programs should contact the School directly at (607) 871-2442 or e-mail burns@alfred.edu.
Application materials may be obtained from the Graduate Admissions Office, Alfred University, One Saxon Drive, Alfred, NY 14802-1205.