

ART & DESIGN

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Department Website (<https://www.uwec.edu/academics/college-arts-sciences/departments-programs/art-design/>)

Honor Societies and Student Organizations

- ASO, Art Student Organization - The Art Student Organization brings together students who are interested in art and the visual arts and who seek social and community engagement within the department and on campus. ASO strives to inspire creativity and connect students by hosting events and activities, participating in field trips, serving the community through art, and promoting art. Meetings and activities help members meet other students, get to know professors, and learn about internship, research, and other professional development opportunities. ASO is open to all students, not just art majors and art and art history minors.
- NOTA, None of the Above (<https://www.uwec.edu/academics/college-arts-sciences/departments-programs/art-design/explore-opportunities/student-organizations/>) - For 43 years, the campus literary magazine None of the Above, NOTA, is a student run operation that publishes a biannual collection of the top student submissions in the categories of art, poetry, and prose. It is the mission of NOTA to showcase the creative works of University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire students with multiple publications throughout the academic year, open mic readings, and through other events planned by NOTA staff. Though this organization is primarily affiliated with English (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/english/>), art students regularly contribute artwork and participate with publication design, layout and printing.

Programs

The Department of Art & Design is a flourishing community of students and faculty engaged in creating a visually stimulated world. We are dedicated to delivering comprehensive and innovative experiences by promoting practice in foundation skills, creative exploration, and historical knowledge. Students are encouraged to thrive in self-motivated programs and participate in local and collaborative projects, internships, travel experiences, and other opportunities to develop and contribute their skills and capabilities. As part of a liberal arts university, art & design students integrate learning from across the arts and sciences with their art major.

Art & Design majors choose one of the following degrees:

- 36-credit Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) or Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Studio Art;
- 60-credit B.A. or B.S. in Studio Art or in Graphic Communications;
- 69-credit Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) in Integrative Visual Arts.

All Art & Design degrees provide a broad art foundation with the opportunity to take elective studio classes in specific areas of interest. Our programs support students with a passion for such classic fields as graphic design, illustration, painting, photography, sculpture, and ceramics to develop their skills in those areas. At the same time, we encourage students to expand traditional boundaries and engage a variety of media to develop thematic interests that intersect with such things as community, society, environment, sustainability, space, place, and identity.

Additional information specific to the B.F.A., a nationally recognized degree with high standards for excellence, follows.

B.F.A. Requirements

The Bachelor of Fine Arts is designed for students interested in pursuing graduate studies or professional careers in the visual arts. The Integrative Visual Arts Comprehensive Major provides the most integrated and immersive studio experience with advanced levels of artistic exploration, experience, and focus.

After completing their foundations courses and numerous core visual arts courses, students will apply to participate in a B.F.A Review (typically toward the end of the second year). They will be required to present a portfolio of their creative work for the review, which has been developed and maintained from the beginning of their studies. The review is used by instructors to help advise and guide students in their development. The portfolio will eventually be a critical tool for students to present themselves to the art and design world as they continue to utilize it throughout their coursework. Once accepted to continue the program after the Review, students will complete the B.F.A. degree plan and are required to participate in a Senior Exhibition.

Advising and Additional Information Advising

Art & Design maintains annual degree plans and check sheets with suggested four-year course sequences for each major and minor. These materials are available in the Art & Design Office and on the Department's Blugold Insider page. Students are responsible for working closely with their advisors to develop personal action plans. They are encouraged to use the degree plans and check sheets for these meetings.

Additional Information

NOTE 1: A student may take a maximum of nine credits of advanced studio courses in one semester. Some advanced studio courses are offered on a variable credit basis and may be repeated for additional credit. The total number of advanced studio credits which may be applied to a degree program will vary and is to be determined through consultation with the major advisor.

NOTE 2: Students must be prepared to pay for any materials, supplies, equipment, and/or services deemed in excess of the amount and kind the University provides for necessary instructional purposes.

Faculty

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Majors

- Major: Art, Studio Emphasis, Liberal Arts - B.A./B.S. (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/art-design/art-major-studio-ba-bs/>)
- Comprehensive Major: Art, Liberal Arts, Graphic Communications Emphasis - B.A./B.S. (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/art-design/art-graphic-communications-comprehensive-major-liberal-arts-bs/>)
- Comprehensive Major: Art, Liberal Arts, Studio Art Emphasis - B.A./B.S. (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/art-design/art-studio-comprehensive-major-liberal-arts-ba-bs/>)

- Comprehensive Major: Art, Integrative Visual Arts- B.F.A (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/art-design/art-comprehensive-major-integrative-visual-arts-bfa/>).

Minors

- Minor: Art, Liberal Arts (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/art-design/art-minor/>)
- Minor: Art History, Liberal Arts (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/art-design/art-history-minor/>)

Certificates

- Certificate: Arts Administration (<http://catalog.uwec.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/music-theatre-arts/arts-administration-certificate/>)