

ART, BA: COMMUNITY ARTS

This undergraduate degree offers students a concentrated studio art experience to complement a broad exposure to the humanities, fine arts, social sciences, and natural sciences. Bachelor of Arts (Art) students have four course tracks to choose from: Studio Arts, Design Studies, Community Arts, and Digital Fabrication and Design.

The courses required and recommended for this track are listed on the "Requirements" tab. The "Plan of Study" tab suggests course sequencing across all four years so students can meet the degree requirements. Students are required to complete 18 studio credits after the First Year Program, but may take more studio courses as part of their Directed Electives if they desire.

Requirements

The Bachelor of Arts (Art) degree requires a total of 120 credits for graduation distributed as follows:

Code	Title	Credits
	University Core (p. 1)	45
	First Year Program (p. 1)	15
	BA Degree Requirements (p. 1)	12
	Major Requirements (p. 1)	48
	Total Credits	120

University Core

The minimum number of credits required to complete the Bachelor of Arts is 120; the minimum number of credits required to complete the Bachelor of Fine Arts is 130. Students who need background preparation courses in math, English, foreign language, and chemistry may need additional credits.

Code	Title	Credits
General Education Requirements ¹		
<i>Competencies</i> ¹		
	English Parts A & B ²	
	Math Parts A & B ²	
	Foreign Language ²	
<i>Distribution Requirements</i> ¹		
ARTHIST 101	Ancient and Medieval Art and Architecture (counts as Humanities GER)	3
ARTHIST 102	Renaissance to Modern Art and Architecture (counts as Humanities GER)	3
	Social Science	6
	Natural Science (1 course with lab)	6
	Cultural Diversity ²	
Electives		
	Advanced ARTHIST course	6
	Select 3 arts areas outside Art and Design	9
	Select 3 credits in an arts area	3
	Select 9 credits outside Peck School of the Arts	9
	Total Credits	45

¹ Learn more about the General Education Requirements (<http://catalog.uwm.edu/policies/undergraduate-policies/#generaleducationtext>).

² Credit may be utilized in required curriculum areas.

First Year Program

Code	Title	Credits
2.5 cumulative GPA required:		
ART 101	Drawing I	3
ART 106	Art Survey	3
ART 108	2D Concepts	3
ART 109	3D Concepts	3
ART 118	Digital Arts: Culture, Theory, Practice	3
	Total Credits	15

Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
ART 309	Issues in Contemporary Art:	3
ART 505	BA Project	3
ART 509	Art & Design Seminar:	3
ART 604	Professional Practices	3
	Total Credits	12

Major Requirements

Students in the Community Arts track are required to complete the 15-credit Cultures and Communities certificate program (<http://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/cultures-communities-undergraduate-certificate/>). Those credits can be counted as part of the University Core or as BA Directed Electives as desired in consultation with advising.

Code	Title	Credits
Introductory Studios		
Select 6 credits of the following:		6
ART 212	Introduction to Digital Studio: A/V Strategies	
ART 221	Introduction to Design	
ART 231	Introduction to Fibers	
ART 243	Introduction to Painting	
ART 253	Introduction to Photography	
ART 261	Introduction to Sculpture	
ART 271	Introduction to Jewelry and Metalsmithing	
ART 277	Design for Digital Fabrication	
ART 281	Introduction to Ceramics	
ART 291	Introduction to Print and Narrative Forms (subtitle)	
ART ED 227	Introduction to Art Education	
Studio Concentration		
ART 306	Introduction to Community Art ¹	3
ART 406	Community Arts II	3
Select six credits at the 300 level and above that best fit curricular goals (academic double-major, minor, etc.) in conjunction with advising		6
Electives		

Select 30 credits from Peck School of the Arts or the University ²	30
Total Credits	48

¹ Course number 150 Multicultural America (any discipline) is a prerequisite to ART 306, and can be taken as a Directed Elective or as a University Core class in the fall semester of the sophomore year.

² Directed Electives are intended to build upon and augment each student's curricular goals (academic double-major, minor, etc.). Students in Community Arts track must complete the courses for the Cultures and Communities certificate (<http://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/cultures-communities-undergraduate-certificate/>) (15 credits) as part of the Directed Electives or University Core. Remaining credits: Students should consult with advising in Art & Design, PSOA, and other schools on campus (double-majors, minors, etc.) to help guide their choice of electives.

Plan of Study

Recommended Four-Year Sequence in Community Arts

Year 1		Credits
Fall		
(Includes OWC-A and QL-A Requirements) Students must be aware of the prerequisites for the 200-level course they wish to take in the second semester of the First Year and enroll in the appropriate First Year Program courses in fall.		
ART 101	Drawing I	3
ART 106	Art Survey	3
ART 108	2D Concepts	3
University Core ¹		3
University Core ¹		3
	Credits	15
Spring		
ART 109	3D Concepts	3
ART 118	Digital Arts: Culture, Theory, Practice	3
Directed Elective ²		3
University Core ¹		3
University Core ¹		3
	Credits	15
Year 2		
Fall		
Students are reminded that admission to the Art & Design Program requires completion of the 36-credit Art-Intended requirements and that all First Year Program courses must be completed in the first 45 credits (usually in fall semester of sophomore year).		
200-level studio in Art		3
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ARTHIST 101	Ancient and Medieval Art and Architecture ³	3
150 Multicultural America (any discipline) ²		3
University Core ¹		3
	Credits	15
Spring		
ART 306	Introduction to Community Art	3
ARTHIST 102	Renaissance to Modern Art and Architecture ³	3
Directed Elective ²		3
ART 309	Issues in Contemporary Art:	3
University Core ¹		3
	Credits	15
Year 3		
Fall		
300-level and above Studio Concentration		3
Advanced Art History choice ³		3
Directed Elective ²		3
Directed Elective ²		3

University Core ¹		3
	Credits	15
Spring		
300-level and above Studio Concentration		3
Advanced Art History choice ³		3
ART 406	Community Arts II	3
Directed Elective ²		3
University Core ¹		3
	Credits	15
Year 4		
Fall		
300-level and above Studio Concentration		3
Directed Elective ²		3
Directed Elective ²		3
Directed Elective ²		3
University Core ¹		3
	Credits	15
Spring		
ART 505	BA Project	3
ART 604	Professional Practices	3
Directed Elective ²		3
University Core ¹		3
University Core ¹		3
	Credits	15
	Total Credits	120

¹ Consult your academic advisor in the Peck School of the Arts Student Services Office for requirements in the Core Curriculum. PSOA Arts Distribution Requirement is part of the 45-credit Core: 9 credits outside of Art & Design, in 3 of the 4 other departments in PSOA: Dance, Music, Theatre, or Film, Video, Animation, and New Genres.

² The 30 credits Directed Electives can be courses in Art & Design and/or other disciplines to be chosen in conjunction with Art & Design Undergraduate advisor, followed by faculty in the areas of interest. Courses required to satisfy the Cultures and Communities Certificate (<http://catalog.uwm.edu/letters-science/cultures-communities-undergraduate-certificate/>) can be part of the Directed Electives or University Core. 150 Multicultural America is a prerequisite for ART 306, and is recommended as a Directed Elective.

³ The 12 Art History credits count in the Core Curriculum. Six credits (ARTHIST 101 and ARTHIST 102) count as Humanities GER.

Art & Design Undergraduate Admission Requirements

To be admitted in good standing, applicants (incoming freshmen and transfer students) must meet general University requirements (<http://catalog.uwm.edu/admission-costs/undergraduate-admission/>). After being admitted to UWM and indicating Art as your chosen major, no further steps are required for acceptance into the Department of Art & Design.

Art & Design Undergraduate Incoming and Transfer Student Scholarship Portfolio Submissions

Applicants to the Art & Design program (including Art Education) are strongly encouraged to submit a portfolio of artworks and additional

supporting materials, as described below, for review by the Art & Design Scholarship Committee:

1. Art & Design Incoming Portfolio Scholarship Application Form. Complete the online form here (<https://uwm.edu/arts/apply/>).
2. Portfolio of artworks. Provide 8 – 10 examples of artwork from the past two years. If including drawings, we recommend at least three from observation (not from photographs). Identify each image by media, size, and year of completion in a separate document. JPEG files at 2000 px max preferred.
3. As a part of the online application you will provide a personal statement that relates to your interest in Art & Design and how your work at Peck School of the Arts will help you achieve your career goals.

Art & Design awards Incoming Scholarships based on this incoming portfolio. Admitted students interested in applying for scholarship aid should do so by December 15 for priority consideration. Portfolios will be accepted after this date but may not be considered for scholarships.

General information: art-admission@uwm.edu; <https://uwm.edu/arts/art-and-design/>.

Advancement to Major

Students accepted into the Art & Design program receive priority registration over non-art majors. To advance to the Art & Design major, students must complete the requirements outlined below:

1. Complete First Year Program courses (15 credits; see course list below)
2. Oral and Written Communications Competency Part A (OWC-A)
3. Quantitative Literacy Competency Part A (QL-A)
4. A cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher
5. Students pursuing the Design and Visual Communication BFA have additional requirements: complete ART 124, ART 221, and ART 223 with a B- or better; and pass the Design and Visual Communication Portfolio review.
6. Students should complete the above to advance to major within the first 45 credits.

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ART 101	Drawing I	3
ART 106	Art Survey	3
ART 108	2D Concepts	3
ART 109	3D Concepts	3
ART 118	Digital Arts: Culture, Theory, Practice	3
Total Credits		15

Appeal Process

An appeal process is established for students who do not meet the department's criteria for classification, GPA, and area of concentration enrollment management requirements. The appeal process will provide an opportunity for individual students to request advancement to the art major or enrollment into courses as exceptions to the department's enrollment policies based on defined, pre-determined conditions. All appeals are to be directed to the Undergraduate Advisor or PSOA advisor, who will forward the appeals to the department chair or appropriate appeals committee. The department chair or appeals committee will

consult with the First Year Program Director, area head, faculty, advisors, and student if necessary before making a decision.

Advising

Location: Theatre 120

Reception Hours: 9AM-4PM Monday through Friday
(closed on university holidays)

Contact: (414) 229-4763

Academic advising is an important aspect of long-term academic success. At the Peck School of the Arts, we offer professional academic advising in the following undergraduate disciplines: art, dance, film, music, and theatre.

Advisors provide students with individualized advising to assist them in areas such as: degree requirements, major options, course selection, campus resources, college success strategies, graduation assessment, academic policies and procedures, etc.

For more information on Peck School of the Arts advising, please visit <http://uwm.edu/arts/advising/>. (<http://uwm.edu/arts/advising/>)

Honors in the Major

Honors in the Major is granted to students who have earned a GPA of 3.500 or greater in the major and the academic department's recommendation.

High Honors in the Major is granted to students who have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.500 or greater and the academic department's recommendation.

Departmental Honors are granted to students recommended by their academic department for Honors excellence in performance not reflected in the GPA.

Dean's Honors are granted to students with major achievements in one or more of the arts.

Honors in the Peck School of the Arts

Dean's Honor List

GPA of 3.750 or above, earned on a full-time student's GPA on 12 or more graded credits in a given semester.

Honors College Degree and Honors College Degree with Distinction

Granted to graduating seniors who complete Honors College requirements, as listed in the Honors College (<http://catalog.uwm.edu/opportunities-resources/honors-college/>) section of this site.

Commencement Honors

Students with a cumulative GPA of 3.500 or above, based on a minimum of 40 graded UWM credits earned prior to the final semester, will receive all-university commencement honors and be awarded the traditional gold cord at the December or May Honors Convocation. Please note that for honors calculation, the GPA is **not** rounded and is truncated at the third decimal (e.g., 3.499).

Final Honors

Earned on a minimum of 60 graded UWM credits: Cum Laude - 3.500 or above; Magna Cum Laude - 3.650 or above; Summa Cum Laude - 3.800 or above.