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Studio Art BFA

with an emphasis in Art Education

This degree prepares students for a career in Art Education; students who successfully complete the program will be eligible for K-12 Art teacher certification in Missouri. Art Education students complete a foundation art program plus additional courses that provide experience with a broad range of studio processes.

Career Outlook

Art Education has been identified by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education as an area of critical need. Art is a required subject in Missouri public elementary schools, and visual art is often used to fulfill the Fine Arts credit required for high school graduation. Many high school students wish to major in art. With over 300 art teachers in the greater St. Louis region alone, there is a demand for art teachers in urban, suburban and rural areas statewide each year. Requirements met to obtain Missouri teacher certification can be applied toward certification in other states, although additional qualifications may be required.

Future Career Options

- Kindergarten/Elementary Art Teacher
- Middle School Art Teacher
- High School Art Teacher
- Art Director
- Adult Education Instructor
- State Arts Council Employee
- Arts Management Organization Employee
- Library Educational Program Specialist
- Hospital, Nursing Home or Rehabilitation Center Art Program Coordinator

Skills developed by degree completion

- Respond to design projects and works of art
- Organize perceptions rationally and intuitively
- Explain the major achievements in the history of art and design
- Capacity to identify and/or solve visual problems
- Explain and evaluate contemporary thinking about art or design
- Make assessments of quality and effectiveness in design projects and works of art
- Competence in a number of art or design techniques

Successful alumni have gone on to fulfill many of the opportunities above. Additional possibilities are taken from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Contact an advisor to discuss additional future career options.

4-YEAR ACADEMIC MAP

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art

Emphasis in Art Education

Year

1

FALL SEMESTER (16 credit hours)

ST ART 1140: Drawing I (3)
ST ART 1150: 2D Design: Surface (3)
TCH ED 1000: Building Community, Culture & Learning (1)
ENGL 1100: First-Year Writing (3)
MATH 1020: Contemporary Mathematics (3)
HIST 1001: American Civilization to 1865 (3)

SPRING SEMESTER (14 credit hours)

ST ART 1020: Expanded Artforms (3)
ST ART 1151: 3D Design: Space (3)
ST ART 2230: Drawing II (3)
TCH ED 1001: Early Clinical Experience: Community Agency (1)
TCH ED 2000: Becoming a Professional Educator (1)
POL SCI 1100: Introduction to American Politics (3)

SUMMER SEMESTER (6 credit hours)

PSYCH 1003: General Psychology (3)
GEN ED EXPLORE: Math & Life/Natural Sciences (3)

Year

2

FALL SEMESTER (16 credit hours)

ST ART 2245: Painting I (3)
ST ART 3332: Figure Drawing I (3)
TCH ED 2001: Early Clinical Experience: Schools (1)
TCH ED 2209: Foundations of Teaching in American Schools (3)
ED PSY 2212: Introduction to Learners and Learning (3)
BIOL 1012: General Biology (3)

SPRING SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

ST ART 2275: Sculpture (3)
ST ART XXXX: Studio Art Elective (3)
ED PSY 3312: Psychology of Learning, Instruction, Assessment (3)
TCH ED 3310: Methods of Teaching with Technology (2)
COMM 1040: Public Speaking (3)

SUMMER SEMESTER (6 credit hours)

ED TECH 2230: Information Literacy (3)
ENGL 3100: Junior-Level Writing (3)

Year

3

FALL SEMESTER (16 credit hours)

ST ART 2252: Printmaking I (3)
ST ART 2278: Introduction to Fibers and Textiles (3)
ART HS 1100: Introduction to Western Art (3)
TCH ED 3001: Mid-Level Clinical Experience: Diverse Learners (1)
TCH ED 4391: Literacy for Adolescent Learners in Content Areas (3)
SPEC ED 3318: Inclusive Classrooms (3)

SPRING SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

ART ED 3328: Art Education: Theory to Practice (3)
ART ED 4260: Art Museum as Teaching Resource (3)
ST ART 2220: Computer Design I (3)
ST ART XXXX: Studio Art Elective (3)
ART HS 2280: Modern to Contemporary Art (3)

SUMMER SEMESTER (6 credit hours)

ART HS 1120: Global Art History (3)
GEN ED EXPLORE: Math & Life/Natural Sciences (3)

Year

4

FALL SEMESTER (15 credit hours)

ART ED 4273: Curriculum and Methods of Teaching Art (3)
ST ART 2260: Photography I (3)
ST ART 2270: Ceramics I (3)
ART HS 2XXX+: Art History Elective (3)
SEC ED 4495: Practicum I: Site Based Experience in Art (3)

SPRING SEMESTER (12 credit hours)

SEC ED 4996: Practicum II: 12-Week Site Based Experience in Art (9)
SEC ED 4997: Practicum II: 4-Week Site Based Experience in Art (3)

2023-2024

4-YEAR ACADEMIC MAP

This is a sample academic map for the courses to take each academic semester/session. ***This map is not a substitute for academic advisement.*** Contact your advisor when making final selections.



– University Studies

is required for all first-year students and those with less than 24 credit hours.



– Milestone courses

should be taken in the order shown to ensure you stay on a timely and accurate path toward graduation.



– Summer and Intersession courses Don't forget that summers and winter breaks are a way to fast-track your route to degree completion – and lighten your load during fall and spring!



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