

Art

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The Department of Art offers a comprehensive program in the visual arts. Degrees awarded include: the Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) Studio Art, the Bachelor of Arts (BA) Studio Art, Bachelor of Arts (BA) Art Education with All-Levels Teacher Certification, and the Bachelor of Arts (BA) Art History. BFA Students may choose concentrations in the following areas: Ceramics, Drawing, Graphic Design, Metals, Painting, Printmaking, and Sculpture. BA Studio Art students may choose concentrations in the following studio areas: Ceramics, Drawing, Graphic Design, Metals, Painting, Printmaking, and Sculpture. For the BA major in Art History and the BA major in Art Education, please see detailed descriptions under those headings.

The Department of Art is located in the Fox Fine Arts Center on the campus of The University of Texas at El Paso. The Department occupies four floors of the Fox Fine Arts Center, a 215,000 square-foot-facility, with 30 studios, galleries and classrooms totaling 65,780 square feet. The Department of Art works closely with the Stanlee and Gerald Rubin Center for the Visual Arts, which includes three galleries and lecture hall, and exhibits. The Rubin Center is the only dedicated contemporary arts institution in the El Paso / Juárez region. Since its founding in 2005, it has developed a reputation for excellence in the field, producing more than 150 original exhibitions and site-specific commissions with a risk-taking roster of international artists, overwhelmingly centering Latinx and Latin American voices.

UTEP art students have the opportunity to pursue studies in a rich and diverse curriculum comprised of advanced technologies, contemporary art practice, theory and criticism, and traditional crafts. With programs taught by distinguished faculty in art education, art history, ceramics, drawing, graphic design, metals, painting, printmaking, and sculpture, students can explore a personal vision through virtually any medium via these nine disciplines.

Mission

The Department of Art is dedicated to providing the highest quality education, professional presentation, and production in the visual arts. The Department will honor, maintain, and develop the traditions, history, and techniques of the visual arts with the purpose of contributing to the development of the contemporary state of the arts for the University and the community at large.

The suggested class schedule for freshmen art majors is as follows:

First Semester

ARTF 1301 Basic Design I, ARTF 1302 Basic Drawing I, and ARTH 1305 History of Art I, along with three to six (3 to 6) additional credits required under the chosen degree plan.

Second Semester

ARTF 1303 Basic Design II, ARTF 1304 Basic Drawing II, and ARTH 1306 History of Art II, along with 3 to 6 additional credits required under the chosen degree plan.

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- BA in Art History (<http://catalog.utep.edu/undergrad/college-of-liberal-arts/art/art-history-ba/>)

Bachelor of Fine Arts

- BFA in Studio Art (<http://catalog.utep.edu/undergrad/college-of-liberal-arts/art/studio-art-bfa/>)

Certificates

- Certificate in Exhibition Practice (<http://catalog.utep.edu/undergrad/college-of-liberal-arts/art/ug-cert-exhib-practice/>)

Minor

- Minor in Art History (<http://catalog.utep.edu/undergrad/college-of-liberal-arts/art/art-history-minor/>)
- Minor in Museum Studies (<http://catalog.utep.edu/undergrad/college-of-liberal-arts/museum-studies-minor/>)
- Minor in Studio Art: Ceramics (<http://catalog.utep.edu/undergrad/college-of-liberal-arts/art/studio-art-ceramics-minor/>)
- Minor in Studio Art: Drawing (<http://catalog.utep.edu/undergrad/college-of-liberal-arts/art/studio-art-drawing-minor/>)
- Minor in Studio Art: Graphic Design (<http://catalog.utep.edu/undergrad/college-of-liberal-arts/art/studio-art-graphic-design-minor/>)
- Minor in Studio Art: Metals (<http://catalog.utep.edu/undergrad/college-of-liberal-arts/art/studio-art-metals-minor/>)
- Minor in Studio Art: Painting (<http://catalog.utep.edu/undergrad/college-of-liberal-arts/art/studio-art-painting-minor/>)
- Minor in Studio Art: Printmaking (<http://catalog.utep.edu/undergrad/college-of-liberal-arts/art/studio-art-printmaking-minor/>)
- Minor in Studio Art: Sculpture (<http://catalog.utep.edu/undergrad/college-of-liberal-arts/art/studio-art-sculpture-minor/>)

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