

BFA ART AND DESIGN

Program Learning Objectives

1. Produce a strong body of work and/or professional portfolio.
2. Apply comparative reasoning in evaluating works of art and design.
3. Use verbal, visual, and technical vocabulary related to art and design that demonstrates cultural competency and a world view informed by issues of diversity, inequality, and power.
4. Effectively and professionally work in teams and participate in interdisciplinary, collaborative endeavors with people who have beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors that are different from their own.
5. Critically examine the role that visual language plays in global culture through research, innovative thinking, writing, and creative expression.
6. Demonstrate integrity and make ethical decisions in professional practice and/or creative expression.
7. Establish and maintain a rigorous creative practice that is productive and professional.
8. Demonstrate a commitment to learning, inquiry, and discovery.

Degree Requirements and Curriculum

In addition to the program requirements listed on this page, students must also satisfy requirements outlined in more detail in the Minimum Requirements for Graduation (<https://catalog.calpoly.edu/generalrequirementsbachelorsdegree/#generaleducationtext>) section of this catalog, including:

- 60 units of upper-division courses
- Graduation Writing Requirement (GWR)
- 2.0 GPA
- U.S. Cultural Pluralism (USCP)

Note: Up to 4 units of credit/no credit grading may be selected for courses in Major or Concentration.

MAJOR COURSES

ART 101	Fundamentals of Drawing (C1) ¹	4
ART 102	Art and Design Foundation Studies I	4
ART 104	Art and Design Foundation Studies II	4
ART 182	Foundation in Digital Art I	4
ART 183	Foundation in Digital Art II	4
ART 203	Art Theory and Practice	4
ART 209	Beginning Painting	4
ART 212	Art History - Renaissance through Baroque Eras	4
ART 213	Art History- Modern Art, 1900-1945	4
ART 224	Introduction to Artificial Lighting for Photography	4
ART 260	Critique, Discourse and Practice	4
ART 315	Art History - Art Since 1945	4
Art History Electives		8

Select from the following upper-division art history courses not already required in Major core or Concentration:

ART 310	Art History - American Art
ART 311	Art History - Nineteenth Century Art

ART 313	Design History	
ART 314	History of Photography	
ART 317	Asian Art Survey	
ART 318	Asian Art Topics: National, Religious, and Intellectual Movements	
ART 370	Michelangelo	
ART 371	Topics in Renaissance Art	
ART 373	New Media Art History	
ART 374	Politics of Abstraction	
ART/WGQS 375	Intersectional Feminist Art Histories (USCP)	
Diversity Elective (Upper-Division D) ¹		4
COMS 316	Intercultural Communication (USCP)	
ES 310	Hip-Hop, Poetics and Politics (USCP)	
ES 320	African Americans in Popular Culture (USCP)	
ES 321	Native Americans in Popular Culture (USCP)	
ES 322	Asian Americans in Popular Culture (USCP)	
ES 323	Latina/os in Popular Culture (USCP)	
ES 330	The Chinese American Experience (USCP)	
ES 335	The Filipina/o American Experience (USCP)	
ES/WGQS 345	Queer Ethnic Studies (USCP)	
ES 380	Critical Race Theory (USCP)	
ES 381	The Social Construction of Whiteness (USCP)	
HIST 309	Cultures of West Africa and the African Diaspora	
PSY 304	Intergroup Dialogues	
SOC 315	Global Race and Ethnic Relations	
WGQS 301	Contemporary Issues in Women's and Gender Studies (USCP)	
WGQS 302	Contemporary Issues in Queer Studies (USCP)	
WGQS 320	Women, Gender and Sexuality in Global Perspective	
WGQS 340	Sexuality Studies	
Upper-Division Art Elective		
Select any upper-division ART course not already used to meet Major or Concentration requirements. See course descriptions for repeatable units.		4
ART 463	Senior Portfolio Project	4
Concentration courses (see below)		52
GENERAL EDUCATION (GE)		
(See GE program requirements below.)		64
FREE ELECTIVES		
Free Electives ²		0
Total units		184

¹ Required in Major or Support; also satisfies General Education (GE) requirement.

² If a General Education (GE) course is used to satisfy a Major or Support requirement, additional units of Free Electives may be needed to complete the total units required for the degree.

Concentrations (select one)

- Graphic Design (<https://catalog.calpoly.edu/collegesandprograms/collegeofliberalarts/artdesign/bfaartanddesign/graphicdesignconcentration/>)
- Photography (<https://catalog.calpoly.edu/collegesandprograms/collegeofliberalarts/artdesign/bfaartanddesign/photographyconcentration/>) and Video (<https://catalog.calpoly.edu/collegesandprograms/collegeofliberalarts/artdesign/bfaartanddesign/photographyconcentration/>)
- Studio Art (<https://catalog.calpoly.edu/collegesandprograms/collegeofliberalarts/artdesign/bfaartanddesign/studioartconcentration/>)

General Education (GE) Requirements

- 72 units required, 8 of which are specified in Major and/or Support.
- If any of the remaining 64 units is used to satisfy a Major or Support requirement, additional units of Free Electives may be needed to complete the total units required for the degree.
- See the complete GE course listing (<https://catalog.calpoly.edu/generalrequirementsbachelorsdegree/#generaleducationtext>).
- A grade of C- or better is required in one course in each of the following GE Areas: A1 (Oral Communication), A2 (Written Communication), A3 (Critical Thinking), and B4 (Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning).

Area A	English Language Communication and Critical Thinking	
A1	Oral Communication	4
A2	Written Communication	4
A3	Critical Thinking	4
Area B	Scientific Inquiry and Quantitative Reasoning	
B1	Physical Science	4
B2	Life Science	4
B3	One lab taken with either a B1 or B2 course	
B4	Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning	4
Upper-Division B		4
Area C	Arts and Humanities	
Lower-division courses in Area C must come from three different subject prefixes.		
C1	Arts: Arts, Cinema, Dance, Music, Theater (4 units in Major) ¹	0
C2	Humanities: Literature, Philosophy, Languages other than English	4
Lower-Division C Elective - Select a course from either C1 or C2		4
Upper-Division C		4
Area D	Social Sciences - Select courses in Area D from at least two different prefixes	
D1	American Institutions (Title 5, Section 40404 Requirement)	4

D2	Lower-Division D	4
Upper-Division D (4 units in Major) ¹		0
Area E	Lifelong Learning and Self-Development	
Lower-Division E		4
Area F	Ethnic Studies	
F	Ethnic Studies	4
GE Electives in Areas B, C, and D		
Select courses from two different areas; may be lower-division or upper-division courses.		
GE Electives		8
Total units		64

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