Art majors complete four core (1xxx) courses, at 4 credits each, including the introductory course in visual arts, a course in drawing, a course in three-dimensional concepts, and a course in a reproducible media.

Major coursework requires a minimum of 15 credits (usually four courses) at 3xxx or above (1 course may be at the 1xxx level), and 2 courses in the history of art. Majors have the opportunity to concentrate in a media if they choose, or they may diversify their interests in the visual arts by expanding on the broad based core requirements at the upper level. All major coursework must be taken A-F. Only grades of C- or above will apply to the major. Registration for a major project (1 credit) is required in the senior year.

Required Courses

- ArtS 1001W—Introduction to Visual Arts
  This course must be completed before taking any upper-level art courses.
- ArtS 1101—Drawing
- ArtS 1301—Sculpture or ArtS 1801—Ceramics
- ArtS 1501—Printmaking or ArtS 1601—Electronic Art or ArtS 1701—Photography
- 15 cr ArtS 3xxx or above
- 6 cr ArtH (3 cr must be 3xxx or above)

All courses from the Department of Art History may apply to the art history requirement in the major. Adviser-approved, individual courses from the Departments of American Indian Studies, Anthropology, History, Cultural Studies and Comparative Literature, and Women’s Studies may also be applied to the art history requirement as they concern issues and topics germane to the history of the visual arts.

Final Project

Registration for ArtS 3444—Major project (1 cr) is required in the senior year.

Minor Requirements

A minor in art introduces students to the creative process and visual thinking. All minor coursework must be taken A-F. Only grades of C- or above will apply to the minor. The undergraduate minor in art requires a minimum of 20 credits, as follows:

- ArtS 1001W—Introduction to Visual Arts (this course must be completed before taking any upper level art courses).
- One course from the 1xxx ArtS electives (1101, 1301, 1501, 1505, 1601, 1701, 1801)
- Three ArtS courses at 3xxx or above (must have appropriate prerequisites). One of these elective courses may be an additional 1xxx elective if a second media area is desired.
- One elective course in art history at 3xxx or above.
Skills

Art majors develop skills that are applicable to a wide variety of careers. These skills include:

• Specialized skills in a fine arts field
• Verbal and written communication skills
• Creative problem solving skills
• Listening, clarifying, questioning and responding skills
• Ability to work well with diverse groups
• Research skills and the ability to work with details

Employment

Common areas of employment for this major include but are not limited to:

• Arts and Culture—indoor studios, galleries and museums, production, technician, designer
• Media—writing, editing, public relations, advertising, commercial art, critics
• Business—marketing, human resources, sales, consulting, recruiting, agents
• Education—art/music/dance therapy, teaching, research, student affairs
• Nonprofit—fundraising, programming, management, exhibition and display

The Career & Community Learning Center provides students with the tools to identify and pursue potential careers. An extensive resource room, the CLA Link website, career courses and workshops, and a helpful staff are just some of the ways we can help.

How do I declare an art major?

You will be required to declare a major by the time you have completed 60 credits.

1. Talk with someone from the department: an adviser, a professor, or a teaching assistant, to learn more about the field of art.

2. When you decide upon an art major, meet with the Coordinator of Advising from the department to complete a Major Program form.

3. Bring a copy of the completed form to your CLA student community.

4. If you decide to change your major, contact your CLA student community for information on the new major’s declaration process.

Remember!

You have not declared a major until you have:

• completed a Major Program Form with your major adviser
• filed a copy with the major department
• filed a copy with your CLA student community
• be sure to keep a copy for yourself