

ART - FINE ART (BFA)



This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2023–Spring 2024 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to Catalog Year Information (<http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/university-wide-unit-specific-policies/catalog-year/>).

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art

Unit: College of Arts and Sciences (AS) (<http://www.louisville.edu/a-s/>)

Department: Art and Design (<https://louisville.edu/art/>)

Academic Plan Code(s): See Track Requirements tab.

Program Information

The Department of Art and Design, endowed as the Hite Institute of Art and Design, offers the Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) degree. Primarily intended for professionally oriented art and design students, and for those planning to pursue graduate work in the studio arts or to assume leadership positions in the fields of graphic or interior design, the BFA degree provides the opportunity for students to go into more depth in their chosen area. There are three tracks in the BFA Program:

- Graphic Design (<http://louisville.edu/art/Undergraduate/bfa-in-art-or-design/cad.html>)
- Interior Design (<http://louisville.edu/art/Undergraduate/bfa-in-art-or-design/bfa-in-interior-design/>)
- Studio Art (<http://louisville.edu/art/Undergraduate/bfa-in-art-or-design/bfa-studio-art/>)

Completion of this degree requires work to be submitted for the department's Learning Outcomes Measurement. For details, contact the department.

Degree Summary

Code	Title	Hours
	General Education Requirements (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) ^{1, 2}	31
	College/School Requirements	10
	Program/Major Requirements ^{1, 2}	27-30
	Supporting Courses	20
	Track Requirements	30-33
Minimum Total Hours		121

¹ Some credit hours from the General Education Requirements may be satisfied by courses defined by the program, in which case additional electives will be required to complete the minimum hours for the degree. See the Degree Requirements tab for specific coursework.

² To complete the degree in the **minimum number of hours** listed for all tracks, some hours from the General Education Requirements may be satisfied by courses defined by the unit and/or program. Using other courses to satisfy General Education requirements will require additional hours to complete the degree requirements.

Specific coursework information can be found on the Degree Requirements tab.

Departmental Admission Requirements

Primarily intended for professionally oriented art and design students, and for those planning to pursue graduate work in the studio arts or to assume leadership positions in the fields of graphic or interior design, the BFA degree provides the opportunity for students to go into more depth in their chosen area.

Admission is selective, and enrollments may be limited. Enrolled University of Louisville students approved as majors in the BA program, Art track, in the Department of Art and Design may apply for admission to the BFA program upon completion of the Foundations courses and the introductory course to the track area they are interested in applying for. Applicants must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 in department (studio art and art history) courses and a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5. Once admitted, students must maintain an overall grade point average of 2.5 or above and a 3.0 or above in department courses to remain enrolled in the BFA program.

Students who meet the BFA application requirements should contact the department to apply to the program (hite@louisville.edu).

Students who do not meet the GPA requirements will be placed on departmental probation and given one semester in which to raise their GPA. If unable to meet the GPA requirements within that time frame, students will be returned to the BA program, Art track. If removed, students may reapply to the BFA program once the GPA requirements have been met.

Upon admission to the BFA Program, students and faculty will complete and sign a BFA Student/Mentor Contract outlining the progress expected toward completion of the degree. If at any point during the student's study the mentor deems the student's progress and/or ability to meet his/her obligations as a student in the BFA program unsatisfactory that mentor has the right to resign his/her post as mentor. In this instance, a student must seek another mentor or transfer back into the BA program, Art track. If a student requests a different mentor and no faculty agrees to work with them the student will be returned to the BA program, Art track.

Completion of this degree requires work to be submitted for the department's Learning Outcomes Measurement. For the BFA candidate in Studio Art, this includes a committee review of the candidate's work one semester prior to graduation and participation in the BFA exhibition held during the semester of graduation. For the BFA candidate in Graphic Design or Interior Design, this includes participation in the professional portfolio review at the end of their professional practice course.

General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
	General Education Requirements (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) [*]	31

The following courses are required by the program and satisfy the respective General Education Requirement(s):

ARTH 250	Ancient Through Medieval Art - AH (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
or ARTH 270	Renaissance Through Modern Art - AH (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)
or ARTH 290	Survey of Asian Art - AH (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D2 (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)

*All degrees require the completion of the University-wide General Education Program (link provided above). Some General Education requirements may be met in the requirements for the major or supporting coursework, in which case additional electives may be required to complete the minimum hours for the degree.

College/School Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Arts & Sciences Requirements		
GEN 100	Student Success Center First Year Experience	1
or GEN 101	Arts & Sciences First Year Experience	
Electives in Natural Sciences or Social Sciences ¹		9
WR—two approved courses at the 300 level or above ²		
Minimum Total Hours		10

Program/Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Department of Fine Arts		
ART 105	Foundation 2-D Design	3
ART 106	Foundation 3-D Design	3
ART 107	Foundation Drawing	3
Select one of the following:		3
ART/DES 205	Foundation Graphic Design ³	
ART 206	Foundation Art Concepts and Methods ⁴	
ART 207	Foundation Figure Drawing ⁵	
Select two of the following: ⁶		6
ARTH 250	Ancient Through Medieval Art - AH (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
ARTH 270	Renaissance Through Modern Art - AH (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
ARTH 290	Survey of Asian Art - AH (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D2 (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
Art History electives at the 300 level or above ⁷		3-6
Studio Art electives at the 300 level ⁸		6
Minimum Total Hours		27-30

Code	Title	Hours
Supporting Courses		
Electives in Humanities disciplines, other than Art or Art History, at the 300 level or above		15
WR Elective in Humanities discipline, other than Art or Art History, at the 400 level or above		3
Minimum Electives ⁹		0-2
Minimum Total Hours		20

Code	Title	Hours
Studio Art Track (See Track Requirements tab)		30-33

60 hours minimum Art/Art History total for Interior Design and Graphic Design tracks; 63 hours minimum total for Studio Art track. At least 50 of the total minimum hours required must be at the 300 level or above.

A grade of C-minus or better is required in all 300 and 500-level courses in the major.

Code	Title	Hours
Culminating Undergraduate Experience (Graduation requirement)		
Track in Interior Design requirement fulfilled by completing:		
ART 596	Professional Development in Interior Design - CUE (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
Track in Graphic Design requirement fulfilled by completing:		
DES 598	Professional Development in Graphic Design - CUE (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
Track in Studio Art requirement fulfilled by completing:		
ART 597	Professional Development in Studio Arts - CUE (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	

¹ In addition to courses counting towards General Education; 6 hours must be at 300 level or above.

² May be incorporated into other degree requirements.

³ Students planning to study Graphic Design must take ART 205/DES 205 (spring semester). Students planning to study Interior Design may choose either ART 205/DES 205 (fall semester) or ART 206 (spring semester).

⁴ Students planning to study Interior Design may choose either ART 205/DES 205 (fall semester) or ART 206 (spring semester).

⁵ Students planning to study Studio Art may choose either ART 206 (spring semester) or ART 207 (fall semester).

⁶ Fulfills General Education AH requirement.

⁷ BFA Graphic Design students must take ARTH 301/DES 301 and a 300-level elective. BFA Interior Design students must take ARTH 347. BFA Studio Art students must take 6 elective hours at the 300-level.

⁸ BFA Interior Design students must take ART 361 and ART 362; BFA Graphic Design students must take DES 373 and a 300-level elective. BFA Studio Art students must take 6 elective hours at the 300-level.

⁹ BFA Graphic Design and BFA Interior Design students may have elective hours. Students who fulfill general education requirements with courses in the major or supporting courses may have electives. To complete the degree in the minimum number of hours listed, some hours from the General Education Requirements may need to be satisfied by courses defined by the unit and/or program. Using other courses to satisfy General Education requirements may require

additional hours to complete the degree requirements or decrease the listed electives.

Track Requirements

Track in Interior Design

Academic Plan Code(s): ART_BFAIAR

Code	Title	Hours
ART 559	Computer Applications for Interiors I	3
ART 561	Interior Design Studio I	3
ART 562	Interior Design Studio II	3
ART 563	Interior Design Studio III	3
ART 564	Interior Design Studio IV	3
ART 565	Directed Projects in Interior Design	3
ART 566	Interiors Construction	3
ART 567	Interior Finishes	3
ART 568	Building Systems	3
ART 569	Computer Applications for Interiors II	3
ART 596	Professional Development in Interior Design - CUE (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
Minimum Total Hours		33

Track in Graphic Design

Academic Plan Code(s): ART_BFACOA

Code	Title	Hours
DES 571	Typography I	3
DES 572	Typography II	3
DES 573	Typography III	3
DES 576	Interaction Design I	3
DES 580	Design for Public Issues II	3
DES 594	Directed Projects in Design	3
DES 598	Professional Development in Graphic Design - CUE (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3

Electives in Graphic Design

Select two of the following:		6
DES 510	Information Visualization	
DES 570	Design for Public Issues I	
DES 577	Interaction Design II	
DES 582	Human Experience In Design	
DES 590	Special Topics in Design	

Electives in Studio Art or Art History at the 300-level or above 3

Minimum Total Hours 30

Track in Studio Art

Academic Plan Code(s): ART_BFASTA

Students will select a minimum of five 500-level courses from all 2D or 3D studio areas (excluding Graphic Design and Interior Design).

Code	Title	Hours
Track Requirements/Core		
ART 597	Professional Development in Studio Arts - CUE (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
Select a minimum of five courses (15 hours) from the following 2D or 3D studio areas:		15
ART 501	Concepts in Painting	
ART 502	Advanced Concepts in Painting	
ART 503	Special Topics in Painting	
ART 504	Directed Study in Painting	
ART 505	Advanced Figure Drawing	
ART 506	Themes and Concepts in Drawing	
ART 507	Directed Study in Drawing	
ART 541	Studio Practice in Printmaking	
ART 542	Digital Printmaking	
ART 543	Directed Study in Printmaking	
ART 551	Lighting	
ART 552	Digital Photography	
ART 554	Experimental Photography I	
ART 555	Directed Study in Photography	
ART 556	Experimental Photography II	
ART 511	Advanced Glassmaking Techniques	
ART 512	Directed Study in Glass	
ART 521	Practice of Sculpture	
ART 522	Sculpture Strategies	
ART 523	Directed Study in Sculpture	
ART 531	Advanced Ceramics: Wheelthrowing	
ART 532	Advanced Ceramics: Sculptural Forms	
ART 533	Clay Glazes and Firing	
ART 534	Directed Study in Ceramics	
ART 581	Advanced Fiber/Surface Design	
ART 582	Advanced Fiber/ Mixed Media Art	
ART 583	Papermaking	
ART 584	Directed Study in Fiber and Mixed Media Art	

Electives

15 hours of Studio Art (ART) or Art History (ARTH) at the 300-level or above 15

Minimum Total Hours 33

Flight Plan

Track in Graphic Design

Year 1	Hours
Fall	
GEN 100 or GEN 101	Student Success Center First Year Experience or Arts & Sciences First Year Experience 1

ENGL 101	Introduction to College Writing - WC (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
ART 105 or ART 106	Foundation 2-D Design or Foundation 3-D Design	3
ART 107	Foundation Drawing	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences Lab - SL		1
General Education: Cardinal Core Oral Communication - OC		3
Hours		17
Spring		
ENGL 102	Intermediate College Writing - WC (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Quantitative Reasoning - QR		3
ART 105 or ART 106	Foundation 2-D Design or Foundation 3-D Design	3
DES 205	Foundation Graphic Design	3
Select one of the following:		3
ARTH 250	Ancient Through Medieval Art - AH (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
ARTH 270	Renaissance Through Modern Art - AH (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
ARTH 290	Survey of Asian Art - AH (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D2 (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
Hours		15
Year 2		
Fall		
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S		3
DES 373	Introduction to Visualization	3
DES 571	Typography I	3
ARTH 301 or DES 301	History of Graphic Design or History of Graphic Design	3
Select one of the following:		3
ARTH 250	Ancient Through Medieval Art - AH (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
ARTH 270	Renaissance Through Modern Art - AH (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
ARTH 290	Survey of Asian Art - AH (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D2 (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
Hours		15
Spring		
General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences Historical Perspective - SBH		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences - SBD1		3
DES 572	Typography II	3
DES 576	Interaction Design I	3
General Elective		3
Hours		15
Year 3		
Fall		
DES 573	Typography III	3
Graphic Design Elective (500 level from list)		3
Social Science or Natural Science elective		3
Humanities elective (300 level or above)		3
Art History elective (300 level or above)		3
Hours		15

Spring		
DES 580	Design for Public Issues II	3
Art elective (300 level)		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities Global Diversity - AHD2		3
Humanities WR elective (300 level or above)		3
Social Science or Natural Science elective (300 level or above)		3
Hours		15
Year 4		
Fall		
DES 594	Directed Projects in Design	3
Graphic Design Elective (500 level from list)		
Social Science or Natural Science elective (300 level or above)		3
Art or Art History elective (300 level or above)		3
Humanities elective (300 level or above)		3
General Elective		2
Hours		14
Spring		
DES 598	Professional Development in Graphic Design - CUE (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
Humanities elective (300 level or above)		3
Humanities elective (300 level or above)		3
Humanities WR Elective (400 level or above)		3
General Elective		3
Hours		15
Minimum Total Hours		121

Track in Interior Design

Year 1		
Fall		
GEN 100 or GEN 101	Student Success Center First Year Experience or Arts & Sciences First Year Experience	1
ENGL 101	Introduction to College Writing - WC (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
ART 105 or ART 106	Foundation 2-D Design or Foundation 3-D Design	3
ART 107	Foundation Drawing	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences Lab - SL		1
Hours		14
Spring		
ENGL 102	Intermediate College Writing - WC (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Quantitative Reasoning - QR		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences US Diversity - SBD1		3
ART 105 or ART 106	Foundation 2-D Design or Foundation 3-D Design	3
Select one of the following:		3
ARTH 250	Ancient Through Medieval Art - AH (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
ARTH 270	Renaissance Through Modern Art - AH (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
ARTH 290	Survey of Asian Art - AH (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D2 (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
Hours		15

Year 2

Fall

ART 205 or DES 205	Foundation Graphic Design or Foundation Graphic Design	3
ART 361	Introduction to Interior Design	3
Select one of the following:		3
ARTH 250	Ancient Through Medieval Art - AH (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
ARTH 270	Renaissance Through Modern Art - AH (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
ARTH 290	Survey of Asian Art - AH (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D2 (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
General Education: Cardinal Core Oral Communication - OC		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S		3
Hours		15

Spring

General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences Historical Perspective - SBH		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities Global Diversity - AHD2		3
ART 362	Color Theory and Human Factors in Interior Design	3
ART 561	Interior Design Studio I	3
ART 567	Interior Finishes	3
General Elective		3
Hours		18

Year 3

Fall

ART 559	Computer Applications for Interiors I	3
ART 562	Interior Design Studio II	3
ART 566 or ART 568	Interiors Construction or Building Systems	3
Social Science or Natural Science elective		3
Humanities elective (300 level or above)		3
Hours		15

Spring

ART 563	Interior Design Studio III	3
ART 569	Computer Applications for Interiors II	3
ARTH 347	Historic Interiors for Interior Design	3
Humanities and WR elective (300 level or above)		3
Social Science or Natural Science elective (300 level or above)		3
Hours		15

Year 4

Fall

ART 564	Interior Design Studio IV	3
ART 566 or ART 568	Interiors Construction or Building Systems	3
Humanities elective (300 level or above)		3
Humanities elective (300 level or above)		3
Humanities elective (300 level or above)		3
Hours		15

Spring

ART 565	Directed Projects in Interior Design	3
ART 596	Professional Development in Interior Design - CUE (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
Humanities elective (300 level or above)		3
Humanities WR Elective (400 level or above)		3
Social Science or Natural Science elective (300 level or above)		3
Hours		15

Minimum Total Hours 122

Track in Studio Art

Year 1

Fall

GEN 100 or GEN 101	Student Success Center First Year Experience or Arts & Sciences First Year Experience	1
ENGL 101	Introduction to College Writing - WC (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
ART 105 or ART 106	Foundation 2-D Design or Foundation 3-D Design	3
ART 107	Foundation Drawing	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Science-S		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences Lab		1
Hours		14

Spring

ENGL 102	Intermediate College Writing - WC (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Quantitative Reasoning-QR		3
ART 105 or ART 106	Foundation 2-D Design or Foundation 3-D Design	3
May select the following OR choose ART 207 in the Fall, Year 2. (Note: If you select ART 207 in the Fall, Year 2, you may replace this course with an ART Studio 300 level elective with department consent.)		3

ART 206	Foundation Art Concepts and Methods	
Select one of the following:		3
ARTH 250	Ancient Through Medieval Art - AH (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
ARTH 270	Renaissance Through Modern Art - AH (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
ARTH 290	Survey of Asian Art - AH (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D2 (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
Hours		15

Year 2

Fall

General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences-S		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Social and Behavioral Sciences Historical Perspective US Diversity-SBHD1		3
ART 207	Foundation Figure Drawing (If you took ART 206 in Year 1, Spring, replace this course with an Art Studio 300 level Elective).	3
Select one of the following:		3

ARTH 250	Ancient Through Medieval Art - AH (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
ARTH 270	Renaissance Through Modern Art - AH (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
ARTH 290	Survey of Asian Art - AH (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/), D2 (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
Art Studio Elective (300 level)		3
Hours		15

Spring

General Education: Cardinal Core Oral Communication-OC		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts and Humanities-AH		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Social and Behavioral Sciences Global Diversity-SBD2		3
Art Studio elective (500 level)		3
Art History elective (300 level or above)		3

Hours 15

Year 3

Fall

Social Science or Natural Science elective (300 level or above)	3
Humanities elective (300 level or above)	3
Art History elective (300 level or above)	3
Art Studio elective (500 level)	3
Art or Art History elective (300 level or above)	3
Hours	15

Spring

Social Science or Natural Science elective (300 level or above)	3
Humanities WR elective	3
Humanities elective (300 level or above)	3
Art Studio elective (500 level)	3
Art or Art History elective (300 level or above)	3
Hours	15

Year 4

Fall

Social Science or Natural Science elective (300 level or above)	3
Humanities elective (300 level or above)	3
Art Studio elective (500 level)	3
Art or Art History elective (300 level or above)	3
Art or Art History elective (300 level or above)	3
General elective	3
Hours	18

Spring

Humanities elective (300 level or above)	3
Humanities WR elective	3
Art Studio elective (500 level)	3
Art or Art History elective (300 level or above)	3
ART 597 Professional Development in Studio Arts - CUE (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
Hours	15

Minimum Total Hours 122

Degree Audit Report

Degree Audit reports illustrate how your completed courses fulfill the requirements of your academic plan. What-if reports allow you to compare the courses you have completed in your current academic plan to the courses required in another academic plan. Should you have questions about either report, please consult with your academic advisor.

Flight Planner

The Flight Planner tool is available for you to create a personalized Flight Plan to graduation. Advisors have access to review your Flight Planner and can help you adjust it to ensure you remain on track to graduate in a timely manner.

To create these reports:

- Log into your ULink account.
- Click on the Academic Progress tile.
- Select the appropriate report.
 - To run a Degree Audit report, click on "View my Degree Audit."
 - To create a What-if report, click on "Create a What-if Advisement Report."
 - To run a Flight Planner report, click on "Use My Flight Planner."

Click here to run a Degree Audit report, create a What-if report, or run a Flight Planner report. (<https://ulink.louisville.edu>)