Art (Art Education), BFA

Develop your studio practice while learning how to design interdisciplinary educational experiences for diverse communities in a variety of settings.

**Program Description**

The BFA program in art with a concentration in art education involves creative teaching and learning processes and strategies, first-hand experience teaching art for a range of ages, the study of art history and global cultures, and practice in a variety of studio areas.

The program focuses on engaging with artistic inquiry and education in K-12, community and museum settings. Students investigate issues related to teaching art from multiple perspectives, including:

- creativity and critical thinking
- ecological connections
- inquiry-based learning
- interdisciplinary curriculum development
- multicultural contexts
- studio and conceptual art practices

In addition to their art education coursework, students are required to take coursework in the various studio areas offered in the School of Art.

Students declare their Bachelor of Fine Arts concentration at the time of their ASU admission. Following admission, if students wish to change their concentration, they may meet with their School of Art academic advisor.

**At a Glance**

- **College/School:** [Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts](#)
• Location: Tempe

• Additional Program Fee: Yes
• Second Language Requirement: No
• **First Required Math Course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics Any math course that meets the MA designation.
• **Math Intensity:** General

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**Required Courses (Major Map)**

2023 - 2024 Major Map
Major Map (Archives)

**Concurrent Program Options**

Students pursuing concurrent degrees (also known as a "double major") earn two distinct degrees and receive two diplomas. Working with their academic advisors, students can create their own concurrent degree combination. Some combinations are not possible due to high levels of overlap in curriculum.

**Admission Requirements**

**General University Admission Requirements:**
All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.

First-year | Transfer | International | Readmission

**Additional Requirements:**

Students are admitted directly to the art education concentration upon admittance to the BFA program in art.

**Transfer Admission Requirements:**

Transfer students who have completed the foundational core and pre-art requirements are admitted directly to the art education concentration upon admittance to the Bachelor of Fine Arts program in art. To complete an undergraduate degree in four years, it is recommended that community college transfer students who are completing a two-year degree and have completed the foundational core and pre-art requirements apply and submit a declaration form in the semester in which they are completing their community college degree or the semester before they plan to enter Arizona State University.

Direct transfer of courses from other accredited institutions to the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts is subject to the existence of parallel and equal courses in the college's curriculum and to departmental or school evaluation of studio courses with respect to performance standards.
Every candidate for the bachelor's degree must earn a minimum of 30 credit hours in resident credit at ASU. Transfer students enrolled in the college must complete a minimum of 15 credit hours of resident credit in the major as approved by the faculty.

Tuition Information

When it comes to paying for college, everyone’s situation is different. Students can learn about ASU tuition and financial aid options to find out which will work best for them.

Change of Major Requirements

An ASU student who would like to change majors to one offered by the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 (scale is 4.00 = "A").

Students should visit the Change of Major form for information about how to change a major to this program.

Transfer Options

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use MyPath2ASU® to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and they help students save time and money in their college journey.

Program Learning Outcomes

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Students will understand historical and contemporary practices within the field of art education through the development of curriculum incorporating fine arts techniques for a range of settings and populations.
- Upon completion of this program, students will demonstrate professional preparedness, including writing an articulate statement of their teaching philosophy and assembling a documented cohesive body of pedagogical materials and creative work.
- Upon completion of this program, students will demonstrate effective teaching dispositions in the classroom through successful first-hand engagements with learners that meet established pedagogical standards with culturally responsive techniques and methods.
Global Opportunities

Global Experience
Creativity and inspiration find fuel during a study abroad program. Global experiences provide a platform on which aspiring art educators develop and broaden the intercultural sensitivity, communication skills and leadership ability they then take into the classroom. Study abroad can prove to be a vital accompaniment to a concentration in art education.

Career Opportunities

Graduates who also complete the state certification requirements for an art specialist certificate may teach in public and private elementary schools, middle schools and high schools.

Graduates who do not seek state certification may find opportunities for jobs with some charter schools, art museums, nonprofit art spaces and recreational or community-oriented service groups that offer art instruction.

Career example titles and salaries listed below are not necessarily entry level, and students should take into consideration how years of experience, geographical location, and required advanced degrees or certifications may affect pay scales.

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<td>3.2%</td>
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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

Bright Outlook

Professional Licensure
ASU programs that may lead to professional licensure or certification are intended to prepare students for potential licensure or certification in Arizona. Completion of an ASU program may not meet educational requirements for licensure or certification in another state. For more information, students should visit the ASU professional licensure webpage.

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