

Art (Painting), BFA

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ASU is no longer accepting new students to this program. Students interested in painting should apply to the [painting and drawing concentration](#).

Painting students develop concepts and technical expertise and are professionally prepared for a lifelong practice in art.

Program description

The BFA program in art with a concentration in painting offers a dynamic environment for creative and conceptual growth that promotes an active studio practice. The program's curriculum encourages a wide spectrum of approaches to painting and drawing techniques. Students develop proficiency through working from a variety of sources and subjects, and a range of materials and processes. Faculty encourage students to develop their own unique artistic vision and critically assess imagery in context to the history of art and contemporary practices. Faculty emphasize critical concepts in their teaching and encourage [research](#), interdisciplinary engagement and coursework from disciplines across the university.

Faculty provide students professional mentorship regarding opportunities such as assistantships, internships, scholarships, residencies and exhibitions. Additionally, the [School of Art galleries](#), the [Ceramics Research Center and Archive](#) and the [ASU Art Museum](#) support a robust schedule of public exhibitions and visiting artist and scholar lectures. These [events](#) offer students the opportunity to develop their knowledge and appreciation of contemporary art and culture while building a professional network. Further augmenting the curriculum are [numerous internships](#) offered by a wide range of arts organizations. Capstone and research studio courses engage students intellectually and critically as they gain the practical experience of developing a distinctive body of work and [presenting that work](#) in one of the School of Art galleries, meaning students in the program graduate prepared for the future with a portfolio of completed works that showcases their unique artistic vision.

Students can visit the [painting and drawing area of study page](#) to learn more about the program and the faculty.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#)
- **Second language requirement:** No
- **First required math course:** MAT 142 - College Mathematics or MAT 117 College Algebra or MAT 119 Finite Mathematics
- **Math intensity:** General 

Required courses (Major Map)

[2020 - 2021 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:

Currently, all art students are admitted to ASU into the BA (art studies) program. They must complete a series of requirements, including foundational coursework, to be eligible for study in one of the school's BFA degree programs, which include upper-division coursework in the studio. There is no portfolio review process for admission to the School of Art.

Students in their second year who are interested in studio art and art education obtain a signed BFA declaration form after completing the core requirements and during completion of the last of the 12 hours of 200-level art requirements. Students interested in art history or museum studies submit a major declaration form in the semester in which they complete 30 credit hours. The student's major is changed upon successful completion of the major declaration form. Students may choose to remain in and complete the Bachelor of Arts (art studies).

Beginning fall 2019, students are admitted directly to the painting concentration upon admittance to the Bachelor of Fine Arts program in art.

Transfer admission requirements:

Transfer students who have completed the foundational core and pre-art requirements may submit a major declaration form before they have been admitted to ASU. 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.

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Tuition information

When it comes to paying for higher education, 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

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.

Global opportunities

Global experience

[Global Education programs](#) provide an opportunity for students to explore their creative side through an intercultural lens, deepen their understanding of the world and gain valuable career-building experiences. Study abroad can prove to be a vital accompaniment to any art concentration, allowing for broad historical and archaeological explorations. Students develop insight into the cultures and minds of some of the world's most notable artists when they experience the places that gave rise to specific artistic styles.

With more than 300 options available, Global Education programs give students a breadth of knowledge in arts and culture uniquely different from their own. Study abroad encourages students to develop and broaden their intercultural sensitivity, communication skills and leadership ability, and challenges them to think differently. Whether in a foreign country, in the U.S. or online, students learn to adapt and persevere, and they are provided with a chance to look inside themselves in a way they haven't done before, growing their personal and professional self-confidence along the way.

Career opportunities

A degree in the arts offers students a pathway to a rich and varied choice of careers. School of Art programs prepare students to initiate creative careers as artists, scholars and educators in the public and private sphere.

Art graduates find employment opportunities as artists in the field, selling their works through commercial galleries and commissions and to private collectors; as museum or gallery professionals, art dealers and directors; as private school art teachers and college professors; and as community-based artists (venues might include health care settings, nonprofit agencies, and local and national public arts). Other options include working at arts agencies and public art programs or gaining admission to prestigious graduate programs across the nation.

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