

Fine Arts

at Benedictine University

Why study fine arts at Benedictine?

The Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) program is a professional visual arts education rooted in the liberal arts with an emphasis on the Benedictine values of a balanced life, the stewardship of intellectual and technical artistic gifts, and the full development of an artist's role within the greater community.

- You will utilize the benefits and assets of both Benedictine and the College of DuPage (COD), providing for a seamless educational experience for developing artists.
- You will be engaged in intellectual and spiritual discovery through a chosen medium.
- You will be taught from a variety of philosophical and stylistic approaches to contemporary art.
- Your professional training of the visual arts will be combined with the analytical depth of a rigorous liberal arts curriculum.
- You will be prepared for continued study in a Master of Fine Arts program of your choosing.
- You will be prepared for an exhibition career and the life of an artist.

What does a degree in Fine Arts at Benedictine offer?

- Traditional Art Foundation core 18 credit hours of foundation courses that stress the mimetic tradition of western art, coupled with the modernist tradition of abstraction.
- State-of-the-art facilities for Studio Art the studio facilities at COD, along with new facilities at Benedictine, are attractive and competitive in these areas: drawing, printmaking, painting, sculpture, clay art, computer art and photography.
- 15 credit hours of Art History on par with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, which requires 14 credit hours.
- 6 credit hours of readings in Criticism and Aesthetics expands the intellectual foundation for a practicing artist. The content of these two courses is rarely taught in B.F.A. programs elsewhere, making our program distinctive.
- 6 credit hours of Foreign Language.

How does the program work?

The Fine Arts major is a joint program between COD and Benedictine. Students may earn an Associate of Fine Arts (A.F.A.) degree from COD and a B.F.A. degree from Benedictine. Courses are taught by both COD and Benedictine faculty. Speak with your admissions counselor for specific details.

Who are the students?

Students include COD students who have completed their A.F.A. degree in Fine Arts. These students transition into the B.F.A. program at Benedictine after they have passed the mandatory portfolio review as a prerequisite.

A student may also wish to enroll at Benedictine as a freshman in the Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art program and then transition into the B.F.A. in their junior year. Students then take courses at both campuses in order to utilize the strengths of both facilities and faculty.

Recommended Program

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Fine Arts

Benedictine University recently reformed its undergraduate curriculum and implementation begins in Fall 2014.

This recommended program of study is an example only and subject to change.

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English 1101 Composition I Art 1101 Drawing I Art 1151 2D Design Art 2211 Art History I Math course	3 3 3 3 3 15	Social Science course** Art 2201 Life Drawing I Art 200-level Studio course*** Art 2213 Art History III Physical Science course	3 3 3 3 4-5 16-17
English 1102 Composition II Art 1102 Drawing II Art 1152 3D Design Art 2212 Art History II Life Science course Speech 1100 Philosophy of Art	3 3 3 3 4-5 16-17 3 3	Social Science course** Art 200-level Studio course*** Art 200-level Studio course*** Art 2214 Non-Western Art History Humanities course (Religion or Literature) Maximum total hours in A.F.A.: 68-70 (Total hours contingent on Science credits)	3 3 3 3 15
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Modern Language Cultural Heritage (HUMN 210, 220, 230 or 240) Advanced Studio I Art 200-level Studio course*** Art History (Contemporary) Electives Advanced Studio II Computer Art* Art elective	3 3 3 3 15 6 3 3 3	Social Science Core elective Contemporary World (HUMN 250) Advanced Studio III Art 200-level Studio course*** Senior Seminar: Art Criticism Humanities Core (Religious Studies or Literature) Advanced Studio IV: Senior Exhibit Art 200-level Studio course*** Art elective Art elective	3 3 3 3 15 3 3 3 3
		Total hours to finish the B.F.A.	60

^{*}Computer Art may also be taken at the College of DuPage.

^{**}Select a course that also meets the College of DuPage Human Relations requirement.

^{***}For B.F.A. candidates, three courses from Sculpture, Painting, Ceramics, Jewelry, Printmaking, Photography and Graphic Design must be completed as part of the A.F.A. Three courses from the remaining four areas will be completed under the B.F.A. program.