

Fine Arts

at Benedictine University

Why study Fine Arts at Benedictine?

The Fine Arts major at Benedictine University leads to a Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) degree and is a professional visual arts education rooted in the liberal arts with an emphasis upon 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) to provide 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.
- 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

FRESHMAN

English 1101 Composition I	3
Art 1101 Drawing I	3
Art 1151 2D Design	3
Art 2211 Art History I	3
Math course	3
	15

English 1102 Composition II	3
Art 1102 Drawing II	3
Art 1152 3D Design	3
Art 2212 Art History II	3
Life Science course	4-5
	16-17

Speech 1100	3
(Art 2266 Computer Art)*	3
	6

JUNIOR

Foreign Language	3
HUMN 220 Mediterranean World	3
Advanced Studio I	3
Art 200-level Studio course***	3
Art History Contemporary	3
	15

Foreign Language	3
HUMN 230 Baptism of Europe	3
Advanced Studio II	3
Readings in Aesthetics	3
Art elective	3
	15

SOPHOMORE

Social Science course**	3
Art 2201 Life Drawing I	3
Art 200-level Studio course***	3
Art 2213 Art History III	3
Physical Science course	4-5
	16-17

Social Science course**	3
Art 200-level Studio course***	3
Art 200-level Studio course***	3
Art 2214 Non-Western Art History	3
Humanities course (Religion or Literature)	3
	15

*Maximum Total Hours in A.F.A.: 69-70
(Total hours contingent on Science credits)*

SENIOR

Social Science III	3
HUMN 240 Converging Hemispheres	3
Advanced Studio III	3
Art 200-level Studio course***	3
Art Criticism	3
	15

Humanities Course (Religion or Literature)	3
Advanced Studio IV	3
Art 200-level Studio course***	3
Art elective	3
Art elective	3
	15

Total Hours to finish the B.F.A.: 60

*For B.F.A. candidates, a computer art course is recommended as part of the core though not required for the A.F.A. degree.

**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.