

Studio Art, BFA, General Requirements

Candidates for the B.F.A. degree must complete a Foundation ~~and~~ Core Art Program (which is largely satisfied by the A.F.A. degree) and an emphasis area in one of the following: art education, ~~drawing,~~ graphic design, ~~painting, photography, printmaking~~ or general fine arts **studio practice**. Studio ~~art~~ Art majors are required to take ~~75~~ 69 hours in studio art (this includes ~~30~~ 27 hours in the foundation ~~art program~~ and core art program) and ~~15~~ 12 hours in Art History with at least 9 hours of Art History taken in residence at UMSL . The final 30 hours must be completed in residence at UMSL. Graduating students must also pass a faculty portfolio review.

Advanced Placement in Studio Art Classes: Studio Art Majors who have professional Graphic Design or ~~Photographic~~ other professional studio experience may wish to submit a portfolio to a committee of ~~studio-art~~ Studio Art faculty. Depending on the nature and the quality of the student's portfolio, they may be able to obtain exemptions from selected lower level ~~studio-art~~ Studio Art courses. Students applying for these exemptions must submit their portfolios prior to the first day of class of their first semester in the BFA Program. Students will be notified in writing if an exemption is granted. Students informed of these waivers will be advised of their requirements in the studio art major. All decisions of the portfolio reviews are final.

General Education

Majors in ~~studio-art~~ Studio Art must meet the college and university general education requirements. A foreign language is not required. Studio ~~art~~ Art courses required for the degree may not be taken on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory (S/U) basis. A minimum of 120 hours is required for graduation. Certain ~~studio-art~~ Studio Art courses fulfill the humanities and fine arts general education requirement.

Sign-offs from other departments affected by this proposal

None

Rationale

The Department of Art and Design is refining its curriculum to align with contemporary best practices in the discipline. Moving the credit requirement from 90 to 81 is intended to allow students to move toward graduation at a quicker pace while also maintaining the requirements for NASAD accreditation, which we may wish to pursue in future. Emphasis area information for the three emphasis areas will be on their own forms.