

BFA IN STUDIO ART

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The BFA in Studio Art at Florida State University cultivates creative, independent, and critically engaged artists. Students develop technical mastery, conceptual depth, and a personal artistic voice through hands-on studio practice and individualized mentorship.

- Dedicated personal studios for experimentation and creative development
- Interdisciplinary curriculum connecting traditional and contemporary approaches
- Coursework blending art history, theory, and professional practice
- Opportunities to exhibit work in galleries across FSU campus

By graduation, students produce a cohesive body of work that demonstrates their creative and technical growth—ready for exhibition and professional advancement.

IS THIS PROGRAM FOR YOU?

The BFA in Studio Art is designed for students that are:

- Passionate about pursuing a career in the visual arts
- Excited to explore a variety of media, materials, and techniques
- Motivated by self-directed studio practice and creative challenges
- Eager to engage in critiques, exhibitions, and mentorship
- Interested in developing both artistic vision and professional skills

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WHY FSU?

As a top-tier art program within a major Research I university, FSU offers resources and opportunities rarely found elsewhere.

- **Expert faculty** including accomplished, practicing artists and educators
- **Professional facilities** including the Lightbox photographic studio and BFA computer labs
- **Exhibition opportunities** through student- and faculty-curated galleries

HOW TO APPLY

1. Start your FSU Application at **admissions.fsu.edu**
2. Submit the **Studio Art Supplemental Application** and select **"Studio Art (BFA)"** as your degree track.
3. Upload the following:
   - **Artist Statement** (250–500 words) describing your work, inspirations, and goals.
   - **Portfolio** (15–20 works) across at least two media, including title, medium, and size.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

OCT 15, 2026: Early Action (FL Residents Only)
DEC 1, 2026: Regular Decision (All Students)
MAR 1, 2027: Rolling Decision (All Students)

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For questions about admissions, email:
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RECOMMENDED PSC COURSEWORK

BFA Studio Art Courses

We recommend taking these courses at Pensacola State College, which will directly equate to FSU coursework:

PSC Course		FSU Equivalent
ART1201 - Two-Dimensional Design	Transfers to FSU as...	ART1201C - 2D Foundations
ART1203 - Three-Dimensional Design	Transfers to FSU as...	ART1203C - 3D Foundations
ART1300 - Drawing I	Transfers to FSU as...	ART1300C - Drawing Foundations
ARH1050 - Intro to Art History I	Transfers to FSU as...	ARH2050 - History and Criticism of Art I
ARH1051 - Intro to Art History II	Transfers to FSU as...	ARH2051 - History and Criticism of Art II

Recommended 2-Year AA Completion Plan:

Year 1 - FALL		Year 1 - SPRING	
ENC1101	3 hours	ENC1102	3 hours
Core Mathematics	3 hours	Mathematics	3 hours
State Core Soc Sci + Civic Lit.	3 hours	ART1201	3 hours
State Core Nat Sci + matching Lab	4 hours	Modern Language 1120-level	4 hours
	Total: 13 hours		**Total: 13 hours**

Summer In-between: SPC1608 + AA Elective (6 total hours)

Year 2 - FALL		Year 2 - SPRING	
ARH1050 - Non-Core Humanities	3 hours	ARH1051	3 hours
Social Science	3 hours	ART1300	3 hours
ART1203	3 hours	Core Humanities	3 hours
Modern Language 1121-level	4 hours	Natural Science	3 hours
AA Elective	3 hours	Modern Language 2220-level	4 hours
	Total: 16 hours		**Total: 16 hours**

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BFA Studio Art Degree GRAD CHECK

Student Name: Pensacola State College AA Student Student ID: _____

Double Major/Dual Degree: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

(Degree will appear on final transcript as Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art)

CORE FSU REQUIREMENTS		CREDIT RECEIVED	REQ./ NEED
ENGLISH (ENG 1101 & 2135)	6 hrs., "C-" or better	Met by AA	
QUALITATIVE/STATISTICS	6 hrs., "C-" or better	Met by AA	
HISTORY/SOCIAL SCIENCE	6 hrs.	Met by AA	
ETHICS/HUMANITIES	6-9* hrs.	Met by AA	
NATURAL SCIENCES	6 hrs. + 1 hr. Lab	Met by AA	
GEN ED ELECTIVE	6 hrs.	Met by AA	

UNIVERSITY/ STATE REQUIREMENTS		CREDIT RECEIVED	REQ./ NEED
SIP (Two Courses Required**)	"C-" or better	1 Complete	ART 4970
"W" (Two State-Mandated Writing)	"C-" or better	Met by AA	
EXPLORING THE HUMAN EXPERIENCE (FTIC -2 Courses**)	Passing Grade	1 Complete	
UPPER DIVISION WRITING (ART 4801)	"C-" or better		ART 4801
ORAL COMMUNICATION COMPETENCY	"C-" or better	SPC1608	
NATURAL SCIENCE LAB	1 hr., "C-" or better	XXX****L	
SUMMER ATTENDANCE	9 hrs.	Met by AA	
CIVIC LITERACY (POS 1041 or AMH 2020 and Exam)	Course: "C-" or better	Met via AA	
	Exam: 60% or higher	Met via AA	
HUMANITIES/HISTORY (9 hrs beyond Gen. Ed. hrs)	Not Required	Not Required	None

TOTAL HOUR STANDING		CREDIT EARNED CURRENTLY		REQUIRED/NEED	
CREDIT HOURS (120 required)		64		120 minimum req. by FSU	56
UPPER LEVEL HOURS (3000/4000, 45 req.)				45 minimum req. by FSU	
FSU RESIDENCY (3000/4000, 30 req.)					
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MAJOR REQUIREMENTS		
FOCUS AREA:		
FOUNDATIONS ("C-" or better) 16 hrs		
SUCCESS STRATEGIES	ART 1000	
2D FOUNDATIONS	ART 1201C	√
3D FOUNDATIONS	ART 1203C	√
DRAWING	ART 1300C	√
DIGITAL FOUNDATIONS	ART 1602C***	
CONTEMPORARY ART	ART 2204C	
STUDIO ART (52 credit hrs.)		
1.	10.	
2.	11.	
3.	12.	
4.	13.	
5.	14.	
6.	15. ART 3212	
7.	16. ART 4801	
8.	17. ART 4801	
9.	18. ART 4970	
ART HISTORY (12 credit hrs)		
ARH 2050	Complete	
ARH 2051	Complete	
ARH ELECTIVE 3000/4000		
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Notes: ***While Foreign Language is not required for the BFA program, we recommend completing them in case student is admitted as a BA Studio Art student.

***The Art Faculty recommends taking 3 years at FSU to complete the BFA program, but 2 years is possible with a a very ambitious Studio Art schedule.

QUESTIONS?

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* *6 hrs. option: PHI 2010 + Gen Ed Humanities OR 9 hrs. option: CORE Humanities + Gen Ed Humanities + Gen Ed Ethics*

** *Only one course required for transfer students.*

*** *ART 1602C fulfills computer competency requirement.*

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BA/BFA + MS COMBINED PATHWAY

Studio Art + Art Education

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Earn both your **undergraduate and graduate degrees in as little as five years** while preparing for **K–12 professional teacher certification in art.** This program blends creative practice with educational theory—empowering artists to become educators in both classrooms and communities.

Highlights:

- Train with expert faculty in visual and cultural literacies
- Learn to teach in **schools, museums, and community settings**
- Develop skills in **art education, curriculum design, and classroom leadership**
- Graduate with a **95% job placement for art educators**, earning an average salary of $70K

IS THIS PROGRAM RIGHT FOR YOU?

This program is ideal for creative, community-minded artists who want to make a difference through teaching.

You'll thrive here if you:

- Want to **combine your passion for art with education**
- Believe in art's power to **inspire and make a difference.**
- Enjoy working with people and sharing creative ideas
- Are ready for a **fast-track, five-year degree** that leads to K–12 certification

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WHY FSU?

For over **70 years**, FSU has led the field of art education, combining studio excellence with real-world teaching experience. Students gain:

- **Field-based experience** in classrooms and community art programs
- Supportive, **hands-on mentorship** from artist-educators
- Access to **vibrant art and education networks** across Florida and beyond

PATHWAY PROGRESSION

1. **Enroll in BA/BFA Studio Art** degree program
2. Apply for the **Combined Pathway Program anytime before the Fall of your Junior Year**
3. **Double count** 6 hours of course credit towards your graduate and undergraduate degree
4. **Begin graduate coursework during the summer** after BA/BFA completion
5. **Spring semester intern at a k-12 school** and graduate with your MS in Art Education!

APPLY BY OCT. 20 OR FEB. 20

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For questions about admissions, email:
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MFA IN STUDIO ART

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Florida State University Master of Fine Arts in Studio Art is a three-year, interdisciplinary program emphasizing contemporary art, research, and practice. Students gain individualized mentorship, access to advanced facilities, and opportunities to explore a wide variety of media while developing a professional artistic practice. The program culminates in a graduate exhibition at FSU's Museum of Fine Arts.

- Media options include ceramics, design, drawing, electronic media, installation, painting, papermaking, performance, photography, printmaking, sculpture and video
- Visiting artist and scholar program
- Exhibition and curatorial opportunities, on and off campus
- Find our grads working in faculty roles at universities, research fellows of prominent residencies, and recipients of prestigious visual art awards.

IS THIS PROGRAM FOR YOU?

The MFA in Studio Art is ideal for artists committed to advancing their practice and exploring interdisciplinary creative expression.

Successful applicants are:

- Self-motivated and open to experimentation
- Interested in contemporary art practice, research, and theory
- Eager to collaborate with peers and faculty across disciplines
- Seeking professional development as practicing artists, educators, or arts professionals

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WHY FSU?

FSU provides world-class facilities, dedicated faculty, and professional development opportunities to support artistic growth.

Students benefit from:

- Mentorship, networking, and collaborative learning with faculty and visiting artists
- Professional experience in college-level art courses and studio spaces across the college
- Exhibition opportunities in 6 gallery spaces across FSU campus
- Access to the Carnaghi Arts Building, dedicated graduate studios, computer labs, fabrication labs, lightbox, and large-format printing

HOW TO APPLY

Applicants must submit a portfolio, statement of intent, artist statement, resume/Vitae, and three letters of recommendation. Graduate admission is required through FSU and the Department of Art.

Graduate assistantships with stipends and health insurance subsidies are available. Learn more about the application process at **art.fsu.edu/apply**

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