ART - FINE ART (BFA)

This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2025-Spring 2026 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to Catalog Year Information (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/university-wide-unit-specific-policies/catalog-year/).

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art
Unit: College of Arts and Sciences (AS) (http://www.louisville.edu/a-s/)
Department: Art and Design (https://louisville.edu/art/)
Academic Plan Code(s): See Track Requirements tab.

Program Information

The Department of Art and Design, endowed as the Hite Institute of Art and Design, offers the Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) degree. Primarily intended for professionally oriented art and design students, and for those planning to pursue graduate work in the studio arts or to assume leadership positions in the fields of graphic or interior design, the BFA degree provides the opportunity for students to go into more depth in their chosen area. There are three tracks in the BFA Program:

- Graphic Design (http://louisville.edu/art/Undergraduate/bfa-in-art-or-design/cad.html)
- Interior Design (http://louisville.edu/art/Undergraduate/bfa-in-art-or-design/bfa-in-interior-design/)
- Studio Art (http://louisville.edu/art/Undergraduate/bfa-in-art-or-design/bfa-studio-art/)

Completion of this degree requires work to be submitted for the department's Learning Outcomes Measurement. For details, contact the department.

Degree Summary

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Requirements (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) [1, 2]		31
College/School Requirements		10
Program/Major Requirements [1, 2]		27-30
Supporting Courses		14-20
Track Requirements		33-36
Minimum Total Hours		**121**

[1] Some credit hours from the General Education Requirements may be satisfied by courses defined by the program, in which case additional

electives will be required to complete the minimum hours for the degree. See the Degree Requirements tab for specific coursework.

[2] To complete the degree in the **minimum number of hours** listed for all tracks, some hours from the General Education Requirements may be satisfied by courses defined by the unit and/or program. Using other courses to satisfy General Education requirements will require additional hours to complete the degree requirements.

Specific coursework information can be found on the Degree Requirements tab.

Departmental Admission Requirements

Primarily intended for professionally oriented art and design students, as well as those planning to pursue graduate work in the studio arts or to assume leadership positions in the fields of graphic or interior design, the BFA degree provides the opportunity for students to go into more depth in their chosen area.

Admission to the BFA program is selective, and enrollment may be limited. University of Louisville students who are approved as majors in the BA in Art, track in Studio Art may apply for the BFA upon completing the Foundations courses and the introductory course for their chosen track. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 in department courses (studio art and art history) and a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5. Once admitted, students must maintain an overall GPA of at least 2.5 and a GPA of 3.0 or higher in department courses to remain in the BFA program.

Students who meet the BFA admission requirements should contact the department at **hite@louisville.edu** to request an application.

Upon admission to the BFA Program, students and faculty will complete and sign a **BFA Student/Mentor Contract**, which outlines the expectations for progress toward degree completion. If, at any point during the student's studies, the mentor deems the student's progress or ability to meet program requirements unsatisfactory, the mentor has the right to resign from their role. In such cases, the student must either seek a new mentor or transfer back into the BA in Art, track in Studio Art. If the student requests a new mentor and no faculty member agrees to work with them, the student will be returned to the BA in Art, track in Studio Art.

Admitted BFA students who fail to meet or maintain the GPA requirements will be placed on departmental probation and given one semester to raise their GPA. If the requirements are not met within that time, students will be returned to the BA in Art, Track in Studio Art. Students may reapply to the BFA program once the GPA requirements are met.

Completion of the BFA degree requires students to submit work for the department's **Learning Outcomes Assessment**. For Studio Art candidates, this includes a committee review of the student's work one semester prior to graduation, as well as participation in the BFA exhibition during the semester of graduation. For Graphic Design and Interior Design candidates, this includes participation in the professional portfolio review at the end of their professional practice course.

General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Requirements (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) [*]		31

The following courses are required by the program and satisfy the respective General Education Requirement(s):

ARTH 250	Ancient Through Medieval Art - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
or ARTH 270	Renaissance Through Modern Art - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
or ARTH 290	Survey of Asian Art - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	

*All degrees require the completion of the University-wide General Education Program (link provided above). Some General Education requirements may be met in the requirements for the major or supporting coursework, in which case additional electives may be required to complete the minimum hours for the degree.

College/School Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Arts & Sciences Requirements		
GEN 100	Student Success Center First Year Experience	1
or GEN 101	Arts & Sciences First Year Experience	
Electives in Natural Sciences or Social Sciences [1]		9
WR—two approved courses at the 300 level or above [2]		
Minimum Total Hours		**10**

Program/Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Department of Fine Arts		
ART 105	Foundation 2-D Design	3
ART 106	Foundation 3-D Design	3
ART 107	Foundation Drawing	3
Select one of the following:		3
DES 204	Foundation Interior Design [3]	
DES 205	Foundation Graphic Design [4]	
ART 206	Foundation Art Concepts and Methods [5]	
ART 207	Foundation Figure Drawing [5]	
Select two of the following: [6]		6
ARTH 250	Ancient Through Medieval Art - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
ARTH 270	Renaissance Through Modern Art - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
ARTH 290	Survey of Asian Art - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
Art History electives at the 300 level or above [7]		3-6
Studio Art electives at the 300 level [8]		6
Minimum Total Hours		**27-30**

Code	Title	Hours
Supporting Courses		
Electives in Humanities disciplines, other than Art or Art History, at the 300 level or above		9-15
WR Elective in Humanities discipline, other than Art or Art History, at the 300 level or above		3
Minimum Electives [9]		0-2
Minimum Total Hours		**14-20**

Code	Title	Hours
Studio Art Track (See Track Requirements tab)		**33-36**

60 hours minimum Art/Art History total for Interior Design track; 66 hours minimum total for Graphic Design track; 63 hours minimum total for Studio Art track. At least 50 of the total minimum hours required must be at the 300 level or above.

A grade of C-minus or better is required in all 300 and 500-level courses in the major.

Code	Title	Hours
Culminating Undergraduate Experience (Graduation requirement)		
Track in Interior Design requirement fulfilled by completing:		
DES 596	Professional Development in Interior Design - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
Track in Graphic Design requirement fulfilled by completing:		
DES 598	Professional Development in Graphic Design - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
Track in Studio Art requirement fulfilled by completing:		
ART 597	Professional Development in Studio Arts - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	

[1] In addition to courses counting towards General Education; 6 hours must be at 300 level or above.

[2] May be incorporated into other degree requirements.

[3] Students planning to study Interior Design must take DES 204 Foundation Interior Design (fall semester) concurrently with DES 361 Introduction to Interior Design.

[4] Students planning to study Graphic Design must take DES 205 Foundation Graphic Design (spring semester).

[5] Students planning to study Studio Art may choose either ART 206 Foundation Art Concepts and Methods (spring semester) or ART 207 (fall semester).

[6] Fulfills General Education AH requirement.

[7] BFA Graphic Design students must take DES 301 History of Graphic Design and a 300-level elective. BFA Interior Design students must take DES 347 Historic Interiors for Interior Design. BFA Studio Art students must take 6 elective hours at the 300-level.

[8] BFA Interior Design students must take DES 361 and DES 362 Color Theory and Human Factors in Interior Design; BFA Graphic Design students must take DES 373 Introduction to Visualization and a 300-level elective. BFA Studio Art students must take 6 elective hours at the 300-level.

[9] BFA Graphic Design and BFA Interior Design students may have elective hours. Students who fulfill general education requirements with courses in the major or supporting courses may have electives. To complete the degree in the minimum number of hours listed, some

hours from the General Education Requirements may need to be satisfied by courses defined by the unit and/or program. Using other courses to satisfy General Education requirements may require additional hours to complete the degree requirements or decrease the listed electives.

Track Requirements

Track in Interior Design
Academic Plan Code(s): ART_BFAIAR

Code	Title	Hours
DES 559	Computer Applications for Interiors I	3
DES 561	Interior Design Studio I	3
DES 562	Interior Design Studio II	3
DES 563	Interior Design Studio III	3
DES 564	Interior Design Studio IV	3
DES 565	Directed Projects in Interior Design	3
DES 566	Interiors Construction	3
DES 567	Interior Finishes	3
DES 568	Building Systems	3
DES 569	Computer Applications for Interiors II	3
DES 596	Professional Development in Interior Design - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
Minimum Total Hours		**33**

Track in Graphic Design
Academic Plan Code(s): ART_BFACOA

Code	Title	Hours
DES 571	Typography I	3
DES 572	Typography II	3
DES 573	Typography III	3
DES 576	Interaction Design I	3
DES 580	Design for Public Issues II	3
DES 594	Directed Projects in Design	3
DES 598	Professional Development in Graphic Design - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
Electives in Graphic Design		
Select two of the following:		6
DES 510	Information Visualization	
DES 570	Design for Public Issues I	
DES 577	Interaction Design II	
DES 582	Human Experience In Design	
DES 590	Special Topics in Design	
Electives in Studio Art		
Select two of the following:		6
ART 341	Introduction to Printmaking	
ART 351	Introduction to Black and White Photography	
ART 541	Studio Practice in Printmaking	

ART 551	Lighting	
ART 552	Digital Photography	
ART 554	Experimental Photography I	
Electives in Studio Art or Art History at the 300-level or above		*3*
Minimum Total Hours		**36**

Track in Studio Art
Academic Plan Code(s): ART_BFASTA

Students will select a minimum of five 500-level courses from all studio areas (excluding Graphic Design and Interior Design).

Code	Title	Hours
Track Requirements/Core		
ART 597	Professional Development in Studio Arts - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
Select a minimum of five courses (15 hours) from the following studio areas:		15
ART 501	Concepts in Painting	
ART 502	Advanced Concepts in Painting	
ART 503	Special Topics in Painting	
ART 504	Directed Study in Painting	
ART 505	Advanced Figure Drawing	
ART 506	Themes and Concepts in Drawing	
ART 507	Directed Study in Drawing	
ART 509	Anatomy & Life Drawing	
ART 516	Advanced Digital Illustration	
ART 541	Studio Practice in Printmaking	
ART 542	Digital Printmaking	
ART 543	Directed Study in Printmaking	
ART 551	Lighting	
ART 552	Digital Photography	
ART 554	Experimental Photography I	
ART 555	Directed Study in Photography	
ART 556	Experimental Photography II	
ART 557	Advanced Photography Seminar	
ART 558	Special Topics in Photography	
ART 511	Advanced Glassmaking Techniques	
ART 512	Directed Study in Glass	
ART 521	Practice of Sculpture	
ART 522	Sculpture Strategies	
ART 523	Directed Study in Sculpture	
ART 531	Advanced Ceramics: Wheelthrowing	
ART 532	Advanced Ceramics: Sculptural Forms	
ART 533	Clay Glazes and Firing	
ART 534	Directed Study in Ceramics	
ART 581	Advanced Fiber/Surface Design	
ART 582	Advanced Fiber/ Mixed Media Art	
ART 583	Papermaking	
ART 584	Directed Study in Fiber and Mixed Media Art	
ART 585	Book Art Concepts	

Electives

15 hours of Studio Art (ART) or Art History (ARTH) at the 300-level or above		15
Minimum Total Hours		**33**

Flight Plan

Track in Graphic Design

Year 1

Fall

Code	Title	Hours
GEN 100 or GEN 101	Student Success Center First Year Experience or Arts & Sciences First Year Experience	1
ENGL 101	Introduction to College Writing - WC (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
ART 105 or ART 106	Foundation 2-D Design or Foundation 3-D Design	3
ART 107	Foundation Drawing	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences Lab - SL		1
General Education: Cardinal Core Oral Communication - OC		3
	Hours	**17**

Spring

Code	Title	Hours
ENGL 102	Intermediate College Writing - WC (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Quantitative Reasoning - QR		3
ART 105 or ART 106	Foundation 2-D Design or Foundation 3-D Design	3
DES 205	Foundation Graphic Design	3
Select one of the following:		3
ARTH 250	Ancient Through Medieval Art - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
ARTH 270	Renaissance Through Modern Art - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
ARTH 290	Survey of Asian Art - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
	Hours	**15**

Year 2

Fall

Code	Title	Hours
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S		3
DES 373	Introduction to Visualization	3
DES 571	Typography I	3
DES 301	History of Graphic Design	3
Select one of the following:		3
ARTH 250	Ancient Through Medieval Art - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
ARTH 270	Renaissance Through Modern Art - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
ARTH 290	Survey of Asian Art - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
	Hours	**15**

Spring

Code	Title	Hours
General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences Historical Perspective - SBH		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences - SBP1		3

Code	Title	Hours
DES 572	Typography II	3
DES 576	Interaction Design I	3
General Elective		3
	Hours	**15**

Year 3

Fall

Code	Title	Hours
DES 573	Typography III	3
Graphic Design Elective (500 level from list)		3
Social Science or Natural Science elective		3
Art elective (300 level or above from list)		3
Art History elective (300 level or above)		3
	Hours	**15**

Spring

Code	Title	Hours
DES 580	Design for Public Issues II	3
Art elective (300 level)		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities Global Perspeectives - AHP2		3
WR elective (300 level or above)		3
Social Science or Natural Science elective (300 level or above)		3
	Hours	**15**

Year 4

Fall

Code	Title	Hours
DES 594	Directed Projects in Design	3
Graphic Design Elective (500 level from list)		
Social Science or Natural Science elective (300 level or above)		3
Art or Art History elective (300 level or above)		3
Art elective (300 level or above from list)		3
General Elective		2
	Hours	**14**

Spring

Code	Title	Hours
DES 598	Professional Development in Graphic Design - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
Humanities elective (300 level or above)		3
Humanities elective (300 level or above)		3
Humanities WR Elective (300 level or above)		3
General Elective		3
	Hours	**15**
	Minimum Total Hours	**121**

Track in Interior Design

Year 1

Fall

Code	Title	Hours
GEN 100 or GEN 101	Student Success Center First Year Experience or Arts & Sciences First Year Experience	1
ENGL 101	Introduction to College Writing - WC (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
ART 105 or ART 106	Foundation 2-D Design or Foundation 3-D Design	3
ART 107	Foundation Drawing	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences Lab - SL		1
	Hours	**14**

Spring

Code	Title	Hours
ENGL 102	Intermediate College Writing - WC (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Quantitative Reasoning - QR		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences US Perspectives - SBP1		3

ART 105 or ART 106	Foundation 2-D Design or Foundation 3-D Design	3
Select one of the following:		3
ARTH 250	Ancient Through Medieval Art - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
ARTH 270	Renaissance Through Modern Art - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
ARTH 290	Survey of Asian Art - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
	Hours	**15**
Year 2		
Fall		
General Education: Cardinal Core Oral Communication - OC		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences - S		3
DES 204	Foundation Interior Design	3
DES 361	Introduction to Interior Design	3
Select one of the following:		3
ARTH 250	Ancient Through Medieval Art - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
ARTH 270	Renaissance Through Modern Art - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
ARTH 290	Survey of Asian Art - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
	Hours	**15**
Spring		
General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences Historical Perspective - SBH		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities Global Perspectives - AHP2		3
General Elective		3
DES 362	Color Theory and Human Factors in Interior Design	3
DES 561	Interior Design Studio I	3
DES 567	Interior Finishes	3
	Hours	**18**
Year 3		
Fall		
Social Science or Natural Science elective		3
Humanities elective (300 level or above)		3
DES 559	Computer Applications for Interiors I	3
DES 562	Interior Design Studio II	3
DES 566 or DES 568	Interiors Construction or Building Systems	3
	Hours	**15**
Spring		
Humanities WR elective (300 level or above)		3
Social Science or Natural Science elective (300 level or above)		3
DES 563	Interior Design Studio III	3
DES 569	Computer Applications for Interiors II	3
DES 347	Historic Interiors for Interior Design	3
	Hours	**15**
Year 4		
Fall		
Humanities elective (300 level or above)		3
Humanities elective (300 level or above)		3
Humanities elective (300 level or above)		3
DES 564	Interior Design Studio IV	3
DES 566 or DES 568	Interiors Construction or Building Systems	3
	Hours	**15**

Spring		
Humanities elective (300 level or above)		3
Humanities WR Elective (300 level or above)		3
Social Science or Natural Science elective (300 level or above)		3
DES 565	Directed Projects in Interior Design	3
DES 596	Professional Development in Interior Design - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
	Hours	**15**
	Minimum Total Hours	**122**

Track in Studio Art

Year 1		
Fall		**Hours**
GEN 100 or GEN 101	Student Success Center First Year Experience or Arts & Sciences First Year Experience	1
ENGL 101	Introduction to College Writing - WC (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Science-S		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences Lab		1
ART 105 or ART 106	Foundation 2-D Design or Foundation 3-D Design	3
ART 107	Foundation Drawing	3
	Hours	**14**
Spring		
ENGL 102	Intermediate College Writing - WC (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Quantitative Reasoning-QR		3
ART 105 or ART 106	Foundation 2-D Design or Foundation 3-D Design	3
May select the following OR choose ART 207 in the Fall, Year 2. (Note: If you select ART 207 in the Fall, Year 2, you may replace this course with an ART Studio 300 level elective.)		3
ART 206	Foundation Art Concepts and Methods	
Select one of the following:		3
ARTH 250	Ancient Through Medieval Art - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
ARTH 270	Renaissance Through Modern Art - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
ARTH 290	Survey of Asian Art - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
	Hours	**15**
Year 2		
Fall		
General Education: Cardinal Core Natural Sciences-S		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Social and Behavioral Sciences Historical Perspective US Perspectives -SBHP1		3
ART 207	Foundation Figure Drawing (If you took ART 206 in Year 1, Spring, replace this course with an Art Studio 300 level Elective).	3
Select one of the following:		3
ARTH 250	Ancient Through Medieval Art - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
ARTH 270	Renaissance Through Modern Art - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
ARTH 290	Survey of Asian Art - AH (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
Art Studio Elective (300 level)		3
	Hours	**15**

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Spring		
General Education: Cardinal Core Oral Communication-OC		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts and Humanities-AH		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Social and Behavioral Sciences Global Perspectives -SBP2		3
Art Studio elective (500 level)		3
Art History elective (300 level or above)		3
Hours		**15**
Year 3		
Fall		
Social Science or Natural Science elective (300 level or above)		3
Humanities elective (300 level or above)		3
Art History elective (300 level or above)		3
Art Studio elective (500 level)		3
Art or Art History elective (300 level or above)		3
Hours		**15**
Spring		
Social Science or Natural Science elective (300 level or above)		3
Humanities WR elective		3
Humanities elective (300 level or above)		3
Art Studio elective (500 level)		3
Art or Art History elective (300 level or above)		3
Hours		**15**
Year 4		
Fall		
Social Science or Natural Science elective (300 level or above)		3
Humanities elective (300 level or above)		3
Art Studio elective (500 level)		3
Art or Art History elective (300 level or above)		3
Art or Art History elective (300 level or above)		3
General elective		3
Hours		**18**
Spring		
Humanities elective (300 level or above)		3
Humanities WR elective (300 level or above)		3
Art Studio elective (500 level)		3
Art or Art History elective (300 level or above)		3
ART 597	Professional Development in Studio Arts - CUE (https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
Hours		**15**
Minimum Total Hours		**122**

The Flight Plan outlined above is intended to demonstrate one possible path to completing the degree within four years. Course selection and placement within the program may vary depending on course offerings and schedule, elective preferences, and other factors (study abroad, internship availability, etc.). Please consult your advisor for additional information about building a flight plan that works for you.

Degree Audit Report
Degree Audit reports illustrate how your completed courses fulfill the requirements of your academic plan, and which requirements are still outstanding. Degree audits also take transfer credits and test credits into account. "What-if" reports allow you to compare the courses you have completed in your current academic plan to the courses required in another academic plan. Should you have questions about either report, please consult with your academic advisor.

Flight Planner
The Flight Planner tool is available for you to create a personalized Flight Plan to graduation. Advisors have access to review your Flight Planner

and can help you adjust it to ensure you remain on track to graduate in a timely manner.

To create these reports:

1. Log into your ULink account.
2. Click on the Academic Progress tile.
3. Select the appropriate report.
   a. To run a Degree Audit report, click on "View my Degree Audit."
   b. To create a What-if report, click on "What-if Advisement Report."
   c. To run a Flight Planner report, click on "Use My Flight Planner."

Click here to run a Degree Audit report, create a What-if report, or run a Flight Planner report. (https://ulink.louisville.edu)