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The Bachelor of Arts in Visual Art is a four-year, 120 credit hour degree program. The B.A. in Visual Art is a traditional liberal arts undergraduate degree, requiring 24 credit hours in Visual Art beyond the 1st year foundations courses, as opposed to the more art intensive B.F.A. degree.

Students interested in pursuing a double major may find it easier to pair the B.A. with other undergraduate degrees. After taking the foundations courses, students take their remaining studio courses from the seven Visual Art studio areas: Ceramics, Expanded Media, Metalsmithing/Jewelry, Painting/Drawing, Printmaking, Sculpture, Textiles/Fibers, and Photomedia (in the Design Department).

In addition to completing the on-line application to KU Admissions, prospective students must submit a portfolio and responses to three essay questions to the Department of Visual Art in order to complete the application process and be for admission to the major in Visual Art.

First-Year Preparation

The first year foundations courses for the B.F.A., B.A., and B.A.E. degree include 10 hours of foundations studio, 6 hours of English, and 6 hours of Art History coursework.

Code	Title	Hours
Foundations		
ART 101	Drawing I	3
ART 102	Drawing II	3
ART 103	Art Concepts and Practice	3
ART 105	Visual Art Seminar	1
English		
ENGL 101	Composition	3
ENGL 102	Critical Reading and Writing	3
History of Art		
HA 150	History of Western Art: Ancient Through Medieval	3
HA 151	History of Western Art: Renaissance to Contemporary	3

Undergraduate Admission

Admission to KU

All students applying for admission must send high school and college transcripts to the Office of Admissions. Prospective first-year students should be aware that KU has qualified admission requirements that all new first-year students must meet to be admitted. Consult the Office of Admissions (<http://admissions.ku.edu/>) for application deadlines and specific admission requirements.

Visit the International Support Services (<http://www.iss.ku.edu/>) for information about international admissions.

Students considering transferring to KU may see how their college-level course work will transfer on the Office of the University Registrar (<https://registrar.ku.edu/credittransfer/>) website.

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A Bachelor of Arts degree is offered in visual art. A total of 120 hours is required for the degree, including 45 junior/senior hours (courses numbered 300 or higher). 30 of these 45 junior/senior hours must be taken in residence at the University of Kansas.

Code	Title	Hours
Foundations		
ART 101	Drawing I	3
ART 102	Drawing II	3
ART 103	Art Concepts and Practice	3
ART 105	Visual Art Seminar	1
Visual Art Major		
Visual Art Major Studies (Including a minimum of 15 junior/senior hours in the major, a minimum of 15 major hours in residence, and a minimum 2.0 KU junior/senior grade-point average in the major)		
Visual Art Concentration:		
Any Visual Art (ART, CER, EXM, METL, PNTG, PRNT, SCUL, TD, VAE) or approved studio course classes.		21
ART 540	Professional Activities Seminar	3
Capstone Course		
ART 599	Individual Studies in Visual Art	3
	or ART 660 Senior Seminar II	
History of Art:		
HA 150	History of Western Art: Ancient Through Medieval	3
HA 151	History of Western Art: Renaissance to Contemporary	3
	HA elective (numbered 300 or higher)	3
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Total Hours		49

Below is a sample 4-year plan for students pursuing the BA in Visual Art. To view the list of courses approved to fulfill Core 34 Goals, please visit the KU Core 34 page (<https://catalog.ku.edu/core34/>).

Freshman	Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
	Core 34: English (SGE) ⁰¹⁰	3 Core 34: English (SGE) ⁰¹⁰	3
	Core 34: Social and Behavior Science (SGE) ⁰⁵⁰	3 Core 34: Math and Statistics (SGE) ⁰³⁰	3
	ART 101 (Core 34: Arts and Humanities (SGE)) ^{060**}	3 ART 102 (Major Requirement)	3
	ART 103 (Major Requirement)	3 Visual Art Studio	3
	ART 105 (Major Requirement)	1 HA 151 (Major Requirement)	3
	HA 150 (Core 34: Arts and Humanities (SGE)) ^{060**}	3	
	16		15

Sophomore

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
Core 34: Social and Behavior Sciences (SGE) ⁰⁵⁰	3 Core 34: Natural and Physical Sciences (SGE) ⁰⁴⁰	4-5
BA Quantitative Reasoning (QR) ²	3 BA Laboratory/Field Experience (LFE)	1
1st Semester Language (BA Second Language)	5 2nd Semester Language (BA Second Language)	5
Visual Art Studio (Major Requirement)	3 Visual Art Studio (Major Requirement)	3
	Visual Art Studio (Major Requirement)	3
	14	16-17

Junior

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
Core 34: Communications (SGE) ⁰²⁰	3 ART 540	3
Core 34: US Culture (SGE) ⁰⁷⁰	3 Visual Art Studio 300+ (Major Requirement)	3
3rd Semester Language (BA Second Language)	3 Visual Art Studio 300+ (Major Requirement)	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours	3 4th Semester Language, or 1st semester of Another Language (BA Second Language) ¹	3
HA 300+ Elective Course (Major Requirement) ³	3 HA 300+ Elective Course (Major Requirement) ³	3
	15	15

Senior

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
Core 34: Global Culture (SGE) ⁰⁷⁰	3 ART 599 or 660 (Capstone Requirement)	3
Visual Art Studio 300+ (Major Requirement)	3 Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours	3 Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours	3 Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours	3 Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours	2
	15	14

Total Hours 120-121

¹ For students completing the language requirement via the 3+1 language option, note that many first semester languages are 5 credit hours.

² Visit this page (<https://catalog.ku.edu/liberal-arts-sciences/#ba-quantitative-reasoning>) for a list of courses that fulfill the BA Quantitative Reasoning requirement.

³ Credit hour requirements for the degree include 45 credit hours of 300 level or above (300+). These credit hours are typically met through

Core 34, major area of study, and/or general elective credit hours. Individual degree mapping is done in partnership with your advisor.

Please note:

All students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences are required to complete 120 total hours of which 45 hours must be at the Jr/Sr (300+) level.

*Courses with a * designate courses that are degree requirements but can also be taken to fulfill the KU Core 34 requirement. If another course is used to fulfill the Core 34 requirement, the course listed is still required as a degree requirement.

Notes:

* - This course is a Required major course and is also part of Core 34: Systemwide General Education. If this course is not taken to fulfill the Core 34:SGE requirement, it must be taken in place of elective hours.

** - This course is a Recommended Core 34: Systemwide General Education course. This specific course is not required but is recommended by the program's faculty.

*** - This course is a Required Core 34: Systemwide General Education course. This program is approved by the Kansas Board of Regents to require this specific Core 34: Systemwide General Education course. If a student did not take this course it must be taken in addition to other degree requirements.

At the completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Produce and organize an independent, self-sustaining program of creative research.
- Apply technical and conceptual skills to produce serious creative research that is clearly positioned in historical and contemporary art theoretical discourse.
- Use visual and written communications skills to support creative research, critical thinking, ability for self-evaluation/critique, proposal writing, artist statement writing, presentation skills.