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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 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 13 hours of foundations studio, 6 hours of English, and 6 hours of Art History coursework.

Foundations (13)
- ART 101 Drawing I 3
- ART 102 Drawing II 3
- ART 103 Art Concepts and Practice 3
- ART 104 Art Principles and Practice 3
- ART 105 Visual Art Seminar 1

English (6)
- ENGL 101 Composition 3
- ENGL 102 Critical Reading and Writing 3

History of Art (6)
- HA 150 History of Western Art: Ancient Through Medieval 3
- HA 151 History of Western Art: Renaissance to Contemporary 3

Visual Art Major (35)

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)
- ART 101 Drawing I
- ART 102 Drawing II
- ART 103 Art Concepts and Practice
- ART 104 Art Principles and Practice
- ART 105 Visual Art Seminar

History of Art: (12 hours)
- HA 150 History of Western Art: Ancient Through Medieval (fall only)
- HA 151 History of Western Art: Renaissance to Contemporary (spring only)
- HA elective (numbered 300 or higher)
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Total Hours 35

Undergraduate Admission

Admission to KU

All students applying for admission must send high school and college transcripts to the Office of Admissions. Unless they are college transfer students with at least 24 hours of credit, prospective students must send ACT or SAT scores 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 Office of International Student and Scholar 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 Admissions (http://credittransfer.ku.edu) website.

Admission to the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Admission to the College is a different process from admission to a major field. Some CLAS departments have admission requirements. See individual department/program sections for departmental admission requirements.

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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.

Liberal Arts and Sciences Requirements

Completion of KU Core Requirements (see KU Core for specific requirements)
Completion of College BA degree specific requirements (see College BA requirements)

Foundations (13)
- ART 101 Drawing I
- ART 102 Drawing II
- ART 103 Art Concepts and Practice
- ART 104 Art Principles and Practice
- ART 105 Visual Art Seminar

Visual Art Major (35)

Visual Art Major Studies
- ART 540 Professional Activities Seminar
- History of Art: (12 hours)
  - ART 101 Drawing I
  - ART 102 Drawing II
  - ART 103 Art Concepts and Practice
  - ART 104 Art Principles and Practice
  - ART 105 Visual Art Seminar

Total Hours 35

Below is a sample 4-year plan for students pursuing the BA in Visual Art. To view the list of courses approved to fulfill KU Core Goals, please visit the KU Core website (http://kucore.ku.edu/courses).

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**Total Hours:** 120-123

1. The BA requires completion of two courses of collegiate-level writing instruction. Students who test out of Composition will still need to complete ENGL 102 (or equivalent) and one additional Goal 2.1 course.

2. Visit this website (https://collegeadvising.ku.edu/sites/collegeadvising.ku.edu/files/docs/BA.QuantitativeReasoning.pdf) for a list of courses that fulfill the BA Quantitative Reasoning requirement.

**Please note:**

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

The same course cannot be used to fulfill more than one KU Core Goal. However, overlap of a KU Core course with a major or degree-specific requirement is allowed. Overlapping is recommended to allow more opportunities to explore other majors and/or minors.