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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 13 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 104	Art Principles 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 Admissions (<http://credittransfer.ku.edu/>) 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
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		
(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: (23 hours)		
Any Visual Art (ART, CER, EXM, METL, PNTG, PRNT, SCUL, TD, VAE) or approved studio course classes.		
ART 540	Professional Activities 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

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/>).

Freshman

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ENGL 101 (Goal 2.1 Written Communication/BA Writing I) ¹	3	ENGL 102 (Goal 2.1 Written Communication/BA Writing II)	3
ART 101 (Goal 3 Arts and Humanities, Major Requirement)	3	Goal 1.2 Quantitative Literacy ²	3
First Year Seminar Goal 1.1 Critical Thinking	3	ART 102 (Major Requirement)	3
ART 103 (Major Requirement FALL ONLY)	3	ART 104 (Major Requirement SPRING ONLY)	3

ART 105 (Major Requirement FALL ONLY)	1 HA 151 (Major Requirement SPRING ONLY)	3
HA 150 (Goal 4.2 Global Awareness, Major Requirement)	3	
16		15

Sophomore

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
1st Semester Language (BA Second Language)	5 2nd Semester Language (BA Second Language)	5
BA Quantitative Reasoning (QR)	3 Goal 3 Natural Science	3
Goal 2.2 Communication	3 BA Laboratory/Field Experience (LFE)	1
HA (Art History) Elective 300+ (Major Requirement)	3 HA (Art History) Elective 300+ (Major Requirement)	3
Studio Art Course (Major Requirement)	3 Studio Art Course (Major Requirement)	3
17		15

Junior

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
3rd Semester Language (BA Second Language)	3 4th Semester Language, or 1st semester of Another Language (BA Second Language) ⁴	3
Goal 4.1 US Diversity	3 Goal 5 Social Responsibility & Ethics	3
Studio Art Course (Major Requirement)	3 Studio Art Course 300+ (Major Requirement)	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ³	3 Studio Art Course 300+ (Major Requirement)	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ³	3 Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ³	3
15		15

Senior

Fall	Hours Spring	Hours
ART 540 (Major Requirement)	3 Goal 3 Social Science	3
Studio Art Course 300+ (Major Requirement)	3 ART 599 (Goal 6 Integration & Creativity, Major Requirement)	3
Studio Art Course 300+ (Major Requirement)	3 Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ³	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ³	3 Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ³	3
Second Area of Study/ Elective/Degree/Junior-Senior Hours ³	3	
15		12

Total Hours 120

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/ba-quantitative-reasoning-courses/>) for a list of courses that fulfill the BA Quantitative Reasoning requirement.

³ Hour requirements (incl. 45 jr/sr hrs) are typically met through KU core, degree, major, second area of study and/or elective hours. Students completing the BGS with a major must choose a secondary area of study. Individual degree mapping is done in partnership with your advisor.

⁴ For students completing the language requirement via the 3+1 language option, note that many first semester languages are 5 credit hours.

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.

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.