Bachelor of Fine Arts in
STUDIO ART (College of Liberal Arts)
MAJOR MAP | 2019-2020

YOUR CLASS SCHEDULE

• Review your Department of Art degree plan to familiarize yourself with the University core requirements.
• Select one of the following concentrations for your BFA in Studio Art Major: Ceramics, Drawing, Graphic Design, Metals, Painting, Printmaking, Sculpture.
• Begin the Art Foundations block, and note that 3 of these credit hours fulfill the University core’s Creative Arts requirement.
• Take core courses, including RWS 1301/1302 and HIST 1301/1302.
• Examine the options for your core Math requirement.
• Consult your DoART degree plan.

FRESHMAN

• Continue taking Art Foundations courses.
• Complete your remaining core classes.
• Consult your DoART degree plan.

Sophomore

• Begin taking courses in your Studio Art concentration: Ceramics, Drawing, Graphic Design, Metals, Painting, Printmaking, or Sculpture.
• Select a minor from the seven studio areas, with the exception of your concentration area.
• Complete your remaining Art Foundations courses.
• Consult your DoART degree plan.

Junior

• Complete your remaining Studio Art concentration courses.
• Complete your remaining Studio Art minor courses.
• Note that you must have 24 credit hours at the 3000/4000 level, and you must have 120 total credit hours to graduate.
• Consult your DoART degree plan as you complete the requirements for your Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art.

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Senior

• Meet with the DoART Student Advisor, Terri Bauer, before registration.
• Review your graduation audit with the Graduation Director.
• Talk with DoART faculty about career opportunities in the field.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

• Contact the Department of Art Student Advisor, Terri Bauer, before registration.
• Discuss your Studio Art concentration with the DoART Student Advisor.
• Talk with DoART faculty about career opportunities in the field.

ENRICHING EXPERIENCES

• Ask the Department of Art Student Advisor about study away opportunities and about joining a learning community.
• Join a student organization that reflects your Studio Art concentration. Explore organizations such as Art History Association, Maximo Art Society, the Ceramic Art Students Association, UTEP Jewelry and Metals, and the Sculpture Collective.
• Engage with your field by attending visiting-artist workshops and lectures.

LIFE LONG SUCCESS

• Discover tutoring resources, such as the University Writing Center and the Math Resource Center for Students.
• Cultivate healthy lifestyle habits by visiting the Student Recreation Center.
• Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
• Visit the University Career Center and begin developing your resume or CV.
• Familiarize yourself with the Stanlee & Gerald Rubin Center for the Visual Arts.

• Network at employer recruitment activities with JobMine.
• Join the Liberal Arts Honors Program.
• Identify scholarship opportunities through the DoART Scholarship Coordinator, Kim Bauer, and the Office of Scholarships.

• Identify opportunities for graduate or professional study, working closely with faculty to align programs with your Studio Art concentration.
• Engage with your department and learn about volunteer opportunities by following the Department of Art on social media.
• Participate in Dr. Warak’s Grad School 101 Workshop.
• Consult with faculty about professional development opportunities, such as AIGA El Paso’s portfolio review events for design students.
• Visit the Centennial Museum and Gardens.

• Prepare to graduate with portfolio work, letters of recommendation, and a high GPA.
• Work closely with faculty to identify post-graduate opportunities that align with your Studio Art concentration.
• Take the GRE if preparing for graduate school.
• Participate in Dr. Warak’s Grad School 101 Workshop.
• Explore job fairs and pursue career opportunities.
• Refine your resume or CV with a Career Education Workshop.
• Stay engaged with your department by visiting the DoART website and following DoART on social media.
• Join the UTEP Alumni Association.

EDGE ADVANTAGES | UTEP students will graduate with these skills:

• Leadership
• Problem-solving
• Communication
• Entrepreneurship
• Social Responsibility
• Confidence
• Global Awareness
• Teamwork
• Critical Thinking

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Welcome to UTEP College of Liberal Arts

With nearly 7,000 students, the College of Liberal Arts is the largest college on the UTEP campus, with degree programs in the visual and performing arts, the humanities and the social sciences. The college also provides most of the UTEP core curriculum to students in all colleges. Excellence is found throughout the college’s programs, from its online bilingual M.F.A. in Creative Writing – the first of its kind in the country – to its doctoral degrees in Borderlands History, Rhetoric and Composition, and Psychology. Faculty engages in interdisciplinary research in Hispanic health disparities, social justice, border studies and environmental communication.

The Patricia and Paul Yetter Law School Preparation Institute, a program that helps prepare UTEP students for law school, is nationally known for its success. In several degree programs, students have the opportunity to enroll in internships, which provide valuable experience in their areas of interest. Students also benefit from an increasing number of study abroad opportunities, including courses taught by college faculty in Rome, London and Seville, Spain. The college’s new honors program began in 2012 with a variety of academic enrichment components and an honors minor.

Seek UT

The UT System has developed SeekUT to provide valuable data about employment earnings for the first five years after graduation, as well as average student loan debt for graduates by degree major.

- View information about your degree major with this free, on-line tool.
- Get real data about employment earnings based on more than 210,000 UTEP and other UT institution graduates working in Texas.
- Explore graduate school data, too.

www.utsystem.edu/seekUT

Checklist for success

☐ Create a Job Mine account.
☐ Check in with your advisor.
☐ Review your degree plan to stay on track. (degreeplans.utep.edu)
☐ Attend a financial literacy workshop.
☐ Visit the Student Engagement & Leadership Center (SELC). (sa.utep.edu/selc)

The top 10 skills employers seek:

- Ability to verbally communicate with persons inside and outside the organization
- Ability to work in a team structure
- Ability to make decisions and solve problems
- Ability to plan, organize and prioritize work
- Ability to obtain and process information
- Ability to analyze quantitative data
- Technical knowledge related to the job
- Proficiency with computer software programs
- Ability to create and/or edit written reports
- Ability to sell or influence others

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