



**Department of Art & Design  
Academic Map  
Bachelor of Fine Arts – Art**

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Dear BFA Art Major:

Artists have an eye for beauty, a vision for creativity and a knack for originality and use these skills and others to create commercial or fine art pieces in various mediums. Art students at Valdosta State University build their portfolios while developing the knowledge and skills necessary to pursue careers in art-related fields or to continue their studies at the graduate level.

The Bachelor of Fine Arts degree is a professional degree program that prepares the student for competency in art and art-related careers and provides opportunities for further in-depth research and study in art and design. In any of many possible roles, the professional must exhibit not only technical competence, but also broad knowledge of art and design, the ability to integrate knowledge and skills, and an insight into the role of art and design in intellectual and cultural life.

The BFA with a major in art is a comprehensive degree, which focuses on a common body of knowledge and skills in art studio and art history coursework. Students enrolled in this Bachelor of Fine Arts degree are expected to develop the knowledge, skills, concepts, and sensitivities essential to the professional life of the artist or designer. This is a 120-hour degree program. Students who complete the major in art will graduate with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree.

This academic map is a term-by-term sample course schedule. The milestones listed below each term are designed to keep you on course to graduate in four years. Sample schedules are provided as general guideline to help you build a full schedule each term. Courses must be selected with your academic advisor to satisfy all core and major curriculum, as well as meeting accreditation standards such as NASAD (National Association of Schools of Art and Design). The Art program within Valdosta State University is accredited by NASAD.

**Program website:** <http://www.valdosta.edu/art>

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**SAMPLE SCHEDULE  
Fall and Spring Terms – Year 1 - 4**

YEAR 1			
TERM 1	Hrs.	TERM 2	Hrs.
ART 1020	3	ART 1030	3
ART 1010	3	ART 1011	3
CORE Area C (ART 1100)	3	ART 2030	3
ENGL 1101	3	ENGL 1102	3
CORE Area E ~( <i>HIST 2111 or 2112</i> )	3	MATH 1001, 1101, 1111, or 1112...	3
Total hours	15	Total hours	15
<b>Milestones:</b> Declare Art major. Begin Area F CORE Art classes. Accumulate 30 or more collegiate credits. <b>A grade of "C" or better must be earned in the required English courses &amp; in <u>all</u> ART and ARTH major courses.</b>			

YEAR 2			
TERM 3	Hrs.	TERM 4	Hrs.
ART 3091	3	ART 3023	3
ART 3081	3	ART 3072	3
ART 3041	3	ARTH 2121	3
CORE Area B - PERS XXXX	2	CORE Area D Lab Science	4
CORE Area C ENGL 2111, 2112, or 2113	3	CORE Area B - PERS XXXX	2
Total hours	14	Total hours	15
<b>Milestones:</b> Overall 2.0 GPA or higher. Accumulate 59 or more collegiate credits.			

YEAR 3			
TERM 5	Hrs.	TERM 6	Hrs.
ART 3061	3	ART 3051	3
ART Studio Elective	3	ARTH 4150	3
ART Studio Elective	3	ART Studio Elective	3
ARTH 2122	3	ARTH 4140 (Sub Elective)	3
CORE Area E ~( <i>POLS 1101</i> )	3	CORE Area D ( <i>non-Lab</i> )	3
Total hours	15	Total hours	15
<b>Milestones:</b> Overall 2.0 GPA or higher. Accumulate 90 or more collegiate credits.			

YEAR 4			
TERM 7	Hrs.	TERM 8	Hrs.
ART 4170	1	ART 4171	1
ARTH - Art History Elective	3	ART 4172	1
ART Studio Elective	3	ART Studio Elective	3
ART Studio or ARTH Elective	3	ART Studio or ARTH Elective	3
ART Studio or ARTH Elective	3	CORE Area D Lab Science	4
CORE Area E	3	CORE Area E	3
Total hours	16	Total hours	15
<b>Milestones:</b> Apply for graduation one semester before anticipated date. Overall 2.0 GPA or higher. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>MUST take ART 4170 after completing 80-85 hours, one or two semesters prior to ART4171 &amp; ART4172.</i></li> <li>➤ <i>ART 4171 &amp; 4172 are co-requisite courses taken in the final semester.</i></li> </ul> Accumulate 120 collegiate credits. Completion of a senior professional portfolio/exhibition and presentation.			