



# School of Visual Studies Art

## What Is an Art Major?

The art program teaches technical production and visual literacy skills to prepare you for a lifetime of creative activity. With dedicated full-time faculty members committed to the undergraduate and graduate programs, we are here to help you navigate the process of earning your [bachelor of fine arts \(BFA\)](#), [bachelor of arts \(BA\)](#), or [minor in art](#) while preparing for a wide range of career paths that are available in the visual arts.

We mentor majors and non-majors to become outstanding creative problem finders and problem solvers, critical thinkers, and life-long learners. As an art major, you will enjoy broad course offerings and may choose to focus on [ceramics](#), [drawing](#), [fibers](#), [graphic design](#), [painting](#), [photography](#), [print-making](#), and [sculpture](#). Fully equipped studios are available in each area.

## What You'll Do at MU

- Make art in a collaborative, interdisciplinary environment
- Learn practical skills and professional practices from working artist-educators
- Find your niche and learn how to present your work in exhibitions and online
- Explore career options and network with other artists

## Careers & Jobs

We offer a wide variety of studio, professional practice, and capstone courses to better prepare you for a successful career. As a graduate of the art program, you will be prepared for a variety of career options. Our students have pursued commercial, interior, and graphic design; photography; education and curricu-



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lum development; project management; and community art programming.

You could also work as a curator, critic, or art dealer. For

example, our alumni are proprietors of well-known businesses such as One Canoe Two and Studio Publishing. Others work at *National Geographic* or teach in schools of art. Our graduates have gone on to be assistant curators in museums in locations such as the Cayman Islands, the Saint Louis Art Museum, and the Kemper and Nelson-Atkins museums in Kansas City. Some of our students establish their own studios and publishing platforms. Our students have successfully secured residencies throughout the U.S. and Europe, and several have been awarded significant honors, such as Fulbright grants and Aperture Foundation awards. Many of our students go on to exhibit their work nationally and internationally.

## Getting Involved

As an art student, you have many opportunities to get involved as well as to build your professional portfolio. We are part of a vibrant family of artists who regularly participate in First Friday community art events in downtown Columbia as well as a variety of art student organizations in your media area(s). These organizations plan field trips, coordinate visiting-artist workshops and lectures, network with students from other institutions, and much, much more.

## Study Abroad & Internships

Each summer, in partnership with the MU International Center, we offer an art-focused [study-abroad program](#) to the Netherlands and Belgium. On these

trips, you will visit museums with masterworks by the likes of Rembrandt, Vermeer, van Gogh, da Vinci, Caravaggio, and Michelangelo, as well as works of contemporary masters. These are transformative experiences where you have the opportunity to participate in individual instruction, weekly group critiques, and drawing and painting demonstrations. Mizzou also has many other study-abroad programs outside the School of Visual Studies that are open to art students.



## For More Info

 [visualstudies.missouri.edu](http://visualstudies.missouri.edu)

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Complete undergraduate course listing:  
[catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/art/#courseinventory](http://catalog.missouri.edu/undergraduategraduate/collegeofartsandscience/art/#courseinventory)

MU Admissions: [admissions.missouri.edu](http://admissions.missouri.edu)

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