

DEPARTMENT OF VISUAL ARTS

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Undergraduate Degrees Offered

- B.A. in Art (Art History) (<http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/arts/visual-arts/art-ba-concentration-history-art>)
- B.F.A. in Art (Art Education) (<http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/arts/visual-arts/art-bfa-concentration-art-education>)
- B.F.A. in Art (Graphic Design) (<http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/arts/visual-arts/art-bfa-concentration-graphic-design>)
- B.F.A. in Art (Studio Art) (<http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/arts/visual-arts/art-bfa-concentration-studio-art>)

The Department of Visual Arts (<http://www.twu.edu/visual-arts/>) offers programs leading to the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) and Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) degrees in Art. An undergraduate program may be selected with an emphasis in art education, art history, graphic design, or studio art. The Studio Art emphasis allows for focused studies in the areas of 3D art (Ceramics, Fabrication, Sculpture), Painting and Drawing, and Photography.

These programs are designed to prepare students to become visual artists, scholars and/or educators who are well-grounded in studio art practices, history, criticism, and professional practices. The department strives to build the student's awareness of context, purpose, creative and aesthetic inquiry, critical theory and practice, historical and contemporary trends, professional responsibility and personal voice in the visual arts. Integrating studio and theoretical studies, the various concentrations provide a comprehensive approach to art learning and facilitate a collaborative, cooperative, and supportive community. The department encourages students to develop natural talents, expand creative abilities and learn the conceptual and technical methods necessary to produce quality artistic works.

Our undergraduate degrees result in successful advanced studies and careers as art educators, graphic designers, professional photographers, web and interactive designers, professional artists, and gallery and museum professionals. Our students may also pursue graduate studies upon the completion of their undergraduate degree.

Additional Courses for Post-Baccalaureate Students Seeking Certification in All Level Art:

Students can alternatively elect to pursue All Level Art Teacher Certification via a Post-Baccalaureate individualized program. Students interested in this program to secure All Level Art Teacher Certification should contact the College of Professional Education for detailed information on requirements for admission and certification.

Graduate Degrees

The department also offers graduate programs leading to the Master of Arts (M.A.) and Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A.) in Art. Please refer to the Graduate Catalog (<http://catalog.twu.edu/graduate>) for information regarding graduate courses.

All applicants must meet the general undergraduate admission requirements (<http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/admission-information>). The following degrees have additional secondary admission criteria:

- B.F.A. in Art (EC-12 Art Education Certification) (<http://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/arts-sciences/arts/visual-arts/art-bfa-concentration-art-education>)

Courses

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ART 1203. 2D Foundations. (TCCN ARTS 1311) Theories and terminology of the structure of two-dimensional design and color. The principles and elements of design will be presented and problem solving explored in various art media, techniques, and concepts. Two lecture and four studio hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 1213. 3D Foundations. (TCCN ARTS 1312) The application of principles and elements of design to three-dimensional art. Form, mass, and space will be presented in theory, concept, and terminology and will be explored through problem solving in various art media, techniques, and concepts. Prerequisite: ART 1203 or permission of instructor. Two lecture and four studio hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 1303. Drawing Foundations. (TCCN ARTS 1316) Introduction to drawing styles, techniques, and concepts including expressive, analytical, and perceptual problems using still-life, figure, landscape, ethnic heritage, and women's issues as subject matter. Appropriate for art and non-art majors and art minors. Two lecture and four studio hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 1313. Drawing II. (TCCN ARTS 1317) Continued study of contour, form, texture, and space concepts in still life, figure, perspective, and landscape. Prerequisite: ART 1303 or permission of instructor. Two lecture and four studio hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 1503. Introduction to Painting. (TCCN ARTS 2316) A study of painting techniques and concepts with a review of contemporary, multicultural, and women's art. Lectures, demonstrations, studio production, and field trips. Appropriate for art and non-art majors and art minors. Two lecture and four studio hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 1603. Introduction to Photography. (TCCN 2356) A study of 35mm photography. Emphasis on technical and aesthetic aspects of historical and contemporary work. Exploration of social, political, and technological developments. Appropriate for art and non-art majors and art minors. Two lecture and four studio hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 2223. Digital Art Foundations. (TCCN ARTS 2348) Introduction to concepts and approaches related to the use of computers, software, and other digital tools for artmaking, including imaging, time-based art, and digital fabrication. Appropriate for majors and nonmajors. Two lecture and four studio hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 2233. Design Concepts. Introduction to visual communication design concepts; examination of the foundational strategies that underpin professional design decisions and shape experiences in a complex visual world. Two lecture and three studio hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 2303. Figure Drawing. (TCCN ARTS 2323) Drawing from the life model, anatomical, and creative aspects. May be taken for up to six hours of credit. Each semester of work is progressively more advanced than the previous semester. Prerequisites: ART 1303 and ART 1313. Two lecture and four studio hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 2313. Introduction to Graphic Design. (TCCN ARTS 2313) Exploration of form and message development with an emphasis on visual concepts and fundamental design theory. Two lecture and four studio hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 2343. Craft History and Practice: Handmade to Digital. Introduction to artistic craft throughout history and in contemporary practice; evaluation and discussion of craft media such as ceramics, glass, wood, metal, fibers, and others, in terms of artistic, political, social, and cultural issues; informed by direct experiences of making. Two lecture and three laboratory hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 2423. World Art History I. (TCCN ART 1303) World architecture, sculpture, painting, and other art forms from Prehistoric times to the 14th century. Appropriate for art majors and non-art majors. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 2433. World Art History II. (TCCN ART 1304) World architecture, sculpture, painting, and other art forms from the 14th century to the beginning of the 21st century. Appropriate for art majors and non-art majors. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 2503. History of Art-Ancient and Primitive. A study of art from the beginning of civilization to the fall of the Roman Empire: ethnic, sociology, and philosophical background. Appropriate for art and non-art majors and art minors. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 2513. History of Art-Medieval. Survey of early Christian, Byzantine, Romanesque, and Gothic art. Appropriate for art and non-art majors and art minors. Prerequisite: Sophomore standing. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 2653. Black and White Photography. Experience in using a 35mm camera and various types of photographic equipment. Darkroom training, photograms, printing and presentations, and exhibition prints. May be taken for up to six hours of credit. Each semester of work is progressively more advanced. Prerequisite: ART 1603 or permission of instructor. Two lecture and four studio hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 2713. Understanding the Arts - Visual Arts. (TCCN ARTS 1301) An introduction to the various forms, styles, and periods in visual arts. Emphasis on cultural awareness. Appropriate for art and non-art majors and art minors. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 2753. Introduction to Sculpture. (TCCN ARTS 2326) Basic sculptural techniques and materials including plaster casting, direct building, wood processes, and mixed media. Emphasis on idea development. Prerequisites: ART 1203, ART 1213, and ART 1303. Two lecture and four studio hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 2823. Introduction to Ceramics. (TCCN ARTS 2346) Introduction to a range of skills for creating ceramic forms, such as coil and slab building, throwing, and use of molds. Functional, sculptural, and technical issues. May be repeated once for additional credit with permission of instructor (up to 6 hours credit). Two lecture and four studio hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 3013. Principles of Art Education. Theories, purposes, standards, conditions, and practices of all level (EC-12) public school art education. Requires 15 hour field experience in a public school art program (EC-12). Prerequisites: Twelve hours of ART and junior standing. Two lecture and four laboratory hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 3053. Global Perspectives in Art. Develops understanding and appreciation of various cultural values while increasing skills in creative art techniques. The function, style, and purpose of art in world cultures will be used to inspire personal creative expression. Two lecture and four studio hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 3073. Art Criticism and Aesthetics for Educators. Develops knowledge, skills, and strategies for teaching the philosophical underpinnings, analysis, and evaluation of the content area art. Developmentally appropriate activities and teaching strategies will be developed for the K-12 population. The integration of the general educational goals of literacy and comprehension will be incorporated into the unique art activities of interpretation and critique. Two lecture and four studio hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 3103. History of Graphic Design. Tracing of communication design from ancient times to the present with an emphasis on theory and aesthetics; In-depth examination of the history of the visual message and the impact of communication design on the social, political, and economic life within recorded civilization. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 3173. Contemporary Issues in Art. Issues relating to current art practice, especially emergent approaches and formats. Investigation of theoretical and conceptual foundations of contemporary art, major artists, styles of art, emerging trends, and interpretive strategies. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 3223. Elementary Art Education. Current teaching, curricular, and learning practices in public school elementary (EC-6) art programs. Requires fifteen hour field experience in EC-6 Art Classroom. Prerequisites: ART 3013, twelve hours in ART, or permission of instructor. Two lecture and three laboratory hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 3233. Secondary Art Education. Current teaching, learning, and curriculum practices in 7-12 public school art programs. Requires 15 hour field experience in 7-12 art program. Prerequisites: ART 3013 and ART 3223, or permission of instructor. Two lecture and four laboratory hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 3243. Fundamentals of Type and Image. Study of the aesthetics, function, and history of typography as it relates to visual communication. Includes an examination of the relationship between type and image systems of communication. May be taken for up to six hours credit. Prerequisite: ART 2223. Two lecture and four studio hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 3293. Design I: Identity and Symbols. Representation of abstract ideas through symbols. Development of visual identity marks and systems for specified clients. Prerequisites: ART 2223. Two lecture and four studio hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 3333. History of Camera Arts. History of lens-based art forms, including photography, film and video, from the 19th century to present day. Changes in concepts and technologies of mechanical image reproduction as a key development of modern art forms. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 3343. Women in the Visual Arts. A survey of women visual artists of the western world and how their roles relate to those of women visual artists around the world. An analysis, from a traditional and a feminist point of view, of the recording of the female artist's place in history. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 3353. Interactive Digital Art. Exploration of microcontrollers and computers as tools for interactive artistic expression; investigation of technical issues, programming, and the use of sensors and other input to create audience interfaces; and examination of conceptual issues related to current work in the field of Emergent Media; includes team interaction between students in Computer Science and Art/Performing Arts. Two lecture and two laboratory hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 3393. Professional Practices for Visual Arts. Current professional approaches for art and design careers including relevant academic, business, and legal practices; management of identity through websites and social media; development of application materials; effective presentation skills. Prerequisites: Visual Art major, Junior standing, and completion of one 3000-level ART course. Two lecture and four studio hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 3503. History of Art: Renaissance. European art from 1400 to 1600. Emphasis on concepts of Renaissance Art. Appropriate for art and non-art majors and art minors. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 3513. History of Art: 19th Century. Development of art in the modern world from the end of the 18th century to 1899. Appropriate for art and non-art majors and art minors. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 3543. Baroque and Rococo Art History. A survey of European painting, sculpture, architecture, graphic arts from 1590 to 1760. Appropriate for art and non-art majors. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 3613. Ceramics: Surface I. Intermediate focus on creating ceramic surfaces and imagery (on sculptural or functional forms) to develop an individual body of work. Formal and conceptual issues; ceramic printing and painting methods, glaze recipe development, kiln firing, and additional technical information. Prerequisite: ART 2823. Two lecture and four studio hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 3673. Sculpture: Installation Art. Critical historical and contemporary concepts and techniques of installation/site-specific art. Utilization of multiple processes including sculpture, ceramics, interactivity, photography, painting, performance, digital, and time-based media to create installation and site-specific artwork. May be repeated once for additional credit (up to 6 hours credit). Two lecture and four studio hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 3683. Sculpture: Process and Possibilities. Intermediate sculpture methodologies. Emphasis on using unconventional materials and processes to generate new possibilities for working in 3D. Basic/traditional sculpture materials and techniques including plaster, wood, metal, everyday/found objects, alternative materials, digital, and mixed media. May be repeated once for additional credit (up to 6 hours credit). Two lecture and four studio hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 3703. Intermediate Painting. Intermediate skills and concepts in painting with an emphasis on developing individual problem solving skills and experimentation through a variety of media, processes, and conceptual approaches. May be taken for up to six hours of credit. Prerequisite: ART 1503. Two lecture and four studio hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 3713. Painting-Watercolor. Composition and rendering of watercolor. Field trips. May be taken for up to six hours credit. Each semester of work is progressively more advanced than the previous semester. Prerequisites: ART 1203, ART 1213, and ART 1503. Two lecture and four studio hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 3763. Intermediate Sculpture: Metal Fabrication and Alternative Media. Intermediate concepts and techniques including metal fabrication, welding, and alternative processes. Pertinent historical and contemporary topics. May be taken for up to six hours of credit. Prerequisites: ART 1213 and ART 2753. Two lecture and four studio hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 3773. Intermediate Sculpture: Casting and Mold Making. Intermediate concepts and processes involving mold making and casting (bronze, aluminum, iron, and alternative materials). Exploration of contemporary and historical sculpture. May be taken for up to six hours of credit. Prerequisites: ART 1213 and ART 2753. Two lecture and four studio hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 3783. Alternative Drawing. Contour, form, texture, and space with special emphasis on unique methods and concepts in drawing. Prerequisite: ART 1303 or permission of instructor. Two lecture and four studio hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 3793. Ceramics: Functional. Design, fabrication, and decoration of functional ceramic forms using methods such as throwing, handbuilding, and molds. Glaze mixing and application, and use of kilns. May be repeated once for additional credit with permission of instructor (up to 6 hours credit). Two lecture and four studio hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 3863. Ceramic Topics. Varied topics in ceramic theory and technique. May be repeated for up to six hours credit. Two lecture and four studio hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 3893. Ceramics: Sculptural. Development and fabrication of sculptural ceramic form using primarily handbuilding, along with other methods. Preparing clay and surfacing materials, installation issues, mixed media, and kiln use. May be repeated once for additional credit with permission of instructor (up to 6 hours credit). Two lecture and four studio hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 3903. Professional Writing for Visual Arts. Development of writing skills for visual artists as applied to artist statements, bios, critical reviews, graduate school applications, and field-related proposal opportunities including funding requests. Two lecture and four laboratory hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 4133. Approaches to Art Education. An advanced analysis and evaluation of instructional theories and methods for teaching and learning art in EC-12 public school art programs. Fifteen hours field experience in EC-12 public school art program. Prerequisites: ART 3013, ART 3223, and ART 3233; or consent of instructor. Two lecture and four laboratory hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 4253. Design II: Publication Design. Concept, design, and execution of complex "visual information delivery systems" intended for publication and mass distribution. Creation and application of gridded templates and a limited variety of other structural organization techniques to manipulate combinations of type and images within multi-page layouts. Prerequisites: ART 2223 and ART 3243. Two lecture and four studio hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 4283. Design III: Interactive Design. Examination of the internet as a venue in visual communication and an exploration of the creative possibilities of the medium. Examination of the principles of interactivity in computer media, and the conceptual and technical issues involved in the design and production of interactive documents, with an emphasis on interactive design. Prerequisites: ART 2223 and ART 3243. Two lecture and four studio hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 4293. Design IV: Advertising Design. Investigation, creation, and application of advertising design and the development of advertising campaigns. Creative problem solving, audience, product and client positioning, marketing, and creative strategies as applied to advertising, as well as the advertising design process. Includes creative team interaction, individual brainstorming techniques, and detailed research. Prerequisites: ART 2223 and ART 3243. Two lecture and four studio hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 4353. Advanced Interactive Digital Art. Advanced development of interactive digital art technologies in terms of artistic concepts, physical presentation, and the use of electronic components and code; involves iterative development of participatory work for public exhibition; teaches organizational and leadership skills for working in creative teams. Prerequisite: ART 3353. Two lecture and two laboratory hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 4363. Community-Focused Design Studio. Examination of graphic design in relation to social advocacy within local and global contexts; overview of contemporary concepts that define "Design for Good." Work with non-profit organizations in the community on design projects. Two lecture and four studio hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 4523. History of Art: 20th Century. Development of art in the modern world from 1900 to present. Appropriate for art and non-art majors and art minors. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 4533. History of American Film Noir. A historical overview and examination of the nature of the American Film Noir film style and its themes. Analysis of key films with intensive discussions. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 4553. Selected Periods of European Art. Historical study of visual art of a particular nation and period including analyses of works of art, including examination of the stylistic, historical, and cultural characteristics. Works studied vary, and the course may be repeated for additional credit. Prepares students for ART 4563. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 4563. European Art in Context. Visual art of a particular region and period in its national context. Includes study tour to sites in the nations where artifacts of the period are located. May be repeated for additional credit when topics vary. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor. Three lecture hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 4613. Printmaking. Graphic processes for intaglio, relief, and planographic print procedures. May be taken for up to six hours of credit. Prerequisite: ART 1203, ART 1213, or ART 1303; junior standing or permission of instructor and chairman of the department. Two lecture and four studio hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 4653. Color Photography. Study of historical and contemporary color photography in art. Experience in shooting, processing, and printing color photographs and slides. Class critiques to encourage individual vision through color materials. May be taken for up to six hours credit. Each semester of work is progressively more advanced than the previous semester. Prerequisite: ART 1603. Two lecture and four studio hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 4663. Digital Photography. Study of digital technologies in fine arts photography. Theoretical and technical concerns including overview of necessary components, scanning techniques, input devices, image manipulation, and output media. May be taken for up to six hours credit. Each semester work is progressively more advanced than the previous semester. Prerequisite: ART 2223. Two lecture and four studio hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 4673. Alternative Photographic Processes. Lectures and demonstrations of historical and contemporary alternative processes utilizing pinhole cameras, cyanotype, vandyke, xerox, and transfer. May be taken for up to six hours credit. Each semester work is progressively more advanced than the previous semester. Prerequisite: ART 1603. Two lecture and four studio hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 4683. Photographic Possibilities. Explore advanced experimental content, techniques, and materials in photography including installation, book arts, and image manipulation. May be taken for up to six hours credit. Each semester of work is progressively more advanced than the previous semester. Prerequisites: ART 2653 or ART 4653. Two lecture and four studio hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 4703. Advanced Painting I. Advanced studies in painting, color, and composition. Emphasis on individual development of content. May be taken for up to six hours of credit. Each semester of work is progressively more advanced. Prerequisite: ART 1503. Two lecture and four studio hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 4713. Advanced Painting II. Development of individual statements in painting. Introduction to exhibition techniques. May be taken for up to six hours of credit. Each semester of work is progressively more advanced. Prerequisites: ART 1503 and ART 4703 or permission of instructor. Two lecture and four studio hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 4763. Advanced Sculpture. Emphasis on individual technical and conceptual development through advanced work in sculpture. May be taken for up to six hours of credit. Prerequisites: ART 1213, ART 2753, ART 3763, and ART 3773. Two lecture and four studio hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 4803. Ceramics: Form II. Advanced focus on creating ceramic forms to develop an individual body of work. Formal and conceptual issues, alternative forming methods, clay body development, kiln firing, and additional technical information. May be taken for up to six hours credit. Prerequisite: ART 3803. Two lecture and four studio hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 4813. Ceramics: Surface II. Advanced focus on creating ceramic surfaces and imagery to develop an individual body of work. Formal and conceptual issues, ceramic printing and painting methods, glaze recipe development, kiln firing, and additional technical information. May be taken for up to six hours of credit. Prerequisite: ART 3813. Two lecture and four studio hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 4903. Special Topics. Study of special topics in Art. May be repeated for up to twelve hours of credit. Lecture and studio hours vary by topic. Credit: Three hours.

ART 4913. Independent Study. Individual study of technical problems in art. Prerequisite: Permission of the instructor and chair of the department. May be taken for up to twelve hours credit. Credit: Three hours.

ART 4953. Internship. Internship work-study arrangement between business, industry, or selected institutions and the university. Prerequisite: Permission of instructor. Nine practicum hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 4956. Internship. Internship work-study arrangement between business, industry, or selected institutions and the university. Prerequisite: Permission of instructor. Eighteen practicum hours a week. Credit: Six hours.

ART 4973. Senior Research in Art History. Research on an advanced topic in art history in consultation with the instructor. Prerequisite: Nine credit hours in art history at 3000 or 4000 levels. Three seminar hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

ART 4993. Exhibition. Studio research course to meet the exhibit requirement for studio art majors. Prerequisite: Permission of instructor. Two lecture and four studio hours a week. Credit: Three hours.

Faculty

Professors

WASHMON, GARY B., Professor of Visual Arts. B.F.A., University of New Mexico; M.F.A., University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

WHITEHEAD, VAGNER MENDONÇA, Professor of Visual Arts; Chair of the Department of Visual Arts. B.F.A., Savannah College of Art & Design; M.F.A., University of Florida.

Associate Professors

PARSONS, MATTHEW COLBY, Associate Professor of Visual Arts. B.Ph., Miami University; M.F.A., Southern Illinois University.

PETERSEN, MICHELE, Associate Professor of Visual Arts. B.F.A., Missouri State University; M.F.A., Savannah College of Art and Design.

SYNAR, TANYA M., Associate Professor of Visual Arts. B.F.A., Colorado State University; M.F.A., University of Washington.

Assistant Professors

GRIFFITHS, MEGAN, Assistant Professor of Visual Arts. B.A., University of Texas at Austin; M.F.A., Savannah College of Art & Design.

KIM, ELIZABETH, Associate Professor of Visual Arts. B.A., University of California: San Diego; M.A., Leiden University; Ph.D., The Courtauld Institute of Art.

LIBERSAT, JULIE, Assistant Professor of Visual Arts. B.F.A., Maryland Institute College of Art; M.A., University of North Texas; M.F.A., University of North Texas.