

Department of Art and Art History, University of Hawai'i at Manoa (UHM)
BFA Graphic Design Major Requirements 21 courses / 63 credits
1. Art Studio Core (3 courses, 9 credits) __ART 113, __ART 116, __ART 302
2. Art History Core (2 courses, 6 credits) __ART 175, __ART 176
3. Graphic Design Art Studio (7 x 3 credit courses = 21 credits, 3 labs = 3 credits) __265, __265L, __266, __365, __365L, __366, __465, __465L, __466, __467
4. Art History (3 courses, 9 credits) __371, __373, __374, __380, __381, __382, __383, __384, __385, __386, __387, __388, __389B/C, __390, __391B/C, __393, __394, __396B/C, __400C ^{VR} , __460, __470B/C/D, __471, __472, __473, __474B/C, __475B/C/D, __476, __477, __478, __479, __480, __483, __484, __485, __486, __487, __488, __490B/C/D, __492, __493, __494, __495, __496 ^R
5. Art Electives (5 courses, 15 credits) <i>Art Electives for the BFA in Graphic Design may also include any of the Art History courses listed in #4 above. The first three Art History courses the student takes will count toward the Art History requirement, and any in excess of that number may be counted as Art Electives.</i>
Ceramics __242, __343 ^R , __344 ^R , __345 ^R , __346, __347 Drawing & Painting __123, __213, __214, __223, __225, __313 ^R , __314, __322, __323 ^R , __324 ^R Digital Imaging & Electronic Arts __201, __202, __301B/C/D, __304, __305 ^R , __310, __401 Glass & Metals __130, __230 ^R , __234 ^R , __254 ^R , __255 ^R , __303 ^R , __306 ^R , __330 ^R , __356 ^R , __357 ^R Photography __107B, __107D, __207, __307 ^R , __308B ^R , __308C ^R Printmaking __104, __215, __217, __218, __316, __318 ^{RR} Sculpture & Expanded Practices __335 ^R , __337 ^R , __338, __351, __352, __358 ^R , __359, __436, __439 ^R Other __189, __315, __360, __361, __369B/C, __395, __399 ^V , __400B ^{VR} , __469, __481
<i>For additional information contact the Associate Chair at 808-956-8251, uhart@hawaii.edu, or refer to the department website at www.hawaii.edu/art</i>

The BFA degree in art is designed for students who desire a focused preparation in the visual arts and/or who intend to pursue an advanced degree or careers in art and design.

Admission to the BFA is by portfolio review. Eligibility for Portfolio Review requires the completion of:

1. ART 113, 116, 175, 176, and 302
2. Completion of 265, 265L, 266, 365, 365L, and 366 (or concurrent enrollment at time of application) with an average letter grade of B (3.0) or better
3. A minimum of eighteen credits toward UHM Gen Ed requirements



Guidelines & Policies

1. Admission to the BFA degree requires passing the BFA Portfolio Review. Students should apply the year prior to participation in ART 465/465L/466. 400-level Graphic Design courses are restricted to students admitted to the BFA.
2. The department holds an annual BFA Portfolio Review each Spring semester, prior to registration for the following Fall semester. Call for application will be announced early in the same semester.
3. Students who pass their review must complete a “Declaration of Major Change” from BA to BFA before the end of the semester.
4. If accepted, student must receive a grade of B or better in their major coursework to remain in the BFA program.
5. Portfolio review committee consists of all full-time Art Studio faculty members.
6. Students who take a formal Leave of Absence (LOA) of one or two semesters can resume their BFA work with the next cohort on their return, but should coordinate with their area faculty to keep them informed about when they are coming back.
7. Students who withdraw from the University or are suspended for a semester or more are required by the University to go through a reapplication process to resume their student status. Such students should also be asked to reapply to the BFA through portfolio review.

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