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SCHOOL OF ART

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The Bachelor of Arts in Art Degree

The Bachelor of Arts in Art is currently listed in the Undergraduate Catalog as the Bachelor of Arts in Art with Teacher Certification. The degree as printed on the diplomas now reads as *Bachelor of Arts in Art* and the major code is ARTBA and this will remain the same. The BA in Art is already an established degree at the Coordinating Board.

Proposal:

The School of Art is proposing to broaden the options available to students who wish to pursue the Bachelor of Arts in Art and to offer the path toward becoming an Art teacher as one choice, but not the only choice.

The change that we are proposing is to extract the required 27 hours of Education Courses and application to the Teacher Education Program. By extracting these requirements, the remaining degree structure provides for an elected Minor in Education, any other approved minor program or the other options listed by the College.

Students will still be required to complete their Core Curriculum, the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Bachelor of Arts requirements and 51 hours in the major which includes both Art and Art History courses. The proposed major requirements are described below and also outlined the attached degree plan.

Justification:

Students currently in the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree program in the four studio majors (Painting, Sculpture, Photography-Digital Media and Graphic communications) must pass a competitive portfolio review in order to be admitted into the final semesters of "Major Concentration" courses. Students who apply to, and are rejected from the discipline specific concentrations that comprise the B.F.A. degree, are faced with tuition caps, and (oftentimes) by default either switch to the B.A. in ART (with Teacher Certification), change to Art History where their studio hours may not apply, or leave the School of Art.

By extracting the 27 hours of Education Courses and application to the Teacher Education Program, students would be able to fulfill the Graduation Pledge and complete the degree plan with 120 hours, avoiding tuition caps. A student who prefers to elect intensive coursework in Education could still do so through the College of Education.

This change will support student retention and increase graduation rates. Students will be able to participate in the graduation pledge incentive program for entering freshman and will be able to

graduate with 120 hours and thus avoid potential non-resident tuition rates due to the tuition cap. Students who prefer combining studio courses with a broad based liberal arts education will not be limited to a curriculum designed for teacher certification.

The revised Bachelor of Arts degree in Art will benefit students wishing to pursue a program that places great emphasis on the liberal arts, but with a strong concentration in the field of art. In addition to the college requirements for the Bachelor of Arts, a minimum of 51 semester hours in Art is required.

Students who enter as ART B.A. majors may find that they do indeed excel in studio art and may wish to change to the BFA track, or they may discover research abilities and decide to stay with the BA degree but pursue the Art History major.

We believe that this modification to the B.A. ART degree will facilitate student retention, provide students with more choice, improve graduation rates, and increase the number of School of Art majors.

Current catalog copy:

Bachelor of Arts

The School of Art offers the Bachelor of Arts degree in Art History and in Art with All-Level Teacher Certification. In addition to the requirements for these specific majors, students should also refer to the sections on the college and the university-wide degree requirements

Art Major with Teacher Certification

The Bachelor of Arts in Art with All-Level Teacher Certification is designed to prepare art teachers preschool through high school. Students should also refer to the following sections of this catalog for requirements related to this degree: Education—Art Education; CLASS—Option-All-Level Certification Programs, and Admission to Teacher Certification.

School of Art requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Art with All-Level Teacher Certification are:

1. ART 1301 (Fundamentals of Drawing) and 9 semester hours of any 1000-level foundation program studio courses.
2. Twenty-seven semester hours in approved related arts studio courses. Three of these courses (9 hours) must be in one studio discipline and at least two courses (6 hours) must be in one other studio discipline, but no more than five courses (15 hours) in any one studio discipline.
3. Twelve semester hours in art history including ARTH 1380 and ARTH 1381 and six semester hours of art history at the 2000-level or above.

Students pursuing this degree parallel the recommended courses of study for the Bachelor of Fine Arts majors. For additional information regarding the foundation program and related arts, students should refer to the section on the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, which follows.

Proposed catalog copy:

Bachelor of Arts

The School of Art offers the Bachelor of Arts degree in Art History and in the Bachelor of Arts in Art. In addition to the requirements for these specific majors, students should also refer to the sections on the college and the university-wide degree requirements.

The Bachelor of Arts in Art

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Art will benefit students wishing to pursue a program that places great emphasis on the liberal arts, but with a strong concentration in the field of art. In addition to the college requirements for the Bachelor of Arts, a minimum of 51 semester hours in Art is required. Students who are interested in careers in teaching Art from Early Childhood through 12th Grade and wish to work toward eventual teaching certification, may benefit from incorporating the Minor in Education in fulfillment of the BA degree requirements. Students interested in the Minor in Education should contact the College of Education about the minor requirements and application process, and they should also seek advising in the School of Art about content courses that support this goal.

The Bachelor of Arts in Art requires:

1. ART 1301 Fundamentals of Drawing and 12 additional hours in foundation program studio courses.
2. ARTH 1380 and 1381 History of Art I and II, plus one course at the 3000/4000 level in a subject related to 20th Century to the Present, and one additional courses in art history at the 2000/3000 or 4000 level.
3. 24 semester hours in related arts level studio courses of which 21 semester hours must be at the 3000 or 4000 level, and no more than 9 semester house may be taken in any one studio discipline.

Students may only enroll for courses for which they have fulfilled the prerequisites. Students should seek advising in the School of Art Office for recommended courses and to achieve the proper balance across the studio disciplines.

Current

ART--with Professional Development Sequence in Education
Bachelor of Arts Degree

University of Houston – School of Art
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Catalog year 2008-2009

University of Houston – Core Requirements 42 hours

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences – Requirements 15 hours

2 courses: 2000 level or above in one Foreign Language (6 hours)

3 courses: College courses outside of the major requirements, core, and language requirements*. Limit of one course per field. (9 hours)

Mandated COMM 1332 Public Speaking

Major Requirements 51 hours

Art History (12 hours)
ARTH 1380 History of Art I°
ARTH 1381 History of Art II
2 courses: ARTH 2000/3000/4000 level

Fundamentals Four 1000 level studio courses (12 hours)

Mandated ART 1301 Drawing

Related Arts Nine 3000 or 4000 level studio courses^ (27 hours)

Mandated 3 courses: in one studio discipline
2 courses: in one studio discipline
No more than 5 courses in any one studio discipline

Studio Disciplines: Graphic Communications; Painting/Drawing; Photography/Digital Media; Printmaking; Sculpture (which includes Ceramics)

Recommended ART 3303 Color
ART 3374 Computer Imaging I

Professional Development Sequence 27 hours

Application to the Teacher Education Program is required for entry into the professional development sequence. Refer to information sheet for admission requirements and course recommendations.

Mandated CUIIN 3313 Information Technology for Adolescents
CUIIN 3347 Reading in Content Area
EDUC 3301 Introduction to Teaching
EPSY 3300 Educational Psychology
CUIIN 4375 Classroom Management
ARED 4345 Teaching Art in the Elementary and Secondary School
ARED 4365 Integrative Art Teaching
EDUC 4316 Student Teaching: Art - Elementary
EDUC 4317 Student Teaching: Art - Secondary

Subtotal 135 hours

°ARTH 1380 fulfills a UH core requirement as well as a major requirement. - 3 hours°

*One 1000 level foreign language course qualifies. **Total 132 hours**

^6 hours of additional art history may be applied towards the Related Arts.

Students must meet TASP/THEA requirement in addition to other academic requirements.

ART Bachelor of Arts Degree
Proposed for 2010-11

University of Houston School of Art

University of Houston – Core Requirements 42 hours

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences – Requirements varies

1. Two courses: 2000 level or above in one Foreign Language 6 hours
2. Three courses: College courses outside of the major requirements, core, and language requirements* 9 hours
Limit of one course per field.
3. Completion of one of the following requirements (varies)
 - Approved minor
(If choosing Minor in Education please refer to supplement)
 - Second major
 - Second bachelor's degree
 - Senior honors thesis

Major Requirements 51 hours

Art History: 4 Courses **(12 hours)**

Mandated: ARTH 1380 Art History I
ARTH 1381 Art History II
ARTH 3000/4000 Level related to a subject 20th Century - Present
+
One additional 2000/3000/4000 ARTH elective

Fundamentals: 5 Courses **(15 hours)**

Mandated: 1301 Fundamentals of Drawing
+
Four additional ART 1000 level electives

Related Arts: Eight studio courses^A **(24 hours)**

Of which seven courses (21 hours) must be at the 3000 or 4000 level
No more than 3 advanced classes may be taken in any one studio discipline.

Recommended: ART 3304 Intermediate Painting
ART 3360 Intermediate Sculpture
ART 3370 Intermediate Photography

Electives to meet required hours for graduation **(varies)**

Elective courses include hours taken to fulfill College Requirement #3.

Subtotal 120 hours

^AARTH 1380 fulfills a UH core requirement as well as a major requirement.

*One 1000 level foreign language course qualifies.

⁶6 hours of additional art history may be applied towards the Related Arts.

Total hours required for graduation: 120 semester hours

** A total of 36 advanced (3000 or 4000 level) semester hours must be completed for graduation.

Students must meet TSI requirement in addition to other academic requirements.