

School of Arts and Humanities

Visual and Performing Arts with Photo-Video-Digital Concentration (BA)

Students who complete the major in Visual and Performing Arts (VPA) pursue an interdisciplinary study of the arts by completing a major core that includes courses in writing, interdisciplinary studies, professional development, historical context, theory and practice. The VPA major culminates in a Senior Capstone. Students who are majoring in VPA can focus their studies by choosing from nine possible concentrations.

The Photo-Video-Digital Concentration focuses on the theories, concepts and skills of creative work generated using digital and lens-based technologies, specifically photography, video, and digital art. Students will learn traditional and innovative techniques as well as acquire a broad base of knowledge in art practice and history.

Since the following catalog course descriptions are very general, students are urged to consult the detailed course descriptions available on the web site for the School of Arts and Humanities. At least one-half of the total semester credit hours for major requirements must be taken at UT Dallas.

Unless otherwise noted, courses in Visual and Performing Arts are open to all students in the University.

Bachelor of Arts in Visual and Performing Arts with Photo-Video-Digital Concentration

[Degree Requirements](#) (120 semester credit hours)¹

[View an Example of Degree Requirements by Semester](#)

Faculty

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Professors: John J. Pomara, Marilyn Waligore

Assistant Professor: SV Randall

Clinical Associate Professor: Lorraine Tady

Associate Professor of Instruction: Diane Durant

I. Core Curriculum Requirements: 42 semester credit hours²

Communication: 6 semester credit hours

[RHET 1302](#) Rhetoric

And choose one course from the following:

[COMM 1311](#) Survey of Oral and Technology-based Communication

[COMM 1315](#) Public Speaking

Or select any 6 semester credit hours from [Communication Core](#) courses (see advisor)

Mathematics: 3 semester credit hours

Select any 3 semester credit hours from [Mathematics Core](#) courses

Life and Physical Sciences: 6 semester credit hours

Select any 6 semester credit hours from [Life and Physical Sciences Core](#) courses

Language, Philosophy and Culture: 3 semester credit hours

Select any 3 semester credit hours from [Language, Philosophy and Culture Core](#) courses

Creative Arts: 3 semester credit hours

Choose one course from the following:

[AHST 1303](#) Survey of Western Art History: Ancient to Medieval³

[AHST 1304](#) Survey of Western Art History: Renaissance to Modern³

[AHST 2331](#) Understanding Art³

[FILM 2332](#) Understanding Film³

Or select any 3 semester credit hours from [Creative Arts Core](#) courses (see advisor)

American History: 6 semester credit hours

Select any 6 semester credit hours from [American History Core](#) courses

Government/Political Science: 6 semester credit hours

[GOVT 2305](#) American National Government

[GOVT 2306](#) State and Local Government

Or select any 6 semester credit hours from [Government/Political Science Core](#) courses (see advisor)

Social and Behavioral Sciences: 3 semester credit hours

Select any 3 semester credit hours from [Social and Behavioral Sciences Core](#) courses

Component Area Option: 6 semester credit hours

Select any 6 semester credit hours from [Component Area Option Core](#) courses

II. Major Requirements, Lower-Division: 12 semester credit hours beyond Core Curriculum

[ARTS 2380](#) Visual Design Foundations

Select any 3 semester credit hours from the following history/theory courses:

[AHST 1303](#) Survey of Western Art History: Ancient to Medieval³

[AHST 1304](#) Survey of Western Art History: Renaissance to Modern³

[AHST 2331](#) Understanding Art³

[FILM 2332](#) Understanding Film³

Select any 9 semester credit hours from the following studio courses:

[ARTS 1316](#) Drawing Foundations

[ARTS 2315](#) Topics in Visual Art

[ARTS 2316](#) Painting Foundations

[ARTS 2350](#) Photography: Design

[ARTS 2381](#) Introduction to Sculpture

III. Major Requirements, Upper-Division: 42 semester credit hours

Major Core Courses: 15 semester credit hours

[VPAS 3340](#) Writing in the Arts

[VPAS 4389](#) Theory and Practice of the Visual and Performing Arts

[VPAS 4390](#) Senior Capstone

Select 3 semester credit hours of Related Courses from the following:

[ARHM 3342](#) Advanced Interdisciplinary Studies in the Arts and Humanities

[VPAS 3300](#) Elements of Art and Performance

Or Related Upper-Level Course from the School of Arts and Humanities

And select any 3 semester credit hours of Professional Development Courses from the following:

[ARTS 3311](#) Contemporary Art Practices

[ARTS 4310](#) Studies in Contemporary Exhibitions

Photo-Video-Digital Concentration Requirements: 27 semester credit hours

Select any 3 semester credit hours from the following:

[AHST 3318](#) Contemporary Art

[AHST 3319](#) Twentieth Century European Art: Avant-Garde and Aftermath

[AHST 3324](#) History of Photography

or upper-level [FILM](#) course

Select any 3 semester credit hours of upper-level [AHST](#) or [FILM](#) courses

Select any 9 semester credit hours from the following:

[ARTS 3371](#) Photography: Black/White

[ARTS 3372](#) Photography: Color Concepts

[ARTS 3376](#) Time-Based Art

[ARTS 3377](#) Photography: Altered Image

[ARTS 3379](#) Photography: New Media

[ARTS 3381](#) Video Painting

Select any 3 semester credit hours from the following:

[ARTS 4308](#) Image/Text

[ARTS 4368](#) Advanced Visual Arts

[ARTS 4372](#) Advanced Photography

[ARTS 4V71](#) Independent Study in Visual Arts

Select any 3 semester credit hours from any 4000 level [ARTS](#) studio course

Select any 6 semester credit hours upper level VPA courses from the following prefixes: [AHST](#), [ARTS](#), [COMM](#), [DANC](#), [FILM](#), [MUSI](#), [THEA](#)

IV. Elective Requirements: 24 semester credit hours

Free Electives:

Both upper- and lower-division courses may be used as electives, but students must complete at least 51 semester credit hours of upper-division courses to qualify for graduation.

Incoming freshmen must enroll and complete requirements of [ARHM 1100](#).¹

1. Incoming freshmen must enroll and complete requirements of UNIV 1010 and the corresponding school-related freshman seminar course. Students, including transfer students, who complete their core curriculum at UT Dallas must take UNIV 2020.
2. Curriculum Requirements can be fulfilled by other approved courses from institutions of higher education. The courses listed are recommended as the most efficient way to satisfy both Core Curriculum and Major Requirements at UT Dallas.
3. A required Preparatory course that also fulfills a Core Curriculum requirement. Semester credit hours may be counted in Core Curriculum.

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