School of Arts and Humanities

Visual and Performing Arts with Interdisciplinary Arts 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 Interdisciplinary Arts concentration focuses student work in two discipline areas. Students will choose two different areas of focus, identified as Discipline I and Discipline II. Discipline areas must be from the following: Visual Art, Art History, Communication, Dance, Film, Music, and Theatre.

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

Degree Requirements (120 semester credit hours)

View an Example of Degree Requirements by Semester

Faculty

Professors: Fred I. Curchack, Enric Madriguera, Adrienne L. McLean, John J. Pomara, Thomas P. Riccio, Robert Xavier Rodriguez, Charissa N. Terranova, Michael Thomas, Marilyn Waligore

Associate Professors: Mark Rosen, Shilyh Warren

Assistant Professor: SV Randall

Clinical Professors: Carie King, Catherine Parsonelault, Maribeth (Betsy) Schlobohm

Clinical Associate Professor: Lorraine Tady

Clinical Assistant Professor: Shelby Hibbs

Professor of Instruction: Kathy Lingo

Associate Professors of Instruction: Diane Durant, Kelly P. Durbin, Kathryn C. Evans, Melissa Hernandez-Katz, Jonathan Palant, Christopher (Chris) Ryan, Monica M. Saba

Assistant Professors of Instruction: Barbara Baker, Lori Gerard, Janece Glauser, Misty Owens, Allison
I. Core Curriculum Requirements: 42 semester credit hours

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

FILM 1303 Transnational Film and Video

Or select any 3 semester credit hours from Language, Philosophy and Culture Core courses (see advisor)

Creative Arts: 3 semester credit hours

AHST 1303 Survey of Western Art History: Ancient to Medieval
AHST 1304 Survey of Western Art History: Renaissance to Modern
AHST 2331 Understanding Art
ARTS 1301 Exploration of the Arts
DANC 1310 Understanding Dance
THEA 1310 Understanding Theatre
FILM 2332 Understanding Film
MUSI 1306 Understanding Music
MUSI 2322 Music in Western Civilization

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**

- **DANC 1305** Introduction to World Dance Forms

Or select any 6 semester credit hours from Component Area Option Core courses (see advisor)

**II. Major Requirements, Lower-Division: 0 semester credit hours beyond Core Curriculum**

**Discipline I Prep Course**

3 semester credit hours of lower-division **AHST, ARTS, COMM, FILM, DANC, MUSI**, or **THEA** courses.

**Discipline II Prep Course**

3 semester credit hours of lower-division **AHST, ARTS, COMM, FILM, DANC, MUSI**, or **THEA** courses.

**III. Major Requirements, Upper-Division: 45 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
  
  or **VPAS 4V99** Senior Honors in Visual and Performing Art

3 semester credit hours of upper-level Related Courses from the School of Arts and Humanities (excluding prefixes used in Discipline I and II)

Select 3 semester credit hours of Professional Development Courses from the following:

- **VPAS 4310** Entertainment Law
- **ARTS 3311** Contemporary Art Practices
**ARTS 4310** Studies in Contemporary Exhibitions  
**COMM 4370** Communication and Leadership  
**COMM 4371** Communication and Professionalism  
**ENTP 3301** Innovation and Entrepreneurship  
**ISAH 4V50** Internship

**Discipline I: 15 semester credit hours**

Select 15 semester credit hours of upper-division [AHST, ARTS, COMM, FILM, DANC, MUSI, or THEA](#) courses.

**Discipline II: 15 semester credit hours**

Select 3 semester credit hours of upper-division [AHST, ARTS, COMM, FILM, DANC, MUSI, or THEA](#) courses.

**IV. Elective Requirements: 33 semester credit hours**

**Free Electives: 33 semester credit hours**

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. 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.
4. 0 semester credit hours beyond Core Curriculum, if the student has not previously completed other courses to satisfy these core curriculum requirements.
5. Course cannot come from the same prefix as the Discipline I Prep Course.
6. All courses must be within the same prefix.
7. One of the courses from either Discipline I or II must be a historical context course.