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)

View an Example of Degree Requirements by Semester

Faculty

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 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

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 Medieval
AHST 1304  Survey of Western Art History: Renaissance to Modern
AHST 2331  Understanding Art
FILM 2332  Understanding Film

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 Medieval  
AHST 1304 Survey of Western Art History: Renaissance to Modern  
AHST 2331 Understanding Art  
FILM 2332 Understanding Film  

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  

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 the ARTS prefix)

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
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.