

School of Art

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The School of Art is home to world renowned artists who push the boundaries of contemporary art. Degrees in Art encourage problem solving, material exploration, intellectual curiosity, critical thinking, cultivation of the imagination, and communication through art and art education. The aesthetic, critical, and social skills of Art majors are vital for a range of professional careers. Undergraduate Art majors include the Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art Education, and Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Education in the Arts (IDEA). Students in Art majors become artists, teachers, museum professionals, authors, place makers, and creative thinkers in industry, government, and non-profit sectors, published authors, and activists.

Bachelor of Fine Arts

The BFA in Art prepares students to enrich and transform the world through their creativity and vision. BFA students work in art disciplines including drawing, painting, sculpture, new media, film/photo, video and performance. Students are also encouraged to work across disciplines. Students engage in independent and collaborative research. The BFA in Art also includes advanced seminars that examine the practice and theory of contemporary art.

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art Education

The BFA in Art Education program provides the requirements for Illinois State teacher licensure and the experiences needed for students to become art teachers in Chicago's diverse public schools and communities. The program cultivates the study and making of art in a variety of ways that are rooted in local cultures and histories of activism and democratic participation in the public sphere. BFA in Art Education students will develop their own artistic practice and learn how a rigorous process of art making can be shared with their students. The BFA in Art Education curriculum is grounded in the understanding that an engaged and engaging art education links students' life experiences to traditional and contemporary art, media, and cultural forms.

Bachelor of Arts in IDEA

The BA in Interdisciplinary Education in the Arts is for students who may or may not have a background in the arts, but who want to cultivate creative and critical skills as artists, makers, designers or arts writers. The emphasis on interdisciplinary methods is carefully designed to promote creative problem solving through the arts, as well as engaged work within any of the departments in the College of Architecture, Design, and the Arts. Designed as a two year major after General Education courses have been completed, IDEA is a useful option for transfers to UIC and from other majors.

Art Minor

The Minor in Art trains students in a range of material, conceptual, political, and imagination skills useful in virtually all fields of human endeavor.

Degree Programs

- [BFA in Art](#)
- [BFA in Art Education](#)
- [BA in Interdisciplinary Education in the Arts](#)

Minors

- [Minor in Art](#)