• ART (ART)

The Art Department offers the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Studio Art and the Bachelor of Arts degree with concentrations in either Studio Art or Art History. The two studio curricula (BA - studio concentration and BFA) are designed to develop the student's consciousness of aesthetic and ideological aspects of art and its relationship to life and to assist students in the realization of personal ideas and imagery. Many students interested in college teaching, museum or gallery work, fine or commercial studio work pursue the extended discipline and experience offered at the graduate level.

Although the Studio Art programs allow many possible courses of study, most art major students will select one area of emphasis chosen from the course offerings listed.

The major areas of emphasis, available to undergraduate art studio students are Drawing, Painting, Sculpture, Ceramics, Electronic Media (Computer Imaging, Video), Printmaking and Photography. Art majors must receive a grade of "C" or better in all art courses.

Transfer studio credit will be accepted on the basis of portfolio and transcript evaluation. The Art Department will accept all Florida state programs that are part of the "Common Prerequisites."

The Art History program (BA - Art History concentration) reflects the faculty's belief that strong liberal arts study, supplemented with art studio classes, internships and travel, is the most appropriate preparation for students who desire further study at the graduate level or professional work in the fields of art history research, teaching or galleries and museums. Students who pursue the BA in Art History will acquire a broad, thorough knowledge of art from prehistory to the present.

For additional requirements see Graduation Requirements, College of Fine Arts.

Prerequisites (State Mandated Common Prerequisites)

The College of Fine Arts recommends that students complete an A.A. degree at the community college. Some courses required for the major may also meet General Education Requirements thereby transferring maximum hours to the university. If a student wishes to transfer without an A.A. degree and has fewer than 60 semester hours of acceptable credit, the student must meet the university’s entering freshman requirements including ACT or SAT test scores, GPA, and course requirements. Please be aware of the immunization, foreign language, and continuous enrollment policies of the university. This is a non-limited access program with the above courses recommended.

Students should complete the following prerequisite courses listed below at the lower level prior to entering the university. If these courses are not taken at the community college, they must be completed before the degree is granted. Unless stated otherwise, a grade of "C" is the minimum acceptable grade. If students are coming to the university from a community college, the following prerequisite courses will be accepted as meeting lower level requirements.

ART 1201/1202 Design I and Design II or ART 2201
ART 1300/1301 Drawing I and Drawing II or ARH 3001
ART 2050/2051 Art History Survey I and Art History Survey II
ART 2XXX Any 2-3 introductory media course, 6-9 semester hours or 12 hours of ART 2XXX

Note: It is recommended that transfer students complete both Design I and Design II prior to transfer. If a student does not complete Design I and Design II prior to transfer they should wait and enroll in ART 2201 (Fabrications I) and ART 2203 (Fabrications II) at USF.