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**most emphasis areas**

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**General Guide for required courses to begin study in most emphasis areas in Art.**

This is intended to be an approximate guide.

Students must read the University General Catalog (as well as refer to [sdsu.edu/mymap](http://sdsu.edu/mymap)) for specific requirements for emphasis areas.

**Impacted program.** All emphasis areas in Art are designated as impacted programs. See the reverse side of this sheet for criteria to be used to admit students to the major.

**PREPARATION FOR THE MAJOR:** (required all areas except Art History)

- \_\_\_\_\_ Art 100 – Drawing I (**first or second semester**)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Art 101 – Design I (**first or second or third semester** – except Art History)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Art 104 – Artists in Real Time (**first or second semester**) (Not necessary for Art History)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Art 103 – Design II (**second or third semester**) (Not necessary for Art History)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Art 258 – Introduction to Art History I (**second or third semester** – first semester for Art History)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Art 259 – Introduction to Art History II (**second or third or fourth semester** – second semester for Art History)

\* Note: **Art History Majors should take Art 100 and Art 258 first semester**

\_\_\_\_\_ Preparation for the major requirements and three to six units of art electives (Depending on emphasis)

It is recommended that the above courses be taken during the first two years.  
Check the university catalog for specific emphasis area requirements.

**TOTAL LOWER DIVISION**

**24 to 33 units depending on emphasis**

**GRADUATION WRITING ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENT:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Completing one of the approved upper division writing courses (W) with a grade of “C” (2.0) or better or passing the Writing Proficiency Assessment with a score of 10 or above. See “Graduation Requirements” section of the catalog for a complete listing of requirements.

**MAJOR COURSES:** (required)

In the upper division, students will take classes both in the major as well as some art elective course.  
Check the university catalog for specific emphasis area requirements.

All students are required to take at least six units of upper division Art History

**TOTAL UPPER DIVISION**

**27 to 33 units depending on emphasis**

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## Majors in Art, Design and Art History

**IMPACTED PROGRAM:** All emphasis areas in Art are designated as impacted programs, and specific criteria, which include a portion of the Preparation for the Major, are used to admit students. To be admitted to an emphasis form Pre-major status, students must meet the following criteria:

- a. Complete with a grade of “C” or higher: Art 100, 101, 102, 103, 258 and 259. These courses cannot be taken for credit/no credit (Cr/NC).
- b. Minimum cumulative GPA 2.20 (except Graphic Design requires GPA 2.50)
- c. Complete at least 30 units.

Students not meeting the minimum GPA may petition for special consideration.

To complete the major, students must fulfill the degree requirements for the major described in the catalog in effect at the time they are accepted into the pre-major at SDSU (assuming continuous enrollment).

### ART MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

The Art Major is designed to begin the freshman year. During the first year, students take most of the Foundation courses, Art 100 (Drawing and Composition), Art 101 (Two Dimensional Design and Color), Art 103 (Three Dimensional Design), Art 104 (Artists in Real Time), Art 258 (Introduction to Art History) and Art 259 (Introduction to Art History).

At the sophomore level, students generally begin taking courses in their specific emphasis area as well as art electives.

### GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS AND UNITS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION

The B.A. Degree in Art with requires 120 units. There is a 40-unit lower division general education requirement, and a 9-unit upper division general education requirement, in addition to other requirements depending on the student and major. The Art Major does not make up the remaining units for graduation. As the degree requires 120 units, the student must complete the total required units. Students can choose from Art courses or from other campus offerings to complete the remaining units. Of the 120 units required for graduation, **40 of the units for the degree must be completed in upper division courses (300-level or above)**. A Minor is not required for the Art Major. Students must have a 2.0 GPA in all course work for the degree, as well as a 2.0 GPA in the upper division major courses.

### UNDERGRADUATE ADVISING

Students are advised to speak to the School’s Undergraduate Adviser or area faculty when questions arise about the major, and to University Advising and Evaluations about requirements for general education. Students can print a copy of their degree audit from the Web Portal at any time. Advisers are available during the regular semester for scheduled office hours. No appointments are necessary. Contact the Art Office or the email below for more specific information on advising hours.

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