

# ART, BFA

The highly ranked Department of Art's degree programs provide creative students with the critical and artistic skills needed to excel in contemporary, multidisciplinary art and design practices. The art curriculum fosters positive collaboration, the creation of innovative and technically advanced art works, and encourages the sharing of diverse points of view.

Degree programs feature a rigorous foundation program, a set of six courses that students often complete by participating in the popular Contemporary Art & Artists First-Year Interest Group (<https://figs.wisc.edu/what/>) (FIG), before branching out into one or more specialized areas (<https://art.wisc.edu/media-disciplines/>):

- 4D Digital Media
- 4D Video and Performance
- Ceramics
- Drawing/Painting
- Glass/Neon
- Graphic Design
- Metals/Jewelry
- Printmaking/Book Arts
- Photography
- Sculpture
- Wood/Furniture

Potential careers for artists include creative director, content marketing manager, arts coordinator and studio manager, ceramics, glassblowing, metal fabrication, illustration, commercial or fine arts photographer, primary/secondary school art teacher, gallerist, or studio artist. Our graduates also work as community arts organizers, user experience designers, technical assistants for major film companies, jewelry designers and fabricators, book designers, museum preparators, and more!

The Department of Art believes that hardworking students who learn to harness and nurture their creative energies today will be the people influencing progress tomorrow. Come join us!

*"I did the first-year interest group (FIG) freshman year and it was a great way to find a core group of friends while navigating being away from home for the first time. I had never been around so many art people before, and it was invigorating to be able to share that interest with others who were just as passionate." – Cam Erhardt, Graphic Design Option (read more ([https://education.wisc.edu/news/cam-erhardt-from-the-school-of-educations-art-major/?utm\\_source=Early\\_AD&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=art\\_majors&utm\\_id=student&utm\\_content=Student\\_Story](https://education.wisc.edu/news/cam-erhardt-from-the-school-of-educations-art-major/?utm_source=Early_AD&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=art_majors&utm_id=student&utm_content=Student_Story)))*