



Southwestern Michigan College

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Western Michigan University Frostic School of Art Curriculum Guide

This curriculum guide is designed for all majors listed in the department. The prerequisite courses and process for acceptance into these College of Fine Arts majors are listed as follows:

Application process: Admission is selective, and competition is keen. It is recommended that students begin the application process a year prior to the desired WMU start date. Advisors are happy to meet or talk with prospective students at any point in the process.

Two separate applications are required to begin coursework in the School of Art:

1. Apply online to WMU Admissions and Orientation. Go to www.wmich.edu/admissions/
2. Apply online to the Frostic School of Art. Go to: www.wmich.edu/art
Click admissions, then undergraduate.
Select the Bachelor of Art in Art, or Minor in Art admission instructions.
Upload your application materials at the link
frosticart.slideroom.com, at the bottom of the page.

Frostic School of Art application deadline dates for Fall and Spring admission, for the following academic year, are: October 1, February 1, and April 1:

The Frostic School of Art application is completed online through SlideRoom. The application consists of uploading images, writing a personal statement, and an email recommendation. A third application is required during the freshman or sophomore year for all B.F.A. programs.

Applying to the B.F.A. Majors:

All students are initially accepted into the **B.A. in Art** degree program upon acceptance into the Frostic School of Art. After you have been accepted as a Bachelor of Art candidate, you have the option to additionally apply to one of the following Bachelor of Fine Arts programs:

- B.F.A. in Art **with emphasis** in Ceramics, Metals/Jewelry, Painting, Photography, Photography and Intermedia, Print Media, or Sculpture
- B.F.A. in **Graphic Design**
- B.F.A. with **Teacher Certification** (K-12)

The following are recommendations for **transfer students** planning to apply to the B.F.A. in Graphic Design; the B.F.A. in Art; or the B.F.A. in Art Education.

Please note that at least half of the required credits for each major must be completed at WMU even in cases when more than half of the required courses are available to take as transfer credits.

B.F.A. in Graphic Design application:

The B.F.A. in Graphic Design requires a three-year sequence of design courses that can only be taken at WMU. Completion or enrollment in 12 credits of Art Basic Studio foundation courses and 3 credits of an Art History course is required to complete the B.F.A. in Graphic Design application.

The art faculty set the application deadline each January for the following fall. Application submission will be due around the second week in February. Applications are only accepted once a year at this time to select students for the following semester. Visit the WMU art website for information regarding application dates.

Courses that can be taken at SMC for transfer to WMU's Graphic Design major:

WMU courses	SMC equivalent courses
ART 1040 - Object Drawing	ART 102
ART 1050 - Drawing Studio	ART 210
ART 1070 - Form and Surface	ART 101
ART 1080 - Form and Space	ART 120
ART 2200 - Caves to Cathedrals	ART 203
ART 2210 - Modern and Postmodern	ART 204

B.F.A. in Art Education application:

Completion or enrollment in twelve credits of Art Basic Studio foundation courses is required to complete the B.F.A. in art education application (**ART 102, 210, 101**, and **WMU's ART 1080** - see above). Also required are 30 credit hours earned and completion of **EDUC 215**. A minimum overall GPA of 2.75 is required.

The art faculty set the application deadline each January for the following fall. Application submission will be due around the third week in February. Applications are only accepted once a year at this time to select students for the following Fall semester. The B.F.A. in Art Education requires a two-year sequence of professional courses that can only be taken at WMU. Please visit the WMU Art website for information regarding the application deadline dates.

Courses that can be taken at SMC for transfer to WMU's Art Education major:

WMU courses	SMC equivalent courses
ART 1040 - Object Drawing	ART 102
ART 1050 - Drawing Studio	ART 210
ART 1070 - Form and Surface	ART 101
ART 1080 - Form and Space	ART 120
ART 2200 - Caves to Cathedrals	ART 203
ART 2210 - Modern and Postmodern	ART 204
ART 2300 - Ceramics I	ART 103
ART 2400 - Painting I	ART 211
ED 2500 - Human Development & Learning	EDUC 215

B.F.A. in Art with Emphasis application:

Completion of the twelve credits of Art Basic Studio foundation courses and the completion or enrollment of beginning level art studio courses of the chosen emphasis area is required for the B.F.A. in Art with Emphasis application. Emphasis areas of choice are: Painting, Photography and Intermedia, Photography, Ceramics, Metals/Jewelry, Printmedia, and Sculpture.

The art faculty set the application deadline each fall and spring semester for the following semester. Please visit the WMU Art website for information on the application dates.

Courses that can be taken at SMC for transfer to WMU's Fine Arts major:

WMU courses	SMC equivalent courses
ART 1040 - Object Drawing	ART 102
ART 1050 - Drawing Studio	ART 210
ART 1070 - Form and Surface	ART 101
ART 2200 - Caves to Cathedrals	ART 203
ART 2210 - Modern and Postmodern	ART 204
ART 2300 - Ceramics I	ART 103
ART 2400 - Painting I	ART 211
ART 2450 - Graphic Design	ART 219
Studio electives - courses that do not have direct equivalents at WMU but may be used as electives in the major	ART 104, 105, 106, 212, 213, 215, 220, 265

B.A. in Art

Applying to the B.A. in Art Major: All students are accepted into the B.A. in Art degree program upon acceptance by Western Michigan University Admissions and by separate application to the Frostic School of Art. Visit the WMU art website at www.wmich.edu/art for information regarding application deadline dates.

Courses that can be taken at SMC for transfer to WMU's B.A. in Art major:

WMU courses	SMC equivalent courses
ART 1040 - Object Drawing	ART 102
ART 1050 - Drawing Studio	ART 210
ART 1070 - Form and Surface	ART 101
ART 2200 - Caves to Cathedrals	ART 203
ART 2210 - Modern and Postmodern	ART 204
ART 2300 - Ceramics I	ART 103
ART 2400 - Painting I	ART 211
ART 2450 - Intro Graphic Design	ART 219
Studio electives – courses that do not have direct equivalents at WMU but may be used as electives in the major	ART 104, 105, 106, 212, 213, 215, 220, 265

B. A. in Art History:

Students are accepted into the **B.A. in Art History** degree program upon acceptance by Western Michigan University Admissions. There is no application required to the Frostic School of Art.

Courses that can be taken at SMC for transfer to WMU's B.A. in Art History major:

WMU courses	SMC equivalent courses
ART 2200 - Caves to Cathedrals	ART 203
ART 2210 - Modern and Postmodern	ART 204

Eight hours (2 semesters) of one foreign language are required for **ART HISTORY majors ONLY**. Sign language will not meet this requirement. You may call the WMU World Languages and Literatures department for information about testing out of the world language requirement. (269) 387-3010.

General education requirements:

- For information about [Western Essential Studies requirements](#) please use this website.
- College of Fine Arts advisors are happy to meet with you about how many, and which courses, that you can take at SMC prior to transferring to WMU.

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