



FINE ARTS | COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

B.A. IN STUDIO ARTS

IU Northwest's Graphic Design program combines critical thinking, problem solving and artistic personal expression that allows students to communicate their ideas and messages clearly and powerfully. Students create beautiful and effective solutions for real-world practical projects. Students gain valuable experience working with businesses and organizations in our local and national communities. Students who graduate with this degree will have a strong background in creative arts and computer skills.

With baccalaureate programs focused on painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, graphic design, ceramics, and printmaking, IU Northwest introduces students to historical art-making materials and process in addition to encouraging them to freely experiment across mediums.

Another option is the Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) degree, for which junior students can apply. The B.F.A. degree prepares students for competency as studio artists, employment in the arts, and application to M.F.A. programs.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Completion of a B.A. in Studio Arts requires a total of 120 credit hours.

COURSEWORK

- Art History A101, A102, three 300 level
- Fundamental Studio: Drawing, 2D, 3D (9 credit hours);
- Studio courses above the 100 level (19 credit hours; must include a minimum of three and a maximum of six 200-level courses);
- Art Theory (for graduating seniors);
- Optional, S497 Independent Study in Art Studio.

During the final year, student may elect to assume full responsibility for mounting a personal exhibit that will include terminal and representative work in a major field. 45 cr.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

IU Northwest is located on an attractive campus just off of I-80/94 in Gary, Ind., approximately 35 minutes by car from downtown Chicago. This gives our students and faculty easy access to one of the country's

great art centers and world-class museums.

From the class trips to Chicago museums to the faculty we attract to our campus, IU Northwest benefits from being close to Chicago, while maintaining the openness and ease of a freestanding campus.

The faculty at IU Northwest is an impressive group of artists and scholars actively engaged in their creative work and renowned in their fields. Faculty accomplishments include high-level public commissions and acquisitions to the permanent collections of some of the most prestigious museums, including: The Metropolitan Museum of Art; the Whitney Museum of American Art; the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago; The Museum of Contemporary Photography; and many others. Our faculty has exhibited widely across the U.S. and in Europe and Asia in addition to being active members of the Chicago arts community.

In addition to being accomplished artists, IU Northwest's faculty are committed teachers with a long history of working closely with students and helping them to grow their general knowledge, studio work, and individual visions. Students work directly with their individual instructors, exploring new concepts and techniques in an energetic and collaborative environment. As a student-centered institution, IU Northwest is committed to putting students first.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH A B.A. IN STUDIO ARTS?

Students completing the Bachelor of Arts degree in studio art will be prepared to consider careers in a variety of fields connected to the arts, such as positions in museums and galleries, curatorial, research, art history, critical writing, positions in the corporate world which require creative sensibilities, and art education, as well as becoming professional visual artists and designers. The study of studio art is not primarily about mastering techniques, but also about thinking, evaluating, analyzing, and creating unique and personal solutions. The Studio Art program is also excellent preparation for post-graduate study in the visual arts.

HANDS-ON LEARNING

Students in the Department of Fine Arts have tremendous opportunities to view extraordinary works of art, both on campus and in the Chicago area. The IU Northwest Gallery for Contemporary Art showcases many different forms of contemporary art and offers close access to important museums, galleries and public art in Chicago. Classes take frequent field trips and have the opportunity to meet well-established artists.

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

The Department of Fine Arts sponsors the IU Northwest Art Club, which strives to help students of all majors gain an appreciation for art and to take influence from the art community. The club hosts the Annual All Campus Art Exhibits and guest lecturers.

The Student Screen Printer's Society explores the different methods and techniques of screen printing through group-supported activities and events that help to create a positive and fun student environment while helping each student to achieve his or her own personal artistic goals.

The IU Northwest Student Design Organization strives to create a supportive design community through event programming, collaborative projects, the exchange of ideas, and development of ethical design practices.

RELATED DEGREE OPTIONS

- B.F.A.
- B.S. in Computer-Based Graphic Design
- B.A. in Computer-Based Graphic Design

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