

## What is Art?

The B.A. program provides instruction in the visual arts by emphasizing the development of visual awareness and expression through hands-on involvement in the creative process. In the introductory studio courses, students become familiar with the various materials and concepts used to understand the nature of the visual language. Students then choose additional courses from such areas as drawing, painting, ceramics, printmaking, photography, sculpture, time and interactivity, papermaking and book arts.

## What are the major requirements?

Go to [www.catalogs.umn.edu/programs.html](http://www.catalogs.umn.edu/programs.html) and select “undergraduate majors.”

## How do I declare an Art major?

You will be required to declare a major by the time you have completed 60 credits.

1. Talk with someone from the department: an adviser, a professor, or a teaching assistant, to learn more about the field of art.
2. When you decide upon an art major, meet with the Coordinator of Advising from the department to complete a Major Program form.
3. Bring a copy of the completed form to your CLA student community.
4. If you decide to change your major, contact your CLA student community for information on the new major’s declaration process.

## What can I do with a major in Art?

### Skills

Art majors develop skills that are applicable to a wide variety of careers.

These skills include:

- Specialized skills in a fine arts field
- Verbal and written communication skills
- Creative problem solving skills
- Listening, clarifying, questioning and responding skills
- Ability to work well with diverse groups
- Research skills and the ability to work with details

### Employment

Common areas of employment for this major include but are not limited to:

- Arts and Culture— independent studios, galleries and museums, production, technician, designer
- Media—writing, editing, public relations, advertising, commercial art, critics
- Business—marketing, human resources, sales, consulting, recruiting, agents
- Education—art/music/dance therapy, teaching, research, student affairs
- Nonprofit—fundraising, programming, management, exhibition and display

## For more information:

### About the Art major:

Undergraduate Advising  
E223A Regis Center  
(612) 625-1848  
<http://artdept.umn.edu>

### About CLA requirements, graduation, and other information about majors:

CLA Arts Student Community  
560 Heller Hall  
(612) 624-7504  
<http://arts.class.umn.edu>

### or

CLA Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Program  
19 Johnston Hall  
(612) 625-2300  
<http://www.class.umn.edu/mlk/>  
[mlk@class.cla.umn.edu](mailto:mlk@class.cla.umn.edu)

### About careers, internships, and community learning opportunities in this major and others:

Career and Community  
Learning Center  
135 Johnston Hall  
(612) 624-7577  
[www.cclc.umn.edu](http://www.cclc.umn.edu)  
[cclc@class.cla.umn.edu](mailto:cclc@class.cla.umn.edu)

### About graduation with honors:

CLA Honors Division  
20 Nicholson  
(612) 624-5522  
[www.cla.umn.edu/honors/](http://www.cla.umn.edu/honors/)  
[honors@class.cla.umn.edu](mailto:honors@class.cla.umn.edu)

Today's workplace requires individuals with interpersonal skills, the ability to communicate effectively, an ability to solve problems, and adaptability. CLA graduates find that they are well-prepared in all these areas and that their education—especially when combined with experience gained through internships, volunteer positions, past jobs, and other collegiate involvement—makes them competitive.

The **Career & Community Learning Center** provides students with the tools to identify and pursue potential careers. An extensive resource room, career courses and workshops, and a helpful staff are just some of the ways we can help.

## **Remember!**

You have not declared a major until you have:

- completed a Major Program form with your major adviser,
- filed a copy with the major department,
- and filed a copy with your CLA student community.

**Don't forget: keep a copy for yourself!**