Program Description

The Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in Studio Art is designed for students interested in studio art that do not want to pursue graduate-level studies. This degree helps students develop the skills and aesthetic judgment in the materials, techniques and tools within drawing, painting, printmaking, ceramics or sculpture studio arts. Art History studies engage students in historic and contemporary artists, art movements and styles. This degree does not require a senior gallery exhibition and is perfect for students who want to learn to make art without the stress of exhibiting upon graduation. Students are prepared to pursue a career as an artisan with numerous career paths including owning and operating a gallery, art therapy (combined with a psychology minor/major), working as an artist exhibiting artwork or being involved with artist residencies. Students can customize their course selections to meet their individual needs.

The Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in Art History combines strong curriculum requirements in art history and a sampling of studio art courses. Students in this major engage in in-depth study of historic and contemporary artists, art movements and styles. This degree can lead to professional employment in art museums and galleries, art publishing houses and other areas of art services. The degree also prepares students for advanced, graduate-level art history studies.

The Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) degree in Art, concentrating in K-12 education, leads to licensure for Colorado K-12 Art Education. The visual art emphasis includes coursework in theory, art history and studio art. Art teaching methods courses in elementary and secondary art are an integral part of the degree plan. Students accumulate over 200 hours of classroom experience before beginning student-teaching. School districts throughout western Colorado provide opportunities to gain experience with children of all ages and backgrounds in a variety of school settings. Please see the Teacher Education Admission Packet for further information on admissions criteria for entering the Teaching Program at CMU.

The Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) degree in Art with a concentration in studio art combines strong curriculum requirements in design, drawing, studio and art history. Students develop skills and aesthetic judgment in the materials, techniques and tools within drawing, painting, printmaking, ceramics or sculpture studio arts. Art history studies engage students in historic and contemporary artists, art movements and styles. The degree culminates in a required senior gallery exhibition, and upon graduation, students are prepared to pursue a career as an artisan or continue with graduate studies in art.

The studio art minor acquaints students with some of the core elements in either two- or three-dimensional studio art media. Students develop skills, sensitivity and aesthetic judgment while pursuing individual interests within studio areas such as drawing, painting, printmaking, ceramics or sculpture. A background in the visual arts can provide a variety of opportunities in the areas of studio art, art gallery organizations and applied design.

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Programs of Study

Bachelors/Minors

- Art History (BA) (http://catalog.coloradomesa.edu/areas-study/art/art-history-ba)
- Education: K-12 Education, Art (BFA) (http://catalog.coloradomesa.edu/areas-study/art/k-12-education-art-bfa)
- Studio Art (BA) (http://catalog.coloradomesa.edu/areas-study/art/studio-art-ba)
- Studio Art (Minor) (http://catalog.coloradomesa.edu/areas-study/art/studio-art-minor)
- Studio Art, Art (BFA) (http://catalog.coloradomesa.edu/areas-study/art/studio-art-art-bfa)