



# Bachelor of Fine Arts in Ceramics

Fall 2024/Spring 2025 Major  
4 year plan - 132 units required

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2.5 overall GPA; 2.5 in bold art/art history courses required for admission to major.

**4 Year Plan**  
Recommended sequence of Major requirements only **\*\*Does not include General Education or Elective units**  
**Bold courses MUST be completed by end of 3rd semester**  
15-16 units recommended per semester (include GE requirements each semester in order to reach the desired amount of units per term)

Semester 1	Units	Semester 2	Units
Art 130 Foundation Two Dimensional	3	Art 181 Foundation Drawing	3
Art 131 Foundation Three Dimensional	3	Art 251A Intro Studio: Ceramic Arts - Hand-building or Art 251B Intro Studio: Ceramic Arts - Wheel-throwing	3
Art 121 Safety & Sustainability for Studio Artists	1	<b>Art History 111A or 111B Foundation Art History</b>	3
<b>Art History 111A or 111B Foundation Art History</b>	3	Art 101 Artists in Their Own Words	1
Semester 3		Semester 4	
Art 184 Found. Life Drawing or Art 261 Intro Studio: Sculpture - Life	3	Art 341A Core Studio: Ceramic Arts - Hand-building or Art 341B Core Studio: Ceramic Arts - Wheel-throwing	3
Art 251A Intro Studio: Ceramic Arts - Hand-building or Art 251B Intro Studio: Ceramic Arts - Wheel-throwing	3	Art 341A Core Studio: Ceramic Arts - Hand-building or Art 341B Core Studio: Ceramic Arts - Wheel-throwing	3
Art 287 Intro Studio: Painting	3		
Art History 111C, 111D, 111E, 111F, or 111G	3		
<b>** Take GVAR Exam **</b>			
Semester 5		Semester 6	
Art 343A Advanced Studio: Ceramic Arts - Sculpture or Art 343B Advanced Studio: Ceramic Arts - Wheel-based	3	Art 343A Advanced Studio: Ceramic Arts - Sculpture or Art 343B Advanced Studio: Ceramic Arts - Wheel-based	3
Art 352A Core Studio: Ceramic Arts Material Formulation or Art 352B Core Studio: Ceramic Arts - Plaster	3	Art 352A Core Studio: Ceramic Arts Material Formulation or Art 352B Core Studio: Ceramic Arts - Plaster	3
Art 352C Advanced Studio: Ceramic Arts - Experimental Approaches	3	Art 451A Advanced Studio: Ceramic Arts - Project/Practice	3
Upper Division Art History (AH) (300-499 Level)	3	Art 453 Seminar in Ceramic Arts	3
		Art 101 Artists in Their Own Words	1
Semester 7		Semester 8	
Art 451B Advanced Studio: Ceramic Arts - Project/Practice	3	Art 491A Ceramic Arts: BFA Culminating Project	1
Art 441 Ceramics Arts Internship	3	Art or Art History Upper Division (300-499) other than Ceramics	3
Art 311 Writing about Visual Art	3	Upper Division Art History (AH) (300-499 Level)	3

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**Recommended to have Art 341A or Art 341B completed before submission of portfolio.**

**GVAR Exam should be taken once a student achieves a minimum of 30 cumulative units**



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**132 Unit Degree (Includes GE, Major, and Elective units) \*\*Elective units can be up to 16 units depending on what is transferred in (AP, IB, Military, College credit)**

**Bold courses MUST be completed by end of 3rd semester**

**15-16 units recommended per semester (include GE requirements each semester in order to reach the desired amount of units per term)**

<b>Semester 1</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Semester 2</b>	<b>Units</b>
Art 130 Foundation Two Dimensional	3	Art 181 Foundation Drawing	3
Art 131 Foundation Three Dimensional	3	Art 251A Intro Studio: Ceramic Arts - Hand-building or Art 251B Intro Studio: Ceramic Arts - Wheel-throwing	3
Art History 111A or 111B Foundation Art History	3	Art History 111A or 111B Foundation Art History	3
<b>Semester 3</b>		<b>Semester 4</b>	
Art 184 Found. Life Drawing or Art 261 Intro Studio: Sculpture - Life	3	Art 287 Intro Studio: Painting	3
Art 251A Intro Studio: Ceramic Arts - Hand-building or Art 251B Intro Studio: Ceramic Arts - Wheel-throwing	3	Art 341A Core Studio: Ceramic Arts - Hand-building or Art 341B Core Studio: Ceramic Arts - Wheel-throwing	3
Art History 111C, 111D, 111E, 111F, or 111G	3	Art 121 Safety & Sustainability for Studio Artists	1
Art 101 Artists in Their Own Words	1		
<b>** Take GVAR Exam **</b>			
<b>Semester 5</b>		<b>Semester 6</b>	
Art 341A Core Studio: Ceramic Arts - Hand-building or Art 341B Core Studio: Ceramic Arts - Wheel-throwing	3	Art 343A Advanced Studio: Ceramic Arts - Sculpture or Art 343B Advanced Studio: Ceramic Arts - Wheel-based	3
Art 343A Advanced Studio: Ceramic Arts - Sculpture or Art 343B Advanced Studio: Ceramic Arts - Wheel-based	3	Art 352A Core Studio: Ceramic Arts Material Formulation or Art 352B Core Studio: Ceramic Arts - Plaster	3
		Art 311 Writing for the Visual Arts	3
<b>Semester 7</b>		<b>Semester 8</b>	
Art 352A Core Studio: Ceramic Arts Material Formulation or Art 352B Core Studio: Ceramic Arts - Plaster	3	Art 451A Advanced Studio: Ceramic Arts - Project/Practice	3
Art 352C Advanced Studio: Ceramic Arts - Experimental Approaches	3	Art 453 Seminar in Ceramic Arts	3
Upper Division Art History (AH) (300-499 Level)	3		
<b>Semester 9</b>		<b>Semester 10</b>	
Art 451B Advanced Studio: Ceramic Arts - Project/Practice	3	Art 491A Ceramic Arts: BFA Culminating Project	1
Art 441 Ceramics Arts Internship	3	Upper Division Art History (AH) (300-499 Level)	3
Art or Art History Upper Division (300-499) other than Ceramics	3		
Art 101 Artists in Their Own Words	1		

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## Program Planner

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Note: This checklist is not intended to replace advising from the major department. Students should consult with the major advisor to determine the appropriate sequence of courses. This checklist is to inform students of major requirements and course prerequisites only. CSULB Enrollment Services prepares the Academic Requirements Report, which is the official graduation verification.

✓	Course	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Notes
<b>LOWER DIVISION REQUIREMENTS (33 units)</b>			
<b>Complete the following courses (12 units total):</b>			
	Art History 111A. Foundation Art History: Prehistory-c. 1500, Middle East, North Africa, Europe	Pre/Coreq: One GE Foundation course	MSR Course
	Art History 111B. Foundation Art History: c.1300-present, Europe and the US	Pre/Coreq: One GE Foundation course	MSR Course
	Art 130. Foundation Two-Dimensional		MSR Course
	Art 131. Foundation Three Dimensional		MSR Course
<b>Complete the following courses (3 units total):</b>			
	Art 101. Artists in Their Own Words		
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	Art 121. Safety & Sustainable Practices for Studio Artists	One GE Foundation course	
<b>Complete the following courses (12 units total):</b>			
	Art 181. Foundation Drawing		
	Art 251A. Intro Studio: Ceramic Arts - Hand-building		Recommended to apply to BFA
	Art 251B. Intro Studio: Ceramic Arts - Wheel-throwing		Recommended to apply to BFA
	Art 287. Intro Studio: Painting	Art 130, Art 181	
<b>Complete 1 of the following courses (3 units total):</b>			
	Art 184. Foundation Life Drawing or Art 261. Intro Studio: Sculpture - Life (Choose 1)	Art 184: Art 181. Art 261: 1 GE Found.	
<b>Complete 1 of the following courses (3 units total):</b>			
	Art History 111C, 111D, 111E, 111F, or 111G (Choose 1)	Pre/Coreq: One GE Foundation course	
<b>UPPER DIVISION REQUIREMENTS (46 units)</b>			
<b>Complete the following courses (37 units total):</b>			
	Art 311. Writing About Visual Art	Refer to college catalog	
	Art 341A. Core Studio: Ceramic Arts - Hand-building	Art 251A	
	Art 341B. Core Studio: Ceramic Arts - Wheel-throwing	Art 251B	
	Art 343A. Advanced Studio: Ceramic Arts - Sculpture	Art 341A	
	Art 343B. Advanced Studio: Ceramic Arts - Wheel-based	Art 341B	
	Art 352A. Core Studio: Ceramic Arts - Material Formulation	Prereq: Art majors, Art Pre-majors and Art Minors only. No Freshmen	
	Art 352B. Core Studio: Ceramic Arts - Plaster	Prereq: Art majors, Art Pre-majors and Art Minors only. No Freshmen	
	Art 352C. Advanced Studio: Ceramics Arts - Experimental Approaches	Prereq: Art 131, Art 251A, Art 251B; AH 111A or 111B	
	Art 441. Ceramics Arts Internship	Prereq: Ceramics major or minor; or consent of instructor	
	Art 451A. Advanced Studio: Ceramic Arts - Project/Practice	BFA Ceramic major; Art 343A or Art 343B; completion of all 100 level degree requirements for ART and AH	
	Art 451B. Advanced Studio: Ceramic Arts - Project/Practice	BFA Ceramic major; Art 451A or consent of instructor	
	Art 453 Seminar in Ceramics Arts	Prereqs: ART 130 or ART 131; AH 111A or AH 111B, or consent.	
	Art 491A. Ceramic Arts: BFA Culminating Project	Art 451A or Art 451B	Taken Last Semester
<b>Complete the following course (3 units total):</b>			
	Art or Art History Upper Division outside of Ceramics (300-499 Level)	Refer to college catalog	
<b>Complete the following courses (6 units total):</b>			
	Upper Division Art History (AH) (300-499 Level)	Refer to college catalog	
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