



Bachelor of Fine Arts in Drawing/Painting

Fall 2025/Spring 2026 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 Found. Two Dimensional Art 131 Found. Three Dimensional	3	Art 130 Found. Two Dimensional Art 131 Found. Three Dimensional	3
Art 181 Foundation Drawing	3	Art 184 Foundation Life Drawing	3
Art History 111A or 111B Foundation Art History	3	Art History 111A or 111B Foundation Art History	3
		Art 121 Safety & Sustainability for Studio Artists	1
Semester 3		Semester 4	
Art 251A, 251B, 254, 257, 261, 263, or 265	3	Art 381, 383, 384, 387, or 388	3
Art 287 Intro Studio: Painting	3	Art 381, 383, 384, 387, or 388	3
Art History 111C, 111D, 111E, 111F, or 111G	3	Art or Art History Upper Division (300-499) outside of Draw/Paint	3
Art 101 Artists in Their Own Words	1		
** Take GVAR Exam **			
Semester 5		Semester 6	
Art 381 Core Studio: Drawing or Art 384 Core Studio: Drawing - Life	3	Art 487 Advanced Studio: Painting	3
Art 383 Core Studio: Painting - Life or Art 387 Core Studio: Painting	3	Art 481, 483, or 484	3
Art 388 Core Studio: Painting - Color Theory	3	Art 481, 483, 484, 487, 492F, 492G, or 492Z	3
Upper Division Art History (AH) (300-499 Level)	3	Art 311 Writing about Visual Art or Art 333 Global Art Scenes	3
Semester 7		Semester 8	
Art 481, 483, or 484	3	Art 496B Advanced Studio: Drawing & Painting - Capstone	3
Art 496A Advanced Studio: Drawing & Painting - Capstone	3	Art 491G Senior Project	1
Art 481, 483, 484, 487, 492F, 492G, or 492Z	3	Art 481, 483, 484, 487, 492F, 492G, or 492Z	3
Upper Division Art History (AH) (300-499 Level)	3		
Art 101 Artists in Their Own Words	1		

481, 483, 484, and 487 may be repeated for up to 6 units. 492F, 492G, and 492Z may be repeated up to 9 units.

If interested in applying to BFA in Drawing & Painting *See attachment for all eligibility requirements**
Recommended to have any 300 level Drawing or Painting course completed before submission of portfolio.

GWAR 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 13 units depending on what is transferred in (AP, IB, Military, College credit)*

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

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Art 130 Found. Two Dimensional or Art 131 Found. Three Dimensional	3	Art 130 Found. Two Dimensional or Art 131 Found. Three Dimensional	3
Art 181 Foundation Drawing	3	Art 184 Foundation Life Drawing	3
Art History 111A or 111B Foundation Art History	3	Art History 111A or 111B Foundation Art History	3
Semester 3		Semester 4	
Art 251A, 251B, 254, 257, 261, or 263	3	Art 381, 383, 384, 387, or 388	3
Art 287 Intro Studio: Painting	3	Art 381, 383, 384, 387, or 388	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		
** Take GVAR Exam **			
Semester 5		Semester 6	
Art 381, 383, 384, 387, or 388	3	Art 381, 383, 384, 387, or 388	3
Art 381, 383, 384, 387, or 388	3	Art 481, 483, or 484	3
Upper Division Art History (AH) (300-499 Level)	3	Upper Division Art History (AH) (300-499 Level)	3
		Art 311 Writing about Visual Art or Art 333 Global Art Scenes	3
Semester 7		Semester 8	
Art 481, 483, or 484	3	Art 481, 483, 484, 487, 492F, 492G, or 492Z	3
Art 487 Advanced Studio: Painting	3	Art 481, 483, 484, 487, 492F, 492G, or 492Z	3
		Art 101 Artists in Their Own Words	1
Semester 9		Semester 10	
Art 496A Advanced Studio: Drawing & Painting - Capstone	3	Art 496B Advanced Studio: Drawing & Painting - Capstone	3
Art 481, 483, 484, 487, 492F, 492G, or 492Z	3	Art 491G Drawing and Painting Senior Project	1
Art or Art History Upper Division (300-499) outside of Drawing/Painting	3		

481, 483, 484, and 487 may be repeated for up to 6 units . 492F, 492G, and 492Z may be repeated up to 9 units.

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Major Checklist

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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
LOWER DIVISION REQUIREMENTS (30 units)			
Complete the following courses (12 units total):			
	Art History 111A. Found. Art History: Prehistory-c. 1500, Middle East, North Africa, Europe	Pre/Coreq: One GE Foundation course	MSR Course
	Art History 111B. Found. 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
Complete the following courses (3 units total):			
	Art 101. Artists in Their Own Words		
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	Art 121. Safety & Sustainable Practices for Studio Artists	One GE Foundation course	
Complete the following course (9 units total):			
	Art 181. Foundation Drawing		Recommended to apply to BFA
	Art 184. Foundation Life Drawing	Art 181	Recommended to apply to BFA
	Art 287. Intro Studio: Painting	Art 130, Art 181	Recommended to apply to BFA
Complete 1 of the following courses (3 units total):			
	Art 251A, 251B, 254, 257, 261, 263, or 265 (Choose 1)	Refer to college catalog	
Complete 1 of the following courses (3 units total):			
	Art History 111C, 111D, 111E, 111F, or 111G (Choose 1)	Pre/Coreq: One GE Foundation course	
UPPER DIVISION REQUIREMENTS (52 units)			
Complete the following courses (28 units total):			
	Art 311. Writing About Visual Arts or Art 333. Global Art Scenes (Choose 1)	Refer to college catalog	
	Art 381. Core Studio: Drawing	Art 130, Art 181, Art 184; AH 111A, AH 111B	Recommend one 300 level DP course to apply to BFA
	Art 383. Core Studio: Painting - Life	Art 130, Art 181, Art 184, Art 287; AH 111A, AH 111B	
	Art 384. Core Studio: Drawing - Life	Art 130, Art 181, Art 184; AH 111A, AH 111B	
	Art 387. Core Studio: Painting	Art 130, Art 181, Art 184, Art 287; AH 111A, AH 111B	
	Art 388. Core Studio: Painting - Color Theory	Pre/Coreqs: Art 130, Art 287, AH 111A, AH 111B	
	Art 487. Advanced Studio: Painting	Art 387	
	Art 496A. Advanced Studio: Drawing & Painting - Capstone	Prereqs: Senior DP majors only. Completion of 3 of the following 4 courses: ART 481, ART 483, ART 484, or ART 487.	Taken 2nd to last semester
	Art 496B. Advanced Studio: Drawing & Painting - Capstone	Prereq: Art 496A	Taken Last Semester
	Art 491G. Drawing and Painting Senior Project	Prerequisite: Art 496A. Corequisite: Art 496B	
Complete 2 of the following courses (6 units total):			
	Art 481, 483, or 484 (choose 1)	Refer to college catalog	
	Art 481, 483, or 484 (choose 1)	Refer to college catalog	
Complete 3 of the following courses (9 units total):			
	Art 481, 483, 484, 487, 492F, 492G, or 492Z (choose 1)	Refer to college catalog	
	Art 481, 483, 484, 487, 492F, 492G, or 492Z (choose 1)	Refer to college catalog	
	Art 481, 483, 484, 487, 492F, 492G, or 492Z (choose 1)	Refer to college catalog	
Complete the following course (9 units total):			
	Upper Division Art History (AH) (300-499 Level)	Refer to college catalog	
	Upper Division Art History (AH) (300-499 Level)	Refer to college catalog	
	Art or Art History Upper Division outside of Drawing/Painting (300-499 Level)	Refer to college catalog	