REGISTRATION INFORMATION

College of Art
Class of 2028

Course registration takes place July 9-11.

Your registration date and time will be posted in WebSTAC in early June.

THE BIG PICTURE

The total units required for your degree is 121 for the BFA (Bachelor of Fine Arts) or 120 for the BA (Bachelor of Arts). This means you need to average **15 credit hours/semester** to graduate in four years. Most courses are 3 credit hours, though some like seminars or music lessons are only 1 or 2 credit hours. For your first semester we suggest enrolling in **13-16 credit hours**.

REQUIRED COURSES

**Two Foundations Studios**

3.0 units / studio

BFA students will complete four foundations studios their first year:

- F10 ART 101A: **Drawing**
- F10 ART 143: **Digital Studio**
- F10 ART 105: **2-D Design**
- F10 ART 107: **3-D Design**

You will take two such studios in the fall and two in the spring.

**For the fall, you will be pre-enrolled in two foundations studios based on the preferences you express in this survey:**
https://wustl.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_SiltZOMjbxNtrZI. Surveys are due **Tuesday, June 11** and will be processed in late June. If you fail to complete a survey, you will be assigned studios based on remaining course availability.

While we will accommodate your preferences as best we can, we must prioritize having equal enrollment in each of the studio sections. These courses are the only ones in which you will be pre-enrolled; all other courses you must register for yourself.
**F10 ART 183B: Practices in Art + Design**  
1.0 unit  
An introduction to the programs, people and resources of the College of Art and the Sam Fox School. You will be pre-registered for this course.

**L01 Art-Arch 113: History of Western Art, Architecture, and Design**  
3.0 units  
This course is required for BFA students and is taught in the fall only. Please be sure you also select a required subsection, which is a discussion section that meets weekly and supplements class lectures.

**L59 CWP 112-119: College Writing**  
3.0 units  
All WashU students are required to complete a writing course their first year. The College Writing Office determines whether you take this course in the fall or spring semester. To facilitate this process, all incoming students are required to complete the Writing Placement exam by June 24. Please see this [College Writing FAQ](#) for additional information and details.

Semester assignments are made in mid-summer and you will be notified once an assignment as been made.

To satisfy the writing requirement, you will choose from among several themed options. If you are assigned the spring semester for College Writing, you may take an elective course in this slot.

**ELECTIVE COURSES**  
You will have room in your fall schedule for one or two additional courses. Those suggested below are commonly taken by first-year Sam Fox students. Some fulfill Distribution Requirements and others count as elective credit.

A word about Distribution Requirements: College of Art students are required to take 3.0 credits in each of the following areas: Humanities (Art: HUM), Natural Sciences and Mathematics (Art: NSM), and Social and Behavioral Sciences (Art: SSC). All three distribution requirements do not need to be taken during your first year. For a course to count as a Distribution Requirement, it must have the distribution code (e.g. Art: SSC) listed under “Attributes” in the course description online.
Suggested electives:

- **Designing Creativity: Innovation Across Disciplines**  
  A46 ARCH 175 (3.0 credits, Art: HUM)

- **Intro to Microeconomics**  
  L11 Econ 1011 (3.0 credits, Art: NSM or SSC)

- **Earth’s Future: Causes and Consequences of Global Climate Change**  
  L48 Anthro 100 (3.0 credits, Art: NSM)

- **Introduction to Psychology**  
  L33 Psych 100B (3.0 credits, Art: SSC)

- **Introduction to Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies**  
  L77 WGSS 100B (3.0 credits, Art: HUM)

- Any of the many of **First-Year Programs (L61)**, which are topical seminars designed for first-year students.

**Course Listings** are available in the “Courses & Registration” dropdown menu on WebSTAC. You can search for courses using the **Listing** tab or the **Search** tab. The Listing tab is good for broader searches within schools and departments. The Search tab is good for conducting more detailed searches, say, if you want to find courses based on distribution requirements or those that are offered on particular days and times.

Understanding all the details of a course listing can be confusing at first. In the **Registration section** of the Advising site on Inside Sam Fox (our school’s intranet, details below) you’ll find a diagram explaining how to read and interpret a course listing.
REGISTRATION WORKSHEET

Your Registration Worksheet (RWS) is a planning tool that helps you select courses and organize your schedule. It is available through WebSTAC, which is only accessible with your WUSTLKey. Once in WebSTAC, you will find your Registration Worksheet under the “Courses & Registration” dropdown menu.

**If you have not set up your WUSTLKey, please look for an email from the Office of the University Registrar that contains instructions on how to do so.**

You may add your first choices to **RWS1** and your second choices and alternate sections of a course to **RWS2**. You may also add notes or comments in the “My Note” column of your RWS.

**Once you have filled out your RWS, please email your Four-Year Advisor so you can be authorized to register for classes.**

“INSIDE SAM FOX”

We have a robust intranet called *Inside Sam Fox* that is a great resource for students in areas such as study abroad, technology, advising, peer mentoring, and community engagement.

Under the section **Students > Advising**, you will find detailed information about academic advising including degree requirements, sample curriculums, academic policies, student support resources, and course registration. **Please bookmark this site!**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**How many classes should I take in the fall?**

For your first semester we suggest enrolling in **13-16 credits**.

**How does AP credit impact my course selection?**

If you have taken Advanced Placement exams or completed an International Baccalaureate Diploma, you may place out of some introductory courses and receive credit. Please review the [Advanced Placement Credit Procedures](#) or the [International Baccalaureate Procedures](#) for details. **We must have test results/scores before credit will be awarded.** Official scores from the College Board arrive in August. Any changes to your course selections will be made at that time.

**Can I receive credit for courses I took at another college or university?**

Yes, if the credits earned did not count towards your high school graduation requirements. To see what credit you might earn for college courses you’ve already taken, please have your transcripts sent to Aaron Akins (aakins@wustl.edu).
**Should I take any placement exams?**

If you plan to take Chemistry, Computer Science, or a foreign language, you must take a [placement exam](#) prior to enrolling. Information about Dance, Math, Music auditions, and the Writing Placement Exam is also available at the link above.

**What's the difference between the BFA and the BA? How do I know which one to choose?**

All students in College of Art begin on the BFA track and may subsequently change to the BA after consultation with their Four-Year Advisor. Most College of Art students will graduate with a BFA. It’s highly recommended that students complete their first semester before deciding to switch to a BA.

**What supplies do I need?**

You should bring whatever art materials you think you might use in studio – pencils, charcoal, pastels, etc.

**What are the material fees listed for art classes?**

These fees provide consumable materials, tools, and other things such as paper, ink, etc., that are specific to a class. Such materials will be purchased by your professor and given to you in class.

**What kind of computer should I have at school?**

Please refer to the computer recommendations accompanying this document. They are also available under Students > Advising > Registration on [Inside Sam Fox](#).

**Where will I do my work for my studio courses?**

Depending on the course, out-of-class work can be done in your residence hall room, a multipurpose room in the residence halls, or in the studio when another class is not in session.

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**You’re all set!** Please contact your Four-Year Advisor with any questions!