Why Study Visual Studies?

The Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art with a field of specialization in Visual Studies (leading toward teacher certification) prepares graduates for the realities facing teachers today. The program emphasizes contemporary theories and artists through the study of multiple and diverse visual cultures. Prior to student teaching, students participate in field practica in public schools and community settings.

This program requires 67 semester hours of studio art and art history, 33-39 semester hours of professional education, and 38-51 semester hours of general requirements as stipulated by the College of Visual and Performing Arts. The minimum number of hours required for visual studies (leading to teacher certification) is a total of 129 credit hours. A minimum of 40 credit hours of junior- and senior-level courses are required for graduation. See the curriculum table link below.

Why Study in the College of Visual & Performing Arts?

The mission of the School of Art is to provide a stimulating and challenging environment in which students develop creative and scholarly potential, to support faculty members in the pursuit of excellence in teaching and research, serve public and professional cons

The College of Visual & Performing Arts has become a major presence in the arts through the establishment of new and existing programs that attract a diverse student body. The college serves as the central location for undergraduate students, faculty, staff, and community organizations interested in participating in the College of Visual & Performing Arts. The college is committed to supporting and increasing undergraduate participation in active learning programs: Service Learning, Undergraduate Research, Professional Internship, and Study Abroad.

A Wealth of Opportunities Await

- **Undergraduate Research**
  The Center for Active Learning and Undergraduate Engagement (CALUE) is committed to supporting and increasing undergraduate participation in active learning at Texas Tech University. The Center serves as the centralized location for undergraduate students, faculty, staff, and community organizations interested in participating in the following active learning programs: Service Learning, Undergraduate Research, Professional Internship, and Study Abroad.

- **Study Abroad**
  Texas Tech has many exciting study abroad opportunities for art students in London, Florence and Rome, Copenhagen among the destinations. What an amazing opportunity to see first-hand the artworks you have studied in your textbooks, to experience the cultures and see the landmarks that influenced your favorite artists.

- **Graduate Education**
  The Master of Art Education (MAE) Program supports practicing teachers with contemporary social theories and strategies that strengthen their classroom, studio practice and research in relation to art and visual culture. Students choose from a variety of different courses offered to suite students’ interests, including:

  - Art education, studio art history, or visual studies
  - Thesis coursework (for those planning to pursue a Ph.D. and publication)
  - Professional report (for those interested in developing a project)
  - Artistic/Studio Problem (for those defining artistic problems within or across media)

- **Professional Career**
  Our University Career Center offers help to alumni and current students hoping to improve their job outlook through career assessments, resume critiquing, and more! Students looking to find more information can visit the website for more information here: http://www.depts.ttu.edu/careercenter/students.php

- **Scholarship**
  Named a top value by Kiplinger in recent years, TTU offers a quality education at a fair price. Tuition and housing increases are well below others in public higher education. The School of Art (SOA) offers many competitive scholarships for undergraduate students. These scholarships are made possible through generous ENDOWMENTS which have been established in the School of Art. Competitive scholarships are awarded to entering freshman, and current students.

- **Student Organizations**
  As a part of the Texas Tech community, students have the opportunity to join more than 450 registered student organizations. These organizations allow students to get to know their fellow students and faculty outside the classroom, and become involved with the campus and community. For more information and organizations that fit your interest, visit the website: https://www.ttu.edu/campus-life/student-life/student-organizations.php

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Texas Common Course Number System (TCCNS)

The Texas Common Course Numbering System (TCCNS) aids students in the transfer of general academic courses between Texas public colleges and universities throughout the state. Course recommendations in this transfer guide are expressed in TCCNS designations.

Applying Transfer Hours to a Four-year Degree

- The Transfer Evaluation Office in the Office of the Registrar at Texas Tech determines which courses taken at another institution may be accepted for credit.

- A maximum of 66 semester credit hours from two-year institutions may be applied toward the baccalaureate degree at four-year institutions. Although, all credit hours presented on the sending institution's transcripts will be evaluated and equivalent college level courses posted to the student's academic record.

- The academic associate dean of the Texas Tech college in which a student enrolls has authority for determining which courses will be applied toward the specific degree program chosen.

- Students must earn a grade of C or better for all courses fulfilling requirements in majors, minors, or specialization.

For more information on transfer course equivalencies, access the Texas Tech Transfer Equivalency Guidebooks:
https://www.depts.ttu.edu/registrar/private/transfer/

Steps to Apply:

- **Admission Requirements**
  Application from applytexas.org
  $60 application fee or fee waiver (student must provide information supporting fee waiver; for more specifics on what qualifies for waiver, visit the admissions site here: http://www.admissions.ttu.edu/index.php/application-fee/)

  Official college transcripts from ALL previous colleges attended*

  *Student must submit an official high school and ACT/SAT scores if you have completed less than 12 transferrable hours

  Transcripts may be sent by mail to:
  Undergraduate Admissions
  Box 45005
  Lubbock TX 79409

  Electronic transcripts may be sent directly to TTU Admissions via document exchange from the sending institution (contact institution for more details)

- **Transfer Admissions Counselors:**
  Zach Fisher—West Texas Transfer Admissions Counselor.
  Office Location:
  Undergraduate Admissions, West Hall
  Lubbock, TX
  Phone: 806.834.2104
  Email: zach.fisher@ttu.edu

  Maryellen Baeza—Manager of Transfer Recruitment
  Office Location:
  Undergraduate Admissions, West Hall
  Lubbock, TX
  Phone: 806.742.1480
  Email: Maryellen.baeza@ttu.edu

Assured Admissions:

If you present the required combination of transferrable hours and GPA (as described below), you will meet assured admissions. GPA is cumulative for all transferable coursework from all schools attended. Courses taken for grade replacement are used for GPA calculation only if the same course is repeated at the same institution where it was originally taken.

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**Admission Review**

If you do not meet assured admission requirements but have at least a 2.00 cumulative GPA, an admissions committee will evaluate your potential based on other criteria:

- **Academics**—Types of courses taken and pattern of progress, as well as coursework taken leading toward a major
- **Student-submitted essay**—Explanation of the decision to transfer to Texas Tech, reasons for past academic performance and plans to ensure future academic success
- **Extracurricular activities/employment information**—Leadership and work experience, special talents or awards, or any other information relevant to the admission decision

For more information, visit the admissions website: http://www.admissions.ttu.edu/