

OUR GRADUATES

With a 98% student placement ratio into graduate schools, the BFA in Visual Arts is a professionally structured degree for those students interested in personal advancement while planning for a career or graduate study in the Visual Arts. CBU Visual Arts graduates have found rewarding careers in various fields, some of which include:

Graphic Design • Marketing Consulting
Teaching in Public/Private Institutions
College level teaching • Art Therapy
Museum work • Photography

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BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS IN VISUAL ART

INTERNSHIPS & EXTRACURRICULARS

BFA majors have numerous opportunities to take advantage of high-quality internships. These allow students to experience areas of the art profession appropriate to their concentration and related interests. CBU's internship opportunities are diverse and consistently available. Partnerships have included:

- FedEx
- ALSAC / St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
- Crosstown Arts
- Memphis Brooks Museum
- Independent Bank
- The Racquet Club of Memphis
- RVC Outdoors
- ServiceMaster
- BRIDGES USA

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The BFA degree in Visual Arts is structured to help students hone their visual, conceptual, and technical skills to prepare them for success as professional artists, graphic designers, and art educators.

BFA CORE:

- Art History (9 hours)
- Conceptual Development (6 hours)
- Digital Design (6 hours)
- Studio Arts (18-21 hours)
- Area of Concentration (24 hours)

Each student completes a body of work and a written thesis culminating in a Senior Showcase.

CONCENTRATION AREAS ART THERAPY: The

Art Therapy concentration consists of courses that combine the study of psychology and the visual arts. Students gain greater insight into how art may be used as a therapeutic practice as it applies to conflict resolution, stress reduction, and selfawareness. Classes include field-study work at local museums, elder care facilities, and local schools for a hands-on approach to learning.



GRAPHIC DESIGN: The Graphic Design concentration consists of courses that teach typography and image construction essential for conveying idea messaging and brand identity. Using the latest software and technology, students gain valuable experience in Web design, digital illustration, animation, image manipulation, and photo restoration, etc.

STUDIO ARTS: The Studio Arts concentration is the broadest area of study within the Visual Arts BFA degree. This traditional fine arts program places an emphasis on cultivating individual creativity within a contextual understanding of art history and global issues. In Studio Arts students develop their technique in painting, drawing, printmaking, ceramics, and mixed and other media.



STUDIO ARTS WITH EDUCATION

CERTIFICATION: After completion of the BFA in Studio Arts concentration, graduates have the opportunity to enroll in a fifth year of study toward earning a Masters of Arts in Teaching. Upon completion of the MAT program, graduates will be licensed to teach K-12 grades in the state of Tennessee.

How it works:

- Meet with your advisor and inform him/her that you want to follow the 5th-year paradigm. At that time, you will be assigned a secondary advisor in the Department of Education.
- During your junior/senior year, apply to the Master of Arts in Teaching program through the Department of Education.