VISUAL ART B.A.

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GENERAL ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Minimum Graduation Requirements
- 120 credit hours
- 45 upper-division credit hours (3000-4999 level)
- 2.0 CU cumulative GPA
- Residency: At least 30 credit hours of the degree must be completed while registered in the College of Letters, Arts, and Sciences at UCCS.

Student Responsibilities
Students are required to know and follow:
- All academic policies set forth by the University, College, and academic department in the UCCS Catalog: catalog.uccs.edu
- All course prerequisites designated by the University. Failure to meet course prerequisites may result in an administrative drop of the course from a student's schedule. See degree audit for course prerequisites within the academic major.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Explore VAPA – Visual Art: Visual Art | Visual & Performing Arts (uccs.edu)

Major Requirements			
Visual Art Major (51 hours) - Requires a minimum of 42 credit hours of VA course work and 9 hours of AH coursework. - Requires an additional 9 hours of VAPA department auxiliary course work. - Requires a minimum of 27 credit hours of upper-division (3000+ level) VA and AH course work and an additional 6 hours of upper-division auxiliary course work. - All major and auxiliary courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better. **NOTE:** All Visual Art majors must meet with the department's Program Director each semester for academic advising. Contact the Visual Art Program Director for details.	**Course/Area**	**Course Title**	**Credit Hours**
	VA 1010	2D Foundations	3
	VA 1020	3D Foundations	3
	VA 1030	Digital Foundations	3
	VA 1040	Drawing Foundations	3
	AH 1001	Global Visual Culture: 1300-Present	3
	VA 2000-level Electives	*Complete 9 credit hours of VA 2000-level electives.*	9
	VA Upper-Division Electives	*Complete 15 credit hours of VA upper-division (3000+) electives.*	15
	AH Upper-Division elective	*Complete one upper-division (3000+) Art History elective*	3
	AH 3860	Contemporary Art *(spring only; must be taken with VA 3980 unless taken prior spring after completion of AH 1001)*	3
	VA 3980	Seminar in Studio Problems *(spring only; must be taken after or concurrently with AH 3860)*	3
	VA 4980	Professional Seminar *(spring only, must be taken senior year)*	3
	Auxiliary Requirements		
	VAPA 1000-level Core course	*Complete one 1000-level VAPA Core course from the following:* VAPA 1005, 1020, 1050, 1100, 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500	3
	VAPA 3000-level Core courses	*Complete two 3000-level VAPA Core courses from the following:* VAPA 3900, 3910, 3920, 3950, 3955, 3960, 3970, 3980, 3990	6

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General Education and Elective Requirements

Core Writing Requirement (6 hours)	• ENGL 1310, 1308, or 1305 *(Students choosing ENGL 1305 must complete ENGL 1300 first.)* • ENGL 1410 • Writing Portfolio – PORT 3000 (0 credits) or PORT 4000 (1 credit) or alternative – See Degree Audit
Reasoning Skills (3 hours)	See the degree audit for course options.
Core Humanities (3 hours)	• HUM 3990 o This course also fulfills Navigate and one Writing Intensive course.
Natural Sciences Lab (1 hour)	• See Degree Audit o This can be taken as part of an Explore – PNW course that has a lab component
Oral Communication	• See Degree Audit o This course may also fulfill general education or major requirements.
LAS Language other than English Requirement	Complete two semesters of a language other than English equivalent to 1010 & 1020 with high school, transfer, placement exam, or UCCS coursework. *Courses taken to fulfill this requirement may also count toward Compass Curriculum Explore - Arts, Humanities and Cultures or general electives. See degree audit for details.*

Compass Curriculum
(21 hours)
- Explore and Navigate courses must be taken in departments other than the major.
- Writing Intensive, Inclusiveness, and Sustainability courses may count toward other requirements within the degree.

Component	Course
Gateway	GPS 1010
Explore – Arts, Humanities and Cultures *(2 courses)*	See Degree Audit
Explore – Society, Behavior and Health *(2 courses)*	See Degree Audit
Explore – Physical and Natural World *(2 courses)*	See Degree Audit
Navigate	HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements)
Summit	VA 4980 (included in major requirements)
Writing Intensive Courses (WIC) *(2 courses)*	• HUM 3990 (included in LAS area requirements) • AH 3860 (included in major requirements)
Inclusiveness *(2 courses)*	See Degree Audit
Sustainability	See Degree Audit

General Electives (26 hours)	Complete additional courses to meet total and upper-division requirements for your degree program.

FOUR-YEAR DEGREE PLAN

Please note that this is an *example* degree program and your program may vary. **Students are responsible for completing all course prerequisites.**

Year One

√	FALL	Hours	√	SPRING	Hours
	ENGL 1310	3		ENGL 1410	3
	VA 1010	3		VA 1020	3
	GPS 1010	3		Reasoning Skills Course *(INDS 1050)*	3
	Explore – Arts, Humanities & Cultures Course	3		Explore – Society, Behavior & Health Course	3
	Explore – Arts, Humanities & Cultures Course	3		VAPA 1000-Level Core Course	3
	TOTAL	15		**TOTAL**	15

Year Two

√	FALL	Hours	√	SPRING	Hours
	AH 1001	3		VA 2000-level Elective	3
	VA 1030	3		VA 2000-level Elective	3
	VA 1040	3		Explore – Physical & Natural World Course	3
	Explore – Society, Behavior & Health Course	3		Natural Science Lab	1
	Explore – Physical & Natural World Course	3		General Elective *(Inclusiveness)*	3
				General Elective *(Oral Communication)*	3
	TOTAL	15		**TOTAL**	16

Year Three

√	FALL	Hours	√	SPRING	Hours
	VA 2000-level Elective	3		AH 3860 *(spring only; may be taken prior to junior year after completion of AH 1001)*	3
	Upper-Division (UD) VA Elective	3		VA 3980 *(spring only; must be taken junior year)*	3
	UD VA Elective	3		UD VA Elective	3
	VAPA 3000-Level Core Course	3		VAPA 3000-Level Core Course	3
	General Elective *(Inclusiveness)*	3		General Elective *(Sustainability)*	3
	TOTAL	15		**TOTAL**	15

Year Four

√	FALL	Hours	√	SPRING	Hours
	UD VA Elective	3		VA 4980 *(spring only, must be taken senior year)*	3
	UD AH Elective	3		UD VA Elective	3
	HUM 3990	3		UD General Elective	3
	General Elective	3		UD General Elective	3
	General Elective	2		UD General Elective	3
	TOTAL	14		**TOTAL**	15