

Major Map: Art Studio Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.)

Photography Concentration College of Arts and Sciences School of Visual Art and Design Bulletin Year: 2025-2026

This course plan is a recommended sequence for this major. Courses designated as critical (!) may have a deadline for completion and/or affect time to graduation. Please see the Program Notes section for details regarding "critical courses" for this particular Program of Study.

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	Credit	Min.	Major				
Critical Course Subject and Title	Hours	Grade ¹	GPA ²	Code	Prerequisites	Notes	
Semester One (17 Credit Hours)							
! ENGL 101 Critical Reading and Composition	3	С		CC-CMW			
Carolina Core ARP Requirement	3			CC-ARP			
Foreign language ³ or other Carolina Core	3			CC-GFL			
Requirement ⁴							
ARTS 103 Fundamentals of Art	4	С		MR			
ARTS 102 Design Technology and Concepts	4	С		MR			
Semester Two (17 Credit Hours)							
! ENGL 102 Rhetoric and Composition	3	С		CC-CMW	C or better in ENGL 101		
				CC-INF			
Carolina Core ARP Requirement	3			CC-ARP			
Foreign language ³ or other Carolina Core	3			CC-GFL			
Requirement ⁴							
ARTS 104 3-Dimensional Design I	4	С		MR			
Studio Introduction Course ⁵	4	C		MR			
Semester Three (13-14 Credit Hours)						•	
Studio Introduction Course ⁵	4	С		MR			
ARTH 106 History of Western Art II	3	C		CC-AIU			
Foreign language ³ or Carolina Core Requirement ⁴	3			CR/CC			
Carolina Core Requirement ⁴	3-4			CC			
Semester Four (14 Credit Hours)	J 1			00			
! ARTS 360 Advanced Black & White Photography	4	С		MR	C or better in ARTS 261		
! AK 13 300 Advanced Black & White Photography	4	C		CC-INT	C of better in AR 13 201		
Studio Introduction Course ⁵	4	С		MR			
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Modern Art History Course:	3	C		CR	See Bulletin listing		
ARTH 335 History of 20 th Century Art							
or ARTH 341 History of American Art II							
or ARTH 342 Contemporary American Art							
or ARTH 535 History of Modern Painting							
or ARTH 536 History of Modern Sculpture							
or ARTH 537 Topics in Modern Architecture							
or ARTH 539 Topics in Modern Art							
or ARTH 545 Special Topics in Modern Chinese Art							
History ⁷	3			CR			
Semester Five (14-15 Credit Hours)							
! ARTS 361 Digital Photography	4	С		MR			
				CC-INT			
ARTH Course	3	С		CR	See Bulletin listing		
Concentration Elective (200-level and above) ⁶	4	С		MR	See Bulletin listing		
Carolina Core Requirement⁴	3-4			CC			
Semester Six (14 Credit Hours)							
Concentration Elective (200-level and above) ⁶	4	С		MR	See Bulletin listing		
Concentration Elective (200-level and above) ⁶	4	С		MR	See Bulletin listing		
ARTH Course (500-level and above)	3	С		CR	See Bulletin listing		
Carolina Core Requirement ⁴ or Elective ⁷	3			CC/PR	3		
Semester Seven (16 Credit Hours)	Ť			00/110			
ARTS 460 Photography Portfolio	6	С		MR	C or better in ARTS 360 & 361		
Concentration Elective (200-level and above) ⁶	4	Č		MR	See Bulletin listing		
Social Science	3			CR	Oce Buildin listing		
Carolina Core Requirement ⁴ or Elective ⁷	3			CC/PR			
Semester Eight (13-15 Credit Hours)	J			OO/FR			
ARTS 490 BFA Capstone Professional Practices	5	С		MR	C or better in ARTS 360 & 361		
AR 15 490 BFA Capsione Professional Practices	5	C			or in ARTS 410, 415, 416, 420,		
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Concentration Elective (200-level and above) ⁶	4	С		MR	See Bulletin listing		
Carolina Core Requirement ⁴	3			CC			
Carolina Core Requirement ⁴ or Elective ⁷ (only if	1-3			CC/PR			
needed to meet CC requirements or hours to							
graduate)							

Graduation Requirements Summary

Minimum Total Hours	Minimum Major Requirements Hours	College & Program Requirements Hours	Carolina Core Hours	Minimum Institutional GPA
120	63	15-25	32-44	2.000

- 1. Regardless of individual course grades, students must maintain a minimum 2.000 cumulative GPA.
- 2. Some colleges require a minimum GPA for major courses. Courses indicated in this column are included in the major GPA for this program of study.
- 3. Students in the College of Arts and Sciences are required to demonstrate proficiency in one foreign language equivalent to the 122 course through course credit or the corresponding foreign language placement score.
- 4. The Carolina Core provides the common core of knowledge, skill and academic experience for all Carolina undergraduate students.
- 5. Studio Introduction Courses (12 hours): ARTS 210, 215, 220, 225, 230, 261.
- 6. Concentration Electives (20 hours): Choose 5 ARTS or SVAD classes at the 200 level and above. Two of the five should be from: ARTS 316, 415, 416, 460, 461, 465; SVAD 499
- 7. The College of Arts and Sciences requires one U.S. History and one non-U.S. History course, both of which must be chosen from the approved Carolina Core GHS courses. Whichever is not fulfilled through the Carolina Core GHS requirement must be fulfilled through this college requirement.
- 8. ARTS (4 credit)/MART (3 credit) electives for Photography Concentration must total at least 16 hours.
- No courses of a remedial, developmental, skill-acquiring, or vocational nature may apply as credit toward degrees in the College of Arts and Sciences.
 The College of Arts and Sciences allows the use of the Pass-Fail option on elective courses. Further clarification on inapplicable courses can be obtained from the College of Arts and Sciences.

Program Notes:

- ENGL 101 and ENGL 102 must be completed in the student's first 60 semester hours of work in order for these courses to be credited toward graduation. Other courses identified as "critical" may affect time to graduation due to prerequisite requirements for subsequent required courses.
- All undergraduate students must take a 3-credit course or its equivalent with a passing grade that covers the founding documents. This course may fulfill any requirement in the program of study. Courses that meet this requirement are listed in the academic bulletin.
- The last 30 credit hours toward your degree must be earned in residence at the University of South Carolina-Columbia.

University Requirements: Bachelor's degree-seeking students must meet Carolina Core (general education) requirements. For more information regarding these requirements, please visit the Carolina Core page on the University website.

Codes:								
CC	Carolina Core	CC-INF	Carolina Core – Information Literacy					
CC-AIU	Carolina Core-Aesthetic and Interpretive Understanding	CC-INT	Carolina Core – Integrative Course					
CC-ARP	Carolina Core-Analytical Reasoning and Problem-Solving	CC-SCI	Carolina Core – Scientific Literacy					
CC-CMS	Carolina Core-Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Spoken Component	CC-VSR	Carolina Core - Values, Ethics, and Social Responsibility					
CC-CMW	Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Written Component	CR	College Requirement					
CC-GFL	Carolina Core-Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Foreign Language	MR	Major Requirement					
CC-GHS	Carolina Core – Historical Thinking	PR	Program Requirement					
CC-GSS	Carolina Core – Social Sciences							

Disclaimer: Major maps are only a suggested or recommended sequence of courses required in a program of study. Please contact your academic advisor for assistance in the application of specific coursework to a program of study and course selection and planning for upcoming semesters.