

ART, B.F.A.

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: University Park

End Campus: University Park

Career Paths

An Art major is a lifelong learner who is forever curious and captivated by the personal journey of everyday life. As you hone your artistic dispositions with working techniques and practical studio skills, you will establish your own artistic vision and voice. We will help you foster dialogue among peers about the place of art in society and how you participate in and contribute to these changing debates. As you deepen your understanding of your own potential as an artist within a challenging and quickly evolving world, you will become equipped with the means necessary to embark upon a career in the visual arts.

Careers

An Art major possesses very distinctive human attributes, including a creative capacity to readily adapt to change, a resilient ability to make do with limited resources, and an inventive desire to seek alternative solutions in times of challenge. This independence is powered by a sense of intrinsic motivation and confidence that anything is possible. These creative capabilities are applied by artists in extraordinarily diverse professional activities, occupations, and careers. Although there are many B.F.A. graduates who achieve professional success as artists in their area of specialty, most "creatives" will use their artistic skills in innumerable ways throughout their entire lives.

Opportunities for Graduate Studies

As a graduate with a B.F.A. in Art, you will have achieved a level of competence that grounds your creative and critical capabilities, enabling you to pursue a range of professional options in visual arts and related fields. As a creative artist with a distinctive practice and specialized expertise in art media of your choosing, you will be informed and prepared to negotiate the different forms of professional participation in the art world that can be built around artist residencies, sustained studio practice, and gallery work. You will also have a body of work that will ensure you can prepare a competitive portfolio for application to graduate school.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATE STUDIES
(<https://arts.psu.edu/degrees/mfa-art>)

Professional Resources

- College Art Association (<https://www.collegeart.org>)
- National Art Education Association (<https://www.arteducators.org>)
- National Council of Art Administrators (<https://www.ncaaart.org>)
- Pennsylvania Art Education Association (<https://sites.google.com/paea.org/paea/home>)