

# COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

# ART AND ART HISTORY



## ART HISTORY

In the art history program, you will benefit from the range of upper-level courses, including periods from the Renaissance to Late Modern. Through classroom lectures, discussions, assigned projects and papers, you will learn to interpret visual art using a variety of methodologies and contextual frameworks grounded in a critical understanding of the Western tradition and will acquire an awareness and appreciation of their cultural heritage.

### Career opportunities

- Art appraiser
- Art director
- Art gallery curator/owner
- Arts organization consultant
- Art historian
- Art librarian
- Art museum manager
- Art museum educator
- Art investor
- Art professor

### UNK advantages

- Smaller class sizes
- Low student-to-faculty ratio
- Academic advising
- Contact with local professionals
- Student art exhibitions
- Visiting artists

**Michelangelo took four years to paint the Sistine Chapel ceiling. He always credited himself as being a sculptor, not a painter, and was reluctant to take on the project. Pope Julius II literally had to harass him into painting the ceiling.**

The Walker Art Gallery on campus and the Museum of Nebraska Art in downtown Kearney are important local resources for art majors.

## Student profile

“My parents are both alumni of UNK and my sister attended UNK while I was in high school. I remember coming to visit her, staying in the dorms and thinking, ‘I can definitely see myself here.’ I did not even visit other schools because I knew UNK was for me, and not just because of the family legacy,” said Lauren Van Winkle, a student from Treynor, Iowa majoring in visual communications and design and minoring in art history.



LAUREN VAN WINKLE

“UNK is big enough to feel like you’re in college, but small enough that you get to know your classmates and faculty on a personal level, which makes the experience here that much better.”

Van Winkle says the art department is its own community. “You get to know almost everyone in your major, as well as in the other art majors. We thrive off the talent and constructive criticism from each other and that makes us successful both individually and as a group. Faculty members see the potential in students and do a great job of making sure we will leave here as professional designers, artists and people.”

## Did you know?

**Student-faculty relationships are a focal point of the UNK experience.**

The faculty are committed to mentoring and guiding undergraduates through their entire program.

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**FOUR YEAR CLASS SCHEDULE: BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

The schedule is a guideline for progress toward a degree. Consult with your academic adviser.

<p><b>Semester 1 (15 credits)</b></p> <p>ENG 102GS Academic Writing                  MATH General Studies course                  Portal course (your choice)                  Oral Communication GS                  Aesthetics distribution</p>	<p><b>Semester 2 (16 credits)</b></p> <p>Democracy in Perspective                  Natural Sciences distribution                  Social Sciences distribution                  Minor elective                  Elective</p>
<p><b>Semester 3 (15 credits)</b></p> <p>ART 221 Art History Survey I                  Humanities distribution                  Minor elective                  Minor elective                  Language requirement                  Elective</p>	<p><b>Semester 4 (15 credits)</b></p> <p>ART 222 Art History Survey II                  Humanities distribution                  Social Science distribution                  Language requirement                  Minor elective</p>
<p><b>Semester 5 (15 credits)</b></p> <p>Art History 300 level course                  Art History 300 level course                  Art History elective                  Minor elective                  Elective</p>	<p><b>Semester 6 (15 credits)</b></p> <p>Art History 300 level course                  Art History 300 level course                  Natural Science distribution                  Minor elective                  Minor elective</p>
<p><b>Semester 7 (15 credits)</b></p> <p>Art History 400 level course                  Art History 400 level course                  Art History elective                  Capstone 388 (your choice)                  Elective</p>	<p><b>Semester 8 (14 credits)</b></p> <p>Art History 400 level course                  Art History 400 level course                  Minor elective                  Elective                  Elective</p>

**Art organizations**

- DPI Graphics Studio
- Student Art Society
- Kappa Pi (honorary art society)
- Clayworks (ceramic club)
- Glass and Sculpture Club
- American Institution of Graphic Arts

**Art scholarships available**

- Incoming Freshman Scholarship
- Current Student Scholarship

**Tips for a successful career in art**

- Have a passion for art.
- Understand the business of art – how to get shows and sell work.
- Have a strong work ethic.
- Go above and beyond the minimum criteria with assignments.
- Be persistent – art success takes time.
- Practice. Do everything you can to improve the way you make art or design.
- Be curious, explore and experiment outside of your comfort zone.
- Network. Get to know other artists in the business world of art, such as gallery curators or museum coordinators.
- Make a website to promote yourself and give people access to your work.

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**STUDENT PROFILE – Elizabeth Plettner**

**Hometown:** Columbus, Neb.  
**Graduation:** spring 2015

**Major:** studio art  
**Minor:** sociology

“The art department provides opportunity to explore your talents and grow as a person,” Elizabeth Plettner said. “I enjoy the laid-back atmosphere, great professors and small classroom settings.” Plettner is majoring in studio art and has a minor in sociology. Since her arrival at UNK, Plettner has felt at home in the UNK Fine Arts Building, home to the art faculty offices and classrooms. “I knew I would be in the art department from the day I started school. I wouldn’t want to do anything else because this is my passion.” Plettner, from Columbus, Neb., chose UNK because she heard great things about the university and the community of Kearney.