

COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

ART AND ART HISTORY



ART K-12 TEACHING FIELD ENDORSEMENT IN EDUCATION Bachelor of Arts

You will be prepared to teach art to students in kindergarten through 12th grades after completing the art K-12 bachelor of arts in education degree requirements. The program includes completing a wide range of studio courses to develop creative ability, methodology courses for academic competence, and courses for understanding the philosophy and psychology of art education.

Courses include methods for teaching students with diverse needs and developing integrated curriculums. Field experiences in K-12 classroom settings are required for practical experience. The final semesters of the program include an exhibition of your artwork and a full semester of student teaching.

Career opportunities

- Art teacher, K-12
- Education & curriculum specialist
- Art organization consultant
- Daycare administrator/employee
- Art publications
- College, university professor

Advantages that UNK has to offer art students

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

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

Student profile

An art education career made sense to Kenzie Helmink from Fairbury, Neb. “I have wanted to be a teacher ever since I was in grade school and always leaned toward the creative side of life. I am a visual person and art is the best way for me to translate visual thoughts onto paper.”

Helmink says the art department is a small community where everyone helps each other. “We push each other to be the best we can be. The professors in the department are the best around. Not only do they help students learn new techniques and teach art fundamentals, but they truly care about all of their students.”

The art education major chose UNK for several reasons. “First, UNK is known for its teachers. Several of my elementary, junior high and high school teachers were UNK graduates and people I looked up to. Perhaps most importantly, every single person I know who has graduated from UNK loves the school and is truly proud to be a Loper.”



KENZIE HELMINK

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FOUR YEAR CLASS SCHEDULE: BACHELOR OF ARTS

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

<p>Semester 1 (15 credits)</p> <p>ENG 102GS Academic Writing SPCH 100 Fundamentals of Speech Portal Course 188 (your choice) PE 150 Healthy, Wealthy and Wise TE 100GS</p>	<p>Semester 2 (15 credits)</p> <p>ART 102 Drawing I ART 118 Color and Design MATH General Studies course PSCI 110 Intro to American Politics Humanities distribution</p>
<p>Semester 3 (16 credits)</p> <p>ART 221 Art History Survey I ART 230 Ceramics I ART 235A Printmaking I Social Sciences distribution TE 204 Growth and Development</p>	<p>Semester 4 (16 credits)</p> <p>ART ART 202 Drawing II ART 216 Water Based Media ART 246 Sculpture I TE 206 Instructional Technology Natural Science distribution</p>
<p>Semester 5 (15 credits)</p> <p>ART 222 Art History Survey II ART field elective ART History elective ART 305 Computers and Design Studio emphasis elective</p>	<p>Semester 6 (16 credits)</p> <p>ART 362 Art Methods for Elementary ART 365 Field Experience PK-6 TE 319 Management and Assessment TE sequence course Studio emphasis elective Humanities distribution Aesthetics distribution</p>
<p>Semester 7 (15 credits)</p> <p>TE 320 Field Experience ART 370 Art Methods ART 371 Field Experience 7-12 ART 425 Critical Perspectives ART 498 Senior Project Capstone 388 (your choice) Natural Science distribution</p>	<p>Semester 8 (12 credits)</p> <p>TE 400 Student Teaching</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

Megan Cherry May 2017



“I chose UNK because they had one of the best art programs. Not many other schools I looked at had a very strong art department,” Megan Cherry said. “I like to be the best at what I do so why not go to a school that has the top department in my field.”

Cherry is majoring in K-12 art education and minoring in 7-12 English education. “Both department professors are always willing to help with a project or assignment. They will push you, but it’s totally worth it in the end.”

Cherry’s high school art teacher at Kearney High inspired her to be a teacher. “She told me that I would make a great teacher. I love art and I love English. I’d rather do something I love for 30-plus years than something I hate or is boring.”