

COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS AND HUMANITIES

ART AND ART HISTORY**STUDIO ART COMPREHENSIVE**

Emphasis areas include drawing, ceramics, painting, glass, photography, printmaking or sculpture

The department of art has an exceptional student-to-faculty ratio where instructors work closely with guiding and challenging you to excel in your artistic and scholarly pursuits. Through the courses offered, your creativity will be developed and the knowledge of art processes expanded. In core foundation courses you will practice critical thinking skills and explore self-expression.

As an art student, you will acquire skills and develop a unique and individual approach to your work. Faculty strive to empower you with lives rich in artistic expression and professional achievement. As a studio major, you are expected to demonstrate a high level of ability in basic art courses and excel in your area of specialization.

Studio art career opportunities

- Sculptor
- Ceramist
- Cartoonist
- Painter
- Tattoo artist
- Mural artist
- Makeup artist
- Caricature artist
- Calligrapher
- Glass blower
- Commercial artist
- Photographer
- Jewelry designer
- Exhibition designer
- Set designer

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

Student profile

“Art has always been a passion for me. There’s nothing else I’d want to do with my life than pursue a career in art,” said Megan Schroll from Ravenna, Neb. “The art department was appealing in itself, as well as the rest of campus, and the fact that UNK wasn’t far away from home made the transition from high school to college easy.”



MEGAN SCHROLL

Schroll, a studio art comprehensive major, likes the attention from faculty. “I love how small the classes are. You get a lot of one-on-one time with skilled professors and also make quite a few friends.”

In basic art courses to classes in areas of specialization, Schroll says, “I also get to utilize a lot of great tools and equipment.”

Schroll is happy she chose UNK. “There are a lot of great scholarship opportunities which has made UNK affordable.” Schroll’s expected graduation date is in May 2015.

Advantages for art majors in the UNK art department

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

Studio Art Comprehensive with emphasis

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>ART 102 Drawing I ART 118 Color and Design ENG 102GS Academic Writing MATH General Studies course Portal course (your choice)</p>	<p>Semester 2 (15 credits)</p> <p>ART 202 Drawing II ART 214 Painting I ART 230 Ceramics I Oral Communication GS Democracy in Perspective</p>
<p>Semester 3 (15 credits)</p> <p>ART 221 Art History Survey I ART 246 Sculpture I Aesthetics distribution Humanities distribution Emphasis course</p>	<p>Semester 4 (16 credits)</p> <p>ART 222 Art History Survey II ART 252 Life Drawing Social Sciences distribution Natural Sciences distribution Emphasis course</p>
<p>Semester 5 (15 credits)</p> <p>Art History elective Emphasis elective Humanities distribution Social Sciences distribution Emphasis course</p>	<p>Semester 6 (15 credits)</p> <p>Art History elective Natural Sciences distribution Emphasis course Emphasis course Emphasis course</p>
<p>Semester 7 (15 credits)</p> <p>Capstone 388 (your choice) Elective Emphasis course Emphasis course Emphasis course</p>	<p>Semester 8 (14 credits)</p> <p>ART 425 Critical Perspectives ART 499 Senior Project Elective Emphasis course Emphasis course</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

Hannah Backer
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“I fell in love with UNK the first time I took a tour my senior year of high school. It was the perfect size, not too big but not too small,” said Hannah Backer of Randolph, Neb. “In high school I was always involved in music, theater, dance team and art. I originally came here to study music but then found out how much I truly missed doing and creating new projects.”

Backer is a studio art major with an emphasis in photography and minors in music and visual communication and design. “When the photography program opened up, I jumped on board. I found my passion and what I wanted to do for the rest of my life.” The art department atmosphere is Backer’s favorite. “I realized the professors are there to push us for our own good and to make us better in that field. My art classes consist of small groups of people that I enjoy sharing the same passion with and who try as hard as I do to better myself.”