



FINE & PERFORMING ARTS

SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY

STUDIO ART

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How large is the department?

SLU has 5 full-time and 5 part-time art faculty members as well as a full-time studio art technician. There are approximately 45 studio art majors and 30 studio art and visual communication minors.

What kinds of classes do you offer and can I be part of them even if I am NOT a major?

We offer foundation courses in drawing, two and three dimensional design, and color theory. You can also take the 200 – level beginning courses in painting, printmaking, computer art, photography, ceramic sculpture, and graphic design. In addition we offer beginning courses in fibers and metalsmithing at nearby Craft Alliance Grand Center. All students may take these lower-division 200-level courses. Most of them fulfill the Fine Arts core requirement.

Do you offer courses in graphic design?

We offer courses in graphic design and you can have an emphasis in this area as a studio art major. Some students choose to take an interdisciplinary minor in Visual Communication and take graphic design classes.

Do you have art scholarships?

Yes—for Studio Art Majors only. As of Fall 2012, students submit a portfolio to become a studio art major. The Studio Art Program offers scholarships to students demonstrating exceptional skill in art. Scholarship awards apply toward tuition costs of the student. Scholarships are awarded on an annual basis, so students must reapply each year. Students must also maintain a grade of "B" in all Studio Art coursework.

Do your students have opportunities to exhibit their artworks?

Yes, students can submit their work to the 200 Show, an exhibit showcasing 200-level courses. All students may submit to the culminating year-end Annual Student Exhibition. Both exhibitions are juried. These exhibitions take place in the McNamee Gallery, which is the lower level of the centrally located Cupples House. Students are also encouraged to submit their work to local, regional, and national exhibitions.

Why should I choose Saint Louis University's B.A. program?

At SLU you will receive a solid core curriculum. We are firm believers in the liberal arts approach to higher education. We encourage students to receive a full education, which includes philosophy, science, literature, and history. A B.A. allows for creation of well-rounded, well-educated artists and designers.

Are there classes that prepare you for the process of being an art student and life after graduation?

There is a seminar class at the foundations level that helps orient majors into making the most of their time as student artists at the university. There is also a senior seminar class, which helps as a bridge between school and life after graduation.

Is your program accredited by NASAD?

Yes, the Studio Art program is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD). We provide our students with a learning experience that fosters art-making in the context of the liberal arts. Through accreditation SLU has been evaluated and reviewed and has met the standards to gain institutional membership.

How many credit hours do you need a Studio Art major/minor?

36 hours for the Studio Art major; 21 hours for the Studio Art minor; 18 hours for the interdisciplinary Visual Communication minor.

May a student have a double major or minor?

Yes. The study of art partners well with many other areas of study. We have had double majors in a variety of fields including business, philosophy, English, and nursing.

Are there internship opportunities?

An internship is a valuable experience for expanding knowledge about a specific field as well as a way to develop important professional skills. A quality internship provides relevant experience and can sometimes lead to full-time employment with the same employer. SLU students have completed Internships at: Art Saint Louis, Regional Arts Commission, Contemporary Art Museum, Chesterfield Art Center, and St. Louis art galleries.

Is Saint Louis a good city for art?

Saint Louis is a great city for art and SLU is located in the heart of Grand Center, known as St. Louis' most active arts district. There are many galleries and notable museums at SLU and in the surrounding area including MOCRA, SLUMA, CAM, Pulitzer, Luminary, and White Flag. With a quick metro ride you can get to the Saint Louis Art Museum, in Forest Park, a first-rate comprehensive art museum. Laumeier Sculpture Park, is in St. Louis County.

Is it possible to be involved with other extracurricular activities?

Students can take part in weekly, student-organized figure drawing sessions.

What are your graduates doing now?

Some students work in arts institutions and have art related careers. Graduates have gone on to graduate school and have become art teachers, designers, and arts professionals. Other students have gone on to seek degrees in medicine and dentistry. Students directly or indirectly utilize their B. A. in studio art.

What do you do with an Art major?

Art majors might continue working in the medium that they were trained in at SLU. Some people become art entrepreneurs and sell their work on-line and other venues. Designers seek employment in design firms or create their own self-employment opportunities. Some art students end up applying their creative skills to other fields.