

FINE AND APPLIED ARTS, BA

Overview

for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Fine and Applied Arts

The Bachelor of Arts in Fine and Applied Arts provides students with a well-rounded transdisciplinary education in fields associated with performing, environmental, and fine arts. Students take coursework in a selection of online offerings from urban and regional planning, architecture, landscape architecture, dance, music, theatre, and art and design. The remaining coursework, after completing general education courses, is comprised of free electives, to allow for maximum flexibility for students. The program is offered online, and students take online coursework to complete degree requirements.

The program is open to off-campus transfer students or students applying for re-entry to the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. It is not available for first-year admission or on-campus intercollegiate transfer (ICT).

Students must have 12 or more college-level, transferable semester hours. AP credits or proficiency credits do not count toward this requirement. By having completed at least one semester's worth of credit hours at a college level, students have demonstrated the ability to handle post-secondary coursework. Meeting minimum requirements does not guarantee admission.

Re-entry students should complete the Drop Status Petition/Petition to Re-enter (<https://faa.illinois.edu/student-resources/current-students/academic-affairs-office/student-forms/>) through the FAA Undergraduate Affairs Office. Students previously enrolled at Illinois must have been away for one or more semesters in order to apply for this program. Students may apply for re-entry to the BA in FAA regardless of the college or major in which they were previously enrolled.

Off-campus transfer students who have never previously attended the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign should apply through the Office of Undergraduate Admissions (<https://www.admissions.illinois.edu/apply/transfer/process/>).

Degree Requirements

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Graduation Requirements

Minimum hours required for graduation: 120 hours.

University Requirements

Minimum of 40 hours of upper-division coursework, generally at the 300- or 400-level. These hours can be drawn from all elements of the degree. Students should consult their academic advisor for additional guidance in fulfilling this requirement.

The university and residency requirements can be found in the Student Code (<https://studentcode.illinois.edu/article3/part8/3-801/>) (§ 3-801) and in the Academic Catalog (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/general-information/degree-general-education-requirements/>).

General Education Requirements

Follows the campus General Education (Gen Ed) requirements (<https://courses.illinois.edu/gened/DEFAULT/DEFAULT/>). Some Gen Ed requirements may be met by courses required and/or electives in the program.

Code	Title	Hours
	Composition I	4-6
	Advanced Composition	3
	Humanities & the Arts (6 hours)	6
	Natural Sciences & Technology (6 hours)	6
	Social & Behavioral Sciences (6 hours)	6
	Cultural Studies: Non-Western Cultures (1 course)	3
	Cultural Studies: US Minority Cultures (1 course)	3
	Cultural Studies: Western/Comparative Cultures (1 course)	3
	Quantitative Reasoning (2 courses, at least one course must be Quantitative Reasoning I)	6-10
	Language Requirement (Completion of the third semester or equivalent of a language other than English is required)	0-15

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
FAA 301	Interdisciplinary Arts at Illinois	3
FAA 310	FAA Professional Development	2
FAA 401	Imagining Futures through the Arts	3
	Upper-level (300-499) courses offered in the College of Fine and Applied Arts (ARCH, ART, ARTD, ARTE, ARTH, ARTJ, ARTS, DANC, FAA, LA, MUS, MUSC, THEA, UP), not otherwise counted in Major Requirements	9
	see sample course options below	
	Additional courses, at any level, offered in the College of Fine and Applied Arts (ARCH, ART, ARTD, ARTE, ARTH, ARTJ, ARTS, DANC, FAA, LA, MUS, MUSC, THEA, UP), not otherwise counted in Major Requirements	12
	see sample course options below	
Total Hours		29

Sample Online Course Options

(not an exhaustive list, students should work with their advisor to select online courses in FAA)

Code	Title	Hours
Performing Arts online course options		
THEA 101	Introduction to Theatre Arts	3
THEA 110	Broadway Musicals	3
DANC 100	Intro to Contemporary Dance	3
DANC 200	Explore Music through Dance	3
DANC 340	Dancing Black Popular Culture	3
MUS 130	Music Then and Now	3
MUS 132	Popular Music Studies	3
MUS 133	Introduction to World Music	3
MUS 446	Songwriting	2
MUS 459	Professional Internship	0 to 12
Fine Arts online course options		
ART 100	Understanding Visual Culture	3

ART 140	Introduction to Art	3
ART 499	Special Topics in Art	1 to 4
ARTJ 209	Chado (The Way of Tea)	3
ARTJ 299	Seminar in Japanese Aesthetics	1 to 3
ARTJ 302	Intro to Japanese Animation	3
ARTJ 397	Zen, Tea, and Power	3
ARTJ 398	Designing Everyday Life in Modern Japan	3
ARTS 220	Introduction to Fashion	3
ARTS 399	Internship in Studio Arts	0 to 4
ARTD 217	Graphic Design for Non-Majors	3
ARTD 399	Internship in Design	0 to 4

Interdisciplinary Arts online course options

FAA 180	Elements of Hip Hop	3
FAA 201	Black Arts Today	3
FAA 399	Special Topics	3
FAA 493	MAL Practical Engagement Opportunity	1
FAA 494	Writing with Performance: Politics of Love	3
FAA 496	Experiments in Queer of Color Performance	3
FAA 497	Crip* Research Internship	0 to 4
FAA 498	Crip* Advanced Study	1 to 4
FAA 499	Special Topics	0 to 4

Environmental Arts online course options

ARCH 211	Transformations in African Centered Architecture	3
LA 222	Islamic Gardens & Architecture	3
LA 314		
LA 387	Undergraduate Seminar	1 to 6
LA 480	Sustainable Design Principles	2
UP 136	Urban Sustainability	3
UP 160	Race, Social Justice, and Cities	3
UP 390	Planning Internship	0 or 3
UP 423	Community Development in the Global South	4
UP 494	Special Topics in Planning	1 to 6

Summary of Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in Fine and Applied Arts

Code	Title	Hours
General Education		
Major Requirements		29
Free Electives		
Total Hours		120

A minimum of 40 credits at the 300- or 400-level must be completed for this degree

At least 45 semester hours of University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign credit

At least 21 hours must be 300 or 400 level courses of University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign credit

Sample Sequence

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This sample sequence is intended to be used only as a guide for degree completion. All students should work individually with their academic advisors to decide the actual course selection and sequence that works best for them based on their academic preparation and goals. Enrichment programming such as study abroad, minors, internships, and so on may impact the structure of this four-year plan. Course availability is not guaranteed during the semester indicated in the sample sequence.

Students in this program will have an individualized path to a degree. They will meet one-on-one with an academic advisor to devise an appropriate plan to graduation, which will likely look different than the one below.

Students must fulfill their Language Other Than English requirement by successfully completing a third level of a language other than English. For more information, see the corresponding section on the Degree and General Education Requirements page (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/general-information/degree-general-education-requirements/>).

First Year**First Semester**

Requirements	Hours
FAA 301 - Interdisciplinary Arts at Illinois	3
Composition I or Language Other Than English (3rd level)	4
General Education course	3
General Education course	3
General Education course	3
Semester Hours	16

Second Semester

Requirements	Hours
FAA course, any level	3
Composition I or Language Other Than English (3rd level)	4
General Education course	3
General Education course	3
General Education course	3
Semester Hours	16

Second Year**First Semester**

Requirements	Hours
FAA course, any level	3
FAA course, any level	3
General Education course	3
General Education course	3
Free Elective course	3
Semester Hours	15

Second Semester

Requirements	Hours
FAA course, any level	3
FAA 310 - FAA Professional Development	2
Free Elective course	3
General Education course	3

General Education course	3
Semester Hours	14

Third Year

First Semester

Requirements	Hours
FAA course, upper-level	3
General Education course	3
Free Elective courses	9
Semester Hours	15

Second Semester

Requirements	Hours
FAA course, upper-level	3
General Education course	3
Free Elective courses	9
Semester Hours	15

Fourth Year

First Semester

Requirements	Hours
FAA 401 - Imagining Futures through the Arts	3
Free Elective courses	11
Semester Hours	14

Second Semester

Requirements	Hours
FAA course, upper-level	3
Free Elective courses	12
Semester Hours	15

Total Hours

Total hours for all requirements: 120

Learning Outcomes

for the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Fine and Applied Arts

Students in the BA in Fine and Applied Arts will be able to:

1. Design an educational journey that reflects their personal interests and long-term goals.
2. Combine knowledge from various disciplines, past learning, and professional experience to support career readiness.
3. Develop an ethical and culturally aware integration of their learning, linking it meaningfully to future career aspirations.

Contact Information

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FAA Office of Undergraduate Academic Affairs

FAA Undergraduate Affairs website (<https://faa.illinois.edu/student-resources/current-students/academic-affairs-office/>)

faa-uaa@illinois.edu

Course Registration Information (<https://faa.illinois.edu/student-resources/current-students/academic-affairs-office/course-registration/>)
 FAA Career Services (<https://faa.illinois.edu/student-resources/career-services/>)

FAA Student Resource Guide (<https://faa.illinois.edu/student-resources/current-students/student-resource-guide/>)

College of Fine & Applied Arts

FAA College Website (<https://faa.illinois.edu/>)

Admissions

Overview of the College of Fine & Applied Arts Admissions & Requirements (<https://faa.illinois.edu/student-resources/future-students/>)

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Undergrad Admissions (<https://www.admissions.illinois.edu/>)
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