



Department of Art BFA Application

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Instructions

In order to be considered for this BFA review, applicants must complete all of the following steps:

- 1) fill this form out completely, 2) give or mail one copy of this form to the Department secretary **at least one week prior to the Portfolio deadline**, 3) attach a second copy of this form to the outside of the portfolio, 4) insert a Grad Report inside the portfolio (or an unofficial transcript for transfer students), 5) deliver the portfolio to the specified room by the specified time—**late work will not be accepted**. Please visit or contact the Department office for Application and Portfolio deadlines and room assignments.

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 Full Name Today's Date

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 Preferred e-Mail Address Rexburg Area Phone Number ID Number

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 Rexburg Area Street Address City, State, Zip

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 Home Address Home City, State, Zip

BYU-I Student Transfer Student School _____
 *Transfer Students—see the additional information on the back of this form. Current GPA

Please indicate your track: Fall / Winter Winter / Summer Summer / Fall

I am applying for the following area of emphasis:

Two-Dimensional Studies Three-Dimensional Studies Graphic Design Illustration Photography

In some limited cases, a student may have abilities in more than one discipline. If you are not accepted into your first choice (above) you may be considered in a second area of emphasis. You may indicate the additional area below. **Note: this requires a supporting signature from a faculty member in the second area.** _____
 Faculty Member's Signature

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Before the Review

Read the instructions on the back of this sheet for preparing the portfolio. Make sure that all required steps listed above are met and then deliver the portfolio and other materials to the specified room in advance of the scheduled closing time. Students are not allowed to remain in the review rooms.

After the Review

Portfolios should be picked up at the specified time to avoid having work lost or damaged. All applicants will be notified by mail within one week after the review date. Please do not contact individual instructors or the Department office about the results of the review.

Applicants who are not accepted into the BFA program should review the options on the back of this form. Students not accepted into the BFA program will automatically be transferred into the BS or BA degree programs in Art with an emphasis in Integrated Studio Art. This will allow them to continue their art studies into upper-division courses. Students may reapply for one additional review (see the back of this form). Please see the advisor for more information about the Integrated Studio Art emphasis. All accepted BFA students will be cleared to enroll in upper-division art courses.

Mailed Portfolios

If an applicant mails their portfolio, return postage must be included. Mail all portfolios and applications well in advance of the published deadline to the address at the top of this form. Please mark the outside of the box in large letters: **"BFA Portfolio"**. All questions should be directed to the phone number above.

BFA Application Guidelines

Introduction

A special application process is required for the Bachelor of Fine Art degree. The BFA is a professional studio degree that prepares a student to enter an art profession and / or to pursue graduate studies. This degree requires a portfolio review at the completion of the sophomore level.

BFA Portfolio Review Dates: February—Fall / Winter track students, July—Winter / Summer track students, and October—Summer / Fall track students
See the Department office or website, www.byui.edu/art/currentstudents/bfa.htm for actual dates.

Academic Requirements

To be eligible for BFA consideration, a student should have a minimum of 30–33 credits of GE completed and a minimum of 55 total credits earned. Depending on the emphasis area, there may also be additional art courses beyond the Art Core that should be completed at the time of the BFA review. Students should consult their faculty advisor. Applicants must have a 2.7 GPA in all studio art courses in order to be considered for admission into the BFA program. No grade lower than a C+ in a studio art course will be accepted.

Transfer Students

Students who have transferred from another institution and who wish to be reviewed as a BFA candidate should have completed a similar amount of their General Education and art studies as shown above. Transfer portfolios will be reviewed on the same dates shown above and should meet the Portfolio Review requirements listed below. Transfer students must also submit a letter of recommendation from a member of the art faculty of their previous institution. Please contact the Department office with any additional questions (208-496-2860).

BFA Portfolio Review

There are a limited number of spaces available for students into the BFA program at each review. Portfolios become the most important deciding factor for acceptance. All portfolios must be in the designated room before 5 pm—**late work will not be accepted**. Applicants should fill out this BFA Review Form completely and tape it to the outside of their portfolio. A current Grad Report is also required with the application and portfolio (students may print out their own Grad Reports from the BYU-Idaho website). Students are encouraged to limit the portfolio to **15–20 pieces**. Please include a sketchbook in the portfolio.

All applicants will be notified by e-mail within one week after the review date.

A faculty committee will review all applications, Grad Reports, and portfolios. It is important to note that this committee considers students grades, in-class performance, preparation, and participation. Portfolio work must be presented in specific ways depending on the emphasis area. Students should see their faculty advisor for specific information.

Options for Students Who Are Not Accepted Into the BFA Program

All applicants will receive a summary form from the review that gives the observations of the faculty review committee. Students are limited to two application opportunities for the BFA program in this Department. If a student is not accepted at their first review, they may consider the following options:

1. Reapply for an additional review on the next regular scheduled BFA Portfolio Review (see the published dates). In the mean time a student should work to improve their portfolio based on the recommendations from the faculty committee. A student may also consider retaking a course to improve their work.
2. A very good consideration is for a student to pursue another Art degree. The Bachelor of Art degree with an emphasis in Integrated Studio Art will allow them to take additional upper-division studio art courses, where they will add additional work to their portfolio. More importantly, this degree gives a student the opportunity to combine their studio art experience with a minor such as business, education, marketing, and many others. These added skills can make a student a valuable professional with multiple skill sets. Additionally, the Art Education degree prepares students to teach in the K–12 grade levels.
3. Transfer to another major at BYU-Idaho.
4. Transfer to another college or university.

Continuing Enrollment and Graduation from the BFA Program

A student may be removed from the BFA program if their grades fall below the minimum 2.7 GPA average for BFA studio art courses. No grade lower than a C+ in a studio art course will be accepted for graduation. A two year limit applies to the BFA program (junior- and senior-levels). Students exceeding that limit must apply for an extension at the conclusion of their second year (see Department office).

All BFA students must complete two semesters of Art 495—BFA Project during their senior year in preparation for the **BFA Exhibition**—see the faculty advisor at the beginning of the junior year for important details regarding this course and exhibition. Many BFA emphasis areas also require for graduation a sample portfolio, self-promotion booklet, or a set of slides for Departmental records—please see the faculty advisor for more information.

This Department reserves the right to retain student works of art from the BFA Exhibition for the BYU-Idaho Permanent Art Collection.