



NORTHWEST COLLEGE & MSUB
BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS DEGREE
MAJOR IN ART
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GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS – SEE ATTACHED PAGE FOR SPECIFIC COURSES

General Education Category	Course #	Credits	Grade	Semester	Equivalent
Category I: Global Academic Skills (9 credits) A. Mathematics (3 credits) B. English (3 credits) C. Communication & Information Literacy (3 credits)					MATH 1000
					ENGL 1010
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Category II: Natural Sciences (7 credits) 2 lectures (6 credits) & 1 lab (1 credit) (1 life science & 1 physical science & 1 lab)					BIOL course with lab
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Category III: Social Sciences and History (6 credits) A. Social Science (3 credits) B. History (3 credits)					PSYC 1000
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Category IV: Cultural Diversity (3 credits)					*
Category V: Arts & Humanities (6 credits) A. Fine Arts (3 credits) <i>ARTZ 105 – Recommended</i> B. Humanities (3 credits) <i>ARTH 150 – Recommended</i>					ART 1005
					ART 2010

A minimum grade of “C-” required in all General Education courses.

Note: A grade of “C” or higher is mandatory in all Art courses satisfying major and minor requirements.

* Take Northwest College courses that are equivalent to MSUB General Education course requirements OR fulfill MUS Core requirements OR earn an AS or AA degree from Northwest College.

Reviewed:

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

CATEGORY I: GLOBAL ACADEMIC SKILLS 9 credits

Students are required to take one course from each subcategory

Subcategory A - Mathematics 3 credits

M	105	Contemporary Mathematics	3
M	114	Extended Technical Mathematics	3
M	121	College Algebra	3
M	122	College Trigonometry	3
M	130	Mathematics for Elementary Teachers I	3
M	140	College Math for Healthcare	3
M	143	Finite Mathematics	4
M	161	Survey of Calculus	3
M	171	Calculus I	4
STAT	141	Introduction to Statistical Concepts	3
STAT	216	Introduction to Statistics	4

Subcategory B - English 3 credits

WRIT	101	College Writing I	3
WRIT	121	Introduction to Technical Writing	3
WRIT	122	Introduction to Business Writing	3

Subcategory C- Communication & Information Literacy 3 credits

BMIS	150	Cyber Security and Electronic Communication	3
COMX	111	Introduction to Public Speaking	3
COMX	115	Introduction to Interpersonal Communication	3
COMX	210	Communication in Small Groups	3
LSCI	125	Research in the Information Age	3

CATEGORY II: NATURAL SCIENCES 6 cr. lecture & 1 cr. lab

Students are required to take one course from each subcategory and at least one corresponding lab or Integrated Sciences

Subcategory A – Life Sciences 3-4 credits

BIOB	101	Discover Biology	3
BIOB	102	Discover Biology Lab	1
BIOB	121	Fundamentals of Biology for Allied Health	3
BIOB	123	Fund of Biology: The Nature of Nutrition	3
BIOB	160	Principles of Living Systems	3
BIOB	161	Principles of Living Systems Lab	1
SCIN	101	Integrated Sciences I	3
SCIN	102	Integrated Sciences I Lab	1

Subcategory B – Physical Sciences 3-4 credits

ASTR	110	Introduction to Astronomy	3
ASTR	111	Introduction to Astronomy Lab	1
CHMY	121	Introduction to General Chemistry	3
CHMY	122	Introduction to General Chemistry Lab	1
CHMY	141	College Chemistry I	3
CHMY	142	College Chemistry Laboratory I	1
GEO	101	Introduction to Physical Geology	3
GEO	102	Introduction to Physical Geology Laboratory	1
GPHY	262	Spatial Sciences Technology & Applications	3
GPHY	263	Spatial Sciences & Technology Lab	1
PHSX	103	Our Physical World	3
PHSX	104	Our Physical World Lab	1
PHSX	205	College Physics I	3
PHSX	206	College Physics I Lab	1
SCIN	103	Integrated Sciences II	3
SCIN	104	Integrated Sciences II	1

CATEGORY III: SOCIAL SCIENCES AND HISTORY 6 CREDITS

Students are required to take one course from each subcategory

Subcategory A – Social Sciences 3 credits

BGEN	105	Introduction to Business	3
COMX	106	Communicating in a Dynamic Workplace	3
ECNS	201	Principles of Microeconomics	3
ECNS	202	Principles of Macroeconomics	3
EDU	105	Education and Democracy	3
HTH	110	Personal Health and Wellness	3
PSCI	210	Introduction to American Government	3
PSCI	220	Introduction to Comparative Government	3
PSYX	100	Introduction to Psychology	3
SOCI	101	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOCI	201	Social Problems	3

Subcategory B - History 3 credits

HSTA	101	American History I	3
HSTA	102	American History II	3
HSTR	159	World History to 1500 CE	3
HSTR	160	Modern World History	3
PSCI	230	Introduction to International Relations	3

CATEGORY IV: CULTURAL DIVERSITY 3 credits

ANTY	220	Culture and Society	3
ARTH	160	Global Visual Culture	3
COMX	212	Intro to Intercultural Communication	3
GPHY	121	Human Geography	3
HTH	270	Global Health Issues	3
LIT	230	World Literature Survey	3
MUSI	207	World Music	3
NASX	105	Introduction to Native American Studies	3
NASX	205	Native Americans in Contemporary Society	3
REHA	201	Introduction to Diversity in Counseling	3
RLST	170	The Religious Quest	3
SPNS	150	The Hispanic Tradition	3
WGSS	274	Women, Culture, and Society	3

CATEGORY V: ARTS & HUMANITIES 6 credits

Students are required to take one course from each subcategory

Subcategory A – Fine Arts 3 credits

ARTZ	105	Visual Language-Drawing	3
ARTZ	106	Visual Language-2-D Foundations	3
ARTZ	108	Visual Language-3-D Foundations	3
ARTZ	131	Ceramics for Non-majors	3
CRWR	240	Intro Creative Writing Workshop	3
FILM	160	Introduction to World Cinema	3
LIT	270	Film & Literature	3
MUSI	101	Enjoyment of Music	3
MUSI	114	Band: MSUB Symphonic	1
MUSI	131	Jazz Ensemble I: MSUB	1
MUSI	147	Choral Ensemble: University Chorus	1
PHOT	154	Exploring Digital Photography	3
THTR	101	Introduction to Theatre	3

Subcategory B - Humanities 3 credits

ARTH	150	Introduction to Art History	3
HONR	111	Perspectives and Understanding	3
LIT	110	Introduction to Literature	3
LIT	213	Montana Literature	3
PHL	110	Introduction to Ethics	3
PHL	111	Philosophies of Life	3
PHL	254	People and Politics	3

Course		Credits	Grade	Semester	Equivalent
<i>A minimum grade of C or better is required in all major coursework</i>					
Required Art Courses					
*ARTH	150	Introduction to Art History	3		ART 2010
ARTH	252	Visual Theory and Criticism	3		
ARTH	321	Renaissance and Baroque Art	3		
ARTH	342	Modern Art	3		
ARTH	451	Contemporary Art	3		
ARTZ	104	Studio Safety	1		
*ARTZ	105	Visual Language-Drawing	3		ART 1005
*ARTZ	106	Visual Language- 2-D Foundations	3		ART 1110
*ARTZ	108	Visual Language- 3-D Foundations	3		ART 1120
ARTZ	211	Drawing I	4		ART 2050
ARTZ	221	Painting I	4		ART 2210
ARTZ	231	Ceramics I	4		ART 2410
ARTZ	251	Sculpture I	4		
ARTZ	258	New Media I	4		PHOT 2650
ARTZ	271	Printmaking I	4		ART 2090
ARTZ	284	Photography I – Techniques and Processes	4		PHOT 1540/1610
PHO	406	Gallery Professional Practices	3		
ARTZ	409	Advanced Professional Practices	1		
ARTZ	499	Senior Project/Capstone	1		

* May satisfy General Education requirements.

Restricted Art Electives Select one from the following:

ARTH	436	The History of Women in Art	3		
ARTH	439	American Indian Art	3		
ARTH	452	History of Time-Based Arts	3		
ARTH	455	Art and the Environment	3		
ARTH	494	Seminar	3		

Upper Division Studio Art

Twenty-four credits of upper division studio art courses (Ceramics, Drawing and Painting, New Media and Photography, or Sculpture) in consultation with an advisor.

Electives:

Admittance to Degree Candidacy:

All students must earn an Associate of Arts degree from Northwest College. All students must earn a minimum 3.0 grade in ART 2465 Art Portfolio in lieu of the BFA Portfolio and Transcript Review application. Electronic portfolio must be submitted to the Department of Art at MSU Billings for purposes of accreditation.

Minimum GPA: 2.5 cumulative; 3.0 art classes

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Categories	Credits	Earned	Remaining
General Education	31	_____	_____
Required Art Courses	**58	_____	_____
Restricted Art Electives	3	_____	_____
Upper Division Studio Art	24	_____	_____
Electives	V	_____	_____
Total	120	_____	_____

Note: ARTH 150, ARTZ 105, ARTZ 106, and ARTZ 108 double count in General Education and the major, so the elective credits may vary to total 120.

**It is the student's responsibility to know and meet the requirements for graduation.
A minimum of 36 credits must be upper division classes (300 and above).**

Certain courses in this program have prerequisites; others are offered only in alternate years. Students should check course descriptions for required prerequisites.