

## Art Department

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## 1. What are some common careers in Art and Design?

### Art

The Fine Arts encompass a host of disciplines which are centered on personal and cultural expression as well as creative production for various industries.

- Animator
- Photographer
- Film/video Maker
- Printmaker
- Painter
- Sculptor
- Fabricator
- Prop/Display Production
- Ceramic Artist
- Furniture Maker
- Jewelry Artist
- College Professor

### Design

The Design fields primarily serve the needs of business and industry. Almost all career areas in design are digital-based.

- Graphic Designer
- Web Designer
- Film/Video Maker
- Photographer
- Game Designer
- Animator
- Illustrator
- College Professor
- Industrial Designer
- Interior Designer
- Fashion Designer
- Landscape Designer

### Art History

- College Professor
- Researcher
- Writer
- Curator

### Art Education

- Primary
- Secondary

### Museum Studies

- Curator
- Preparator
- Museum Educator
- Conservator
- Restorer
- Director
- Administrator

### Art Therapy

- Clinical Therapist
- Institutional Counselor

## 2. Can I take art and design classes at Harper if I'm not an Art Major?

Yes. Art and design classes are available to any student who is interested. Students who are pursuing other degrees or students not pursuing degrees may take studio or lecture courses in the Art Department. A counselor can advise you on which art and design courses fulfill elective requirements if you are pursuing a degree.

The following courses do not have prerequisites nor do they assume that the student has any prior knowledge or experience in the subject field:

ART 105	IAI F2 900	Introduction to Visual Art	(Lecture)
ART 110	IAI ART 904	Drawing I	(Studio)
ART 114	IAI F2 908	Introduction to Film	(Lecture)
ART 121	IAI ART 907	Design I	(Studio)
ART 130	IAI F2 901	Ancient and Medieval Art	(Lecture)
ART 131	IAI F2 902	Gothic Through Romantic Art	(Lecture)
ART 132	IAI F2 902	Modern and Contemporary Art	(Lecture)
ART 133*	IAI F2 903N	Non-Western Art	(Lecture)
ART 151		Digital Photography Studio	(Studio)
ART 291		Ceramics Studio	(Studio)

\*This course satisfies the World Cultures and Diversity requirement

IAI (Illinois Articulation Initiative) codes identify courses that are articulated with all public universities in Illinois.

## 3. I've never taken an art or design class before. What should I expect?

*Art history* courses are lecture-based and require reading, writing and viewing art. These courses meet for three hours per week and are three credit hours.

*Art studio* courses provide an environment for hands-on investigating of techniques and concepts through making. These courses meet for six hours per week but are three hours of credit.

## 4. If I want to major in art or design, what art courses do I need to take and in what order?

- AFA in Studio Art, Design Studio, and Art Education: Sample Plan
- AA in Studio Art, Design Studio, and Art Education: Sample Plan
- AA in Art History: Sample Plan

**5. If I want to teach art or design, what do I need to do?**

Depending on the level at which you want to teach, the degree requirements differ.

**K–12 (Kindergarten–high school)**

To teach at the K–12 levels, a Bachelor's Degree in Education with an Emphasis in Art, a Bachelor's Degree in Art Education, or a Bachelor's Degree in Art with a Certificate in Education is required. The institution you choose for transfer will require one of these options.

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- AA in Studio Art, Design Studio, and Art Education: Sample Plan

**College or university**

To teach at the college level there is no Education Degree requirement. However, a master's degree is required. Obtaining a master's degree in Fine Arts or Design will be more beneficial when seeking a position teaching in the studio art areas. A doctoral degree in Art History will most likely be required when seeking a position teaching Art History at a liberal arts college or university.

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- AA in Studio Art, Design Studio, and Art Education: Sample Plan
- AA in Art History: Sample Plan

**6. What do I need to know about transferring to a college, university, art school, or design school after completing coursework at Harper?**

Be aware that the number of credits accepted and the level you are placed at may vary widely among institutions. For studio majors, a portfolio of your work can play an important role in helping the transfer institution determine what your status should be.

In selecting a transfer institution, you will need to do some research. Some factors you should consider are location, cost, size and aspects of the particular program you wish to pursue, such as its philosophy or "school of thought" (formal, technical, conceptual, academic, research-based, art school, design school, etc.).

**7. What is a portfolio and do I need to have one?**

A portfolio is a representation of your commitment as a Studio Major. It should include your most current and highest quality work. The portfolio may include work produced in or out of class while pursuing coursework at the college level. Art faculty are available to assist you in determining which work to include for your final portfolio and how it should be presented. This final preparation will probably take place during your last semester at Harper.

Portfolios may be required by the transfer institution to determine studio course transfer, advanced studio course placement and for scholarship consideration. High school students who have Advanced Placement drawing or design portfolios may submit them to the Art Department for review. If the portfolio has been scored 3 or above, the student will receive either 3 hours of elective credit or 3 hours of course-specific credit depending on the contents of the portfolio.

**8. How is the Art Department different than other art-related programs at Harper?**

The Art Department provides a foundation for Art and Design Majors seeking to transfer to a four-year institution, non-art majors seeking to fulfill art or design elective credit, or students seeking personal enrichment.

Harper also offers other art-related programs outside of the Art Department. Career Degree and Certificate Programs provide training in specific areas of industry for the student seeking more immediate employment in the workforce. In addition, the Continuing Education Program offers non-credit courses in art.

**9. If I would like to get more information about my interest in art or design where do I turn?**

Harper has many dedicated counselors on campus and Art Department faculty are always available to help. Simply call and set up an appointment to discuss any questions or concerns you may have.

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