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THE CAREER

Artists are those who:

- Act on their imagination
- Are creatively inspired from within
- Perform with exceptional insight and skill

Artists communicate feelings, emotions, ideas and thoughts through visual images. They use a wide variety of methods, styles and materials including clay, plaster, metals, oils, watercolors, acrylics, pastels, pencils, ink and computers. Artistic works may be realistic, naturalistic, stylized, abstract or even non-objective. They may depict objects, people, nature or events. Artists respond to these things, making work that engages viewers in many different ways.

PROFESSIONAL TRAITS

Those pursuing a career in this field should:

- Be ethical and socially responsible
- Have strong written/verbal communication skills
- Be able to think critically and creatively to solve problems and advance solutions
- Demonstrate proficiency in the basic materials, techniques and principles of art and design
- Understand major historic art works, styles they represent and their current significance to artists
- Discuss and analyze issues facing today's art world
- Select and prepare artwork for exhibition
- Document their artwork
- Prepare a comprehensive portfolio that demonstrates artistic competence

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Artists can be found in a variety of occupations:

- ✓ Teacher/professor
- ✓ Professional artist
- ✓ Art agent, consultant or historian
- ✓ Art director
- ✓ Conservator
- ✓ Public relations specialist (museum or art gallery)
- ✓ Archivist registrar (museum) or curatorial assistant
- ✓ Art therapist
- ✓ Writer/critic
- ✓ Art transporter, handler or supply salesperson
- ✓ Framer
- ✓ Medical illustrator
- ✓ Photographer or print maker
- ✓ Multimedia artist or graphic designer
- ✓ Animator or illustrator
- ✓ Exhibit designer

TRANSFER OPTIONS

Many of the credits, particularly the general education electives earned with this degree, are accepted as transfer credits by four-year colleges and/or universities. Please note that transferring credit is decided by the bachelor degree-granting institution.

Students seeking to transfer should communicate often with their faculty advisors and the East Central College transfer advisor. They should also make early contact with the four-year institution of their choice regarding the transferability of ECC credits and coursework.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

East Central College requires each transfer student complete a 42 hour general education block. General education at ECC is organized around the institution's common learning objectives and coursework. A student is required to demonstrate skills in each of the following three areas:

- **Communicating:** Improve written and oral communication skills; adapt and apply communication to academic and professional purposes, audiences and contexts; demonstrate the use of technology to analyze and communicate information; and use active listening and reading skills.
- **Creative/Critical Thinking:** Improve the application of relevant knowledge and theory to new ideas, positions or solutions; assess and analyze concepts and data; formulate meaningful questions; and interpret and evaluate evidence and arguments.
- **Ethics and Social Responsibility:** Develop cross cultural awareness and an understanding of global interconnectedness; apply multiple worldviews, analyze ethical choices and consequences; and understand the core values and accountability of citizenship in a democratic society.

THE PROGRAM

This degree plan, specifically articulated through the University of Missouri-St. Louis, is designed for those wishing to pursue a Bachelor of Fine Arts. Assuming appropriate placement scores, it is a two-year degree consisting of the 42-credit hour general education core, with flexibility to customize it toward the student's chosen career.

The AFA degree allows students to complete a series of fine arts foundations courses (drawing, design, art history and in-depth studio experience) and develop in a variety of media. The program culminates with the student-compiled art portfolio. While it is often pursued by future baccalaureate candidates, the program also lays the groundwork for lifelong artistic growth and builds a solid skill set for those who seek employment with the AFA.

Students in the East Central College Art Department have the opportunity to take part in Art Gallery exhibitions, visiting artist workshops, and Art Club activities. The club brings art and related projects to the campus and college service area, and provides community service.

Students may also travel abroad with the Art Club for enrichment purposes. Students are also encouraged to take part in the programming provided by the other departments within the ECC Fine and Performing Arts division. These include the Speaker and Film series, theatre productions and ECC music performances.

ECC also offers an Associate of Arts in Studio Art.

ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Students must have completed:

- ✓ High school diploma or the equivalent (documentation must be sent to the registration office)
- ✓ Application for admission
- ✓ A placement test as specified by the college (some coursework requires minimum placement results)

PROGRAM OF STUDY

AFA Program: 68-70 credit hours

This program of study is for a full-time student; part-time study is also available. Please contact an academic advisor for full course options. All academic schedules are subject to change. For the most current schedule visit www.eastcentral.edu.

YEAR 1

FALL SEMESTER

COURSE	HOURS
FS 1000 Campus Orientation/ FS 1001 Foundation Seminar	1
EN 1223 English Comp I or EN 1233 Honors English Comp I	3
AR 1023 Design I: Two-Dimensional Design	3
AR 1303 Drawing I	3
AR 1703 Art History I	3
AR 1503 Figure Drawing I	3
Total Hours	16

SPRING SEMESTER

COURSE	HOURS
AR 1900 First Year/ Mid Program Portfolio Review	0
AR 1713 Art History II	3
AR 1133 Design II: Color Theory	3
AR 1313 Drawing II	3
AR 1513 Figure Drawing II	3
EN 1333 English Comp II or COM 1003 Oral Communications	3
MT 1343 Math for Art and Design or MT 1403 College Algebra	3
Total Hours	18

YEAR 2

FALL SEMESTER

COURSE	HOURS
AR 1323 Drawing III	3
AR 2423 Design III: Three-Dimensional Design	3
DES 1023 Digital Imaging-Photoshop or DES 1123 Digital Illustration I-Illustrator	3
Studio Elective	3
SC 1000 Laboratory Safety for Students	0
Biological or Physical Science Requirement	3-5
Total Hours	15-17

SPRING SEMESTER

COURSE	HOURS
HI 1000 Constitutions Study Module PS 1000 History or Political Science Requirement	0
AR 1333 Advanced Drawing	3
AR 2433 Design IV-Advanced Problems	3
AR 1122 Gallery Applications	3
Studio Elective (any course in AR, MMD, GD, or DES)	3
Ethics and Social Responsibility Elective	3
Total Hours	18