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THE CAREER

Artists are those who:

1. Act on their imagination
2. Are creatively inspired from within
3. 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
- Be able to communicate effectively in a written and verbal manner
- Be able to think critically and creatively to solve problems and advance solutions
- Show proficiency in the basic materials, techniques and principles of art and design
- Understand major historic art works, the styles they represent and their significance for artists today
- Discuss and analyze major issues facing today's art world
- Select and prepare artworks for exhibition
- Document their artwork
- Prepare a comprehensive portfolio that shows competence in all areas of art foundations

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Artists can be found in a variety of occupations:

- ✓ Teacher/Professor
- ✓ Professional Artist
- ✓ Art Agent, Consultant or Historian
- ✓ Entrepreneur
- ✓ Conservator
- ✓ Curatorial Assistant
- ✓ Public Relations Specialist (museum or art gallery)
- ✓ Archivist registrar (museum)
- ✓ Art Therapist
- ✓ Writer/Critic
- ✓ Art transporter, handler or supply salesperson
- ✓ Framer
- ✓ Medical Illustrator

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)

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

The curriculum is intended for students planning to transfer to a four-year institution that offers programs in art education, art history or 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 ECC studio art degree plan emphasizes the humanities, art history and visual art fundamentals. Working closely with their faculty advisor, students may choose from a broad list of art-related electives, keeping in mind the specific requirements of transfer institutions in their area of specialization.

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 college music performances.

ECC also offers an Associate of Fine Arts degree.

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 universities. Transferring credit is decided solely 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.

PROGRAM OF STUDY

AA program (63 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 1303 Drawing I	3
AR 1023 Design I: Two-Dimensional Design	3
AR 1703 Art History I	3
Communication Elective	3
Total Hours	16

SPRING SEMESTER

COURSE	HOURS
AR 1900 First Year/ Mid-Program Review	0
EN 1333/ EN 1343 English Comp II or Honors English Comp II	3
AR 1713 Art History II	3
AR 1133 Design II: Color Theory	3
MT 1403 College Algebra	3
Communication Elective	3
Total Hours	15

YEAR 2

FALL SEMESTER

COURSE	HOURS
AR 2423 Design III: Three-Dimensional Design	3
COM 1003 Oral Communications or COM 1103 Public Speaking	3
SC 1000 Laboratory Safety for Students	0
Life or Physical Science Lecture/Lab	5
Ethics and Valuing Elective	3
Global and Cross-Cultural Elective	3
Total Hours	17

SPRING SEMESTER

COURSE	HOURS
HI 1000 Constitutions Study Module PS 1000	0
History or Political Science Requirement	3
Life or Physical Science Lecture Only (must be opposite of previous science req.)	3
Ethics and Social Responsibility Elective	3
Program Elective (any course in AR, MMD, GD, or DES)	3
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Total Hours	15