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Department of Art

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Majors Offered: Art, B.A. Fine Arts, B.S.F.A.

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VALPO ART MAJORS not only explore their appreciation of art, but also have the opportunity to develop their talent and creativity in a broad range of studio classes. Whether interested in Art History, Art Education, Painting, Sculpture, Graphic Design, or Photography, you gain expertise in the world of Fine Arts.

What Is Distinctive About Valpo's Program?

Valparaiso University Center for the Arts (VUCA): The VUCA is home to a graphic design computer laboratory, digital photo, digital video, classrooms, art and ceramic studios, and both color and black-and-white photo labs.

Brauer Museum of Art: Exhibits are held at the Valparaiso University Brauer Museum of Art, located inside the VUCA. Educational opportunities are available at the Museum for students interested in careers such as museum studies or arts management.

What Can I Do With This Major?

Degree, Skills, or Experience Needed for Beginning A Job In This Field: The Bachelor's Degree coupled with artistic talent and creative ability is usually sufficient to enter this field. A portfolio of work samples is an asset. Most graduates enter this field on a trainee level and work their way up as their talents become evident. The Bachelor of Science in Fine Arts degree offers the student more courses in preparation for a professional career.

Kinds of work available to Graduates in This Major: Graphic designer, web designer, illustrator, photographer, photo editor, library research, media specialist, set designer, display artist, art educator, gallery and museum work, arts and crafts sales, media resource work.

Potential Hiring Institutions: Advertising agencies, graphic arts firms, In-house desktop publishing, print shops, design studios, photography studios, museums and galleries, newspapers/magazines, TV/film companies, greeting card firms, government, schools, independent studio business (e.g., ceramics, sculpture), web design firms.

What Beyond-the-Classroom Opportunities Does Valpo Offer You in Art?

Extracurricular Groups: Students can enrich their art experience by visiting or working at the Brauer Museum of Art, Valparaiso University's own on-campus art museum, working on the newspaper staff, yearbook, or several other campus related groups.

Off-Campus Opportunities: Internships: Students are encouraged to gain internship experience and are assisted in internship placement. One possibility is through the Associated College of the Midwest Chicago Semester in the Arts in which students live in Chicago and work in internships with studio artists. International internships are also available in such art centers as Paris.

Chicago Arts Program: The [Chicago Arts Program](#) is a 15-week semester of immersion in the Chicago artworld. The Program is designed for college students with a strong interest in the language, visual, performing, media and commercial arts, as well as arts education and community outreach.

Students live and study in Chicago, and work at a part-time [internship](#). Participants attend events in a variety of artistic media, meet and interview guest artists and arts professionals, and write about and discuss practical and theoretical issues. [Click here for more information.](#)