

START WELL

STAY ON COURSE

FINISH STRONG

WHAT'S NEXT?



Learn

- Go over BFA schedule with your major advisor; see the [sample schedule](#).
- Ask for help early and often
- Take WU 101 and your sleep schedule seriously;
- Take advantage of WU Tutoring
- Attend all of your classes
- Do not be afraid to ask for help from studio assistants and tutors
- Come to the open studio hours

- Meet your advisor, reflect on semester and choose classes/discuss career paths; check your degree progress with [DegreeWorks](#).
- Reflect on what is working well and what you would like to improve upon
- Beware of [procrastination](#)
- Consider adding a certificate or a minor
- Prepare in advance for the capstone project
- Ask advisor about BFA applications
- Learn more about other art mediums
- Keep up with assignments and studio practice

- Understand graduation requirements
- Take advantage of team-taught upper division courses and chances to research art outside of Art courses in disciplines such as Communication, Mass Media, Museum Study, etc.
- Volunteer to teach at community arts centers, the Kansas Children's Discovery Center, and other art venues

You can teach!

With these education courses and the rest of your degree's required course work, you'll be ready for state licensure exams and a teaching position.

If you know you want to teach, connect with us early and meet regularly with your advisor. Prior to beginning content blocks, you'll need to be admitted to the Professional Education Program. Your advisor will assist you in planning a schedule that ensures you have the coursework you need for admission.

If you want to be a secondary education teacher, you'll have a content-area advisor and support from the Education Department



Experience

- Attend the Art Department kick-off pizza party in August
- Get involved in the Washburn Art Club and participate in events like Throwing Night or the Student Holiday Art Sale
- Join the Art Department's bus trip to regional museums and artist studios
- Attend a Mulvane Art Museum event

- Attend guest lectures at the Mulvane, Spencer, Nelson-Atkins or Beach Museums
- Submit work to the WU Art Student Exhibition at the Mulvane
- [Study Abroad](#) with a faculty-led program or an exchange program
- Get to know your peers in your major and minor courses
- Look into the [Washburn Transformational Experience](#) (WTE)

- Do an Independent Study class and complete a research project with faculty
- Submit work to the WU Art Student Exhibition at the Mulvane (Again!)
- Present a session at a professional conference, such as Kansas Art Education Association (KAEA), National Art Education Association (NAEA), or NCECA (Collaborate with other students)



Engage

- Enjoy visiting galleries and studios in Topeka during the [NOTO First Friday Art Walk](#) and the [Mulvane Art Museum's Art Fair](#)
- Join Washburn Art Club (WAC) or Future Art Educators (FAE)
- Volunteer for WAC and FAE events

- Become an officer for Washburn Art Club (WAC) or Future Art Educators (FAE)
- Serve as a member of the Student Advisory Board (SAB) to the Mulvane Art Museum
- Work in the Mulvane Art Lab
- Consider applying to the [WU Honors program](#) or the [Aleshire Center's programs in leadership and community engagement](#)
- Volunteer to support High School Art Day (HSAD)

- Lead a workshop for High School Art Day
- Lead WAC or FAE, be a mentor for other students
- Apply for WTE grants for Capstone Exhibition
- Develop a curatorial project and apply for the competitive [Irwin Blitt Fellowship](#)



Launch

- Discuss career goals with your advisor
- Visit the Career Engagement Office(CEO) for help with your resume or Internships
- Sign up for Handshake
- Research the job market
- Create social media present and build your portfolio

- Build your resume and portfolio
- Create LinkedIn/Indeed account
- Apply for internships
- Start connecting with employers through the Career & Internship Expo hosted by the Career Engagement Office
- Learn about graduate school options and requirements

- Undertake one or more teaching opportunities
- Polish your resume and portfolio
- Utilize the Career Engagement Office to search for jobs
- Apply for graduate school or job
- Develop the appropriate vita and application materials for your intended field, request references early

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