

Bachelor in Fine Arts, Major in Painting - Minor in Art History and the Studies of African Religion
HBI University
Course Duration: 3 years
Credit Hours: 135 (including minor)



Program Description

The Bachelor in Fine Arts, Major in Painting at HBI University offers students a comprehensive education in traditional and contemporary painting practices, focusing on creativity, technical skill development, and professional art practices. This program prepares students for careers in painting, art education, and art curation.

The Minor in Art History and the Studies of African Religion complements this degree by integrating the historical and cultural study of African art with an exploration of religious and spiritual expressions in African societies. Students will explore how African art traditions intersect with spiritual practices, rituals, and cultural heritage.

Admissions Requirements

- High school diploma or equivalent
- Minimum GPA of 2.5
- Personal statement outlining career goals and interest in painting and art history
- Two letters of recommendation
- Portfolio of artwork
- SAT/ACT scores (if applicable)

General Education Courses (30 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
GEN 101	English Composition I	3
GEN 102	English Composition II	3
GEN 103	College Algebra	3
GEN 104	Introduction to Philosophy	3
GEN 105	Introduction to World Religions	3
GEN 106	Public Speaking and Communication	3
GEN 107	Ethics and Critical Thinking	3
GEN 108	Research Methods	3
GEN 109	Leadership and Team Development	3
GEN 110	Cross-Cultural Communication	3

Core Fine Arts Painting Courses (45 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
FAP 201	Introduction to Fine Arts and Painting	3
FAP 202	Principles of Design and Composition	3
FAP 203	Color Theory and Application	3
FAP 204	Studio Painting Techniques	3
FAP 205	Art Materials and Methods	3
FAP 206	Contemporary Painting Practices	3
FAP 207	Portraiture and Figure Painting	3
FAP 208	Landscape and Still Life Painting	3
FAP 209	Art Criticism and Visual Culture	3
FAP 210	History of Western Art and Painting Styles	3
FAP 211	Advanced Painting Techniques	3
FAP 212	Mixed Media Painting and Experimental Techniques	3
FAP 213	Professional Practices for Artists	3
FAP 214	Art Exhibition and Curation	3
FAP 215	Capstone: Final Painting Project and Exhibition	3

Elective Courses (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
ELEC 301	Sculpture and 3D Art Forms	3
ELEC 302	Digital Art and New Media	3
ELEC 303	Art and Social Change	3
ELEC 304	Art as Spiritual Practice	3
ELEC 305	Art Therapy and Healing	3

Minor in Art History and the Studies of African Religion (15 Credit Hours)

Course Code	Course Name	Credit Hours
AHAR 401	Introduction to Art History	3
AHAR 402	African Art and Cultural Expression	3
AHAR 403	African Religious Practices and Iconography	3
AHAR 404	Art and Ritual in African Religion	3
AHAR 405	African Art in Global Contexts	3

Capstone Project (15 Credit Hours)

The capstone project in Fine Arts Painting allows students to create and exhibit their final artwork while integrating knowledge from both their painting techniques and art history studies. Students will:

- Complete a final series of paintings in a chosen style or theme.
- Curate an art exhibition showcasing their work and explaining the cultural and historical influences of their art.
- Research and present the connections between African art, religious practices, and contemporary painting.
- Present their project through a public exhibition and written report.

Program Outcomes

Graduates of this program will:

- Master various painting techniques and studio practices.
- Integrate African art history and spiritual traditions into their creative work.
- Develop skills to curate art exhibitions and organize art shows.
- Lead art education programs and workshops in schools and museums.
- Contribute to the cultural preservation and promotion of African art traditions.

Career Outcomes and Potential Pay Scale

Career Path	Average Salary (Annual)
Professional Painter	\$45,000 - \$90,000
Art Educator	\$50,000 - \$100,000
Gallery Curator	\$55,000 - \$110,000
Art Historian	\$55,000 - \$115,000
Art Critic or Writer	\$40,000 - \$85,000