

# General Education

## **Mission Statement**

Our mission in Liberal Arts is to instill students with knowledge about the interconnectedness of global systems and cultures, a perspective of the planetary scale within which we reside, and a sense of curiosity about the world. We equip students for engaged global citizenship and the creation of a more inclusive and just society through the power of art, design, and critical thinking to change the world and transform media products and brand experiences into innovative and inclusive industry practice.

## **Student Learning Outcomes**

The liberal arts education competencies outlined below are the intended outcomes that all students should attain by the time they graduate from Ringling College. Students have multiple opportunities to develop and demonstrate these abilities as creators, communicators and collaborators.

SLO1- (Written Communication) Employ effective written communication strategies to articulate ideas or thinking clearly within a multitude of genres and media.

SLO2- (Critical Thinking) Apply critical thinking through the use of evidence-based reasoning to drive informed decisions.

SLO3- (Scientific and Quantitative Literacy) Interpret quantitative evidence and scientific reasoning from a range of perspectives in everyday contexts and situations.

SLO4- (Integrative Learning and Problem Solving) Synthesize and integrate learning from across multiple disciplines in the process of problem solving to answer a complex question or achieve a desired outcome.

SLO5- (Cultural and Historical Global Contexts) Evaluate the complexities of interconnected cultural and historical global systems.

SLO6- (Critical Information Literacy) Evaluate and analyze information and examine its cultural, ethical, economic, legal, and social uses in the many mediums in which it is shared.

SLO7- (Teamwork Skills) Demonstrate applied teamwork skills through collaboration with faculty and fellow students, including the ability to value multiple perspectives from diverse backgrounds.

SLO8- (Diversity and Inclusion) Understand the growing importance of intersectional diversity in cultivating a more inclusive world.

## **General Education Requirements for the Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) Degrees in Art and Design**

The general education requirements for the Bachelor of Arts (BFA) degrees in Art and Design total 42 credit hours.

### **First Year Gateway Requirement (3 Credit Hours)**

First Year Gateway courses introduce students to the foundational issues of contemporary art and design, providing students with a shared understanding of issues and terminology that are necessary for success in their respective programs. Additionally, the courses provide a general introduction to the experience and goals of the liberal arts.

### **Liberal Arts Core Requirement (21 Credit Hours)**

Core courses combine general content area knowledge with the development of essential competencies. They meet the following criteria:

- Introduce students to important figures, events, works, and ideas, from a wide variety of historical and cultural perspectives;
- Offer breadth of context, exhibit multiple methodologies of study, and illustrate the multidimensional complexity of the topics or problems studied;
- Introduce a discipline's perspective and background knowledge in a problem- or project-based manner.

**Core Requirements for the BFA Degree Include the Following:**

Writing (6 credit hours)  
Arts and Humanities (3 credit hours)  
Social and Behavioral Sciences (3 credit hours)  
Literature and Media Studies (6 credit hours)  
Scientific Practices (3 credit hours)

**Art and Design History Requirement (12 Credit Hours)**

Art History Survey (3 credit hours)  
History of the Major (3 credit hours)  
Upper-Level Art History electives (6 credit hours)

**General Education Electives (6 Credit Hours)**

Specific general education electives may be required or recommended by the major.

## General Education Requirements for the Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degrees

The general education requirements for the Bachelor of Arts (BA) degrees total 36 credit hours.

**First Year Gateway Requirements (3 Credit Hours)**

First Year Gateway courses introduce students to the foundational issues of contemporary art and design, providing students with a shared understanding of issues and terminology that are necessary for success in their respective programs. Additionally, the courses provide a general introduction to the experience and goals of the liberal arts.

**Liberal Arts Core Requirement (21 Credit Hours)**

Core courses combine general content area knowledge with the development of essential competencies. They meet the following criteria:

- Introduce students to important figures, events, works, and ideas, from a wide variety of historical and cultural perspectives;
- Offer breadth of context, exhibit multiple methodologies of study, and illustrate the multidimensional complexity of the topics or problems studied;
- Introduce a discipline's perspective and background knowledge in a problem- or project-based manner.

**Core requirements for the BA Degree include the following:**

Writing (6 credit hours)  
Arts and Humanities (3 credit hours)  
Social and Behavioral Sciences (3 credit hours)  
Literature and Media Studies (6 credit hours)  
Scientific Practices (3 credit hours)

**Art and Design History Requirement (6 credit hours)**

Art History Survey (3 credit hours)

Upper-Level Art History elective (3 credit hours)

**General Education Electives (6 Credit Hours)**

Specific general education electives may be required or recommended by the major.

## General Education Requirements for the Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Creative Writing Degree

The general education requirements for the Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) degree in Creative Writing total 36 credit hours.

**First Year Gateway Requirements (3 Credit Hours)**

First Year Gateway courses introduce students to the foundational issues of contemporary art and design, providing students with a shared understanding of issues and terminology that are necessary for success in their respective programs. Additionally, the courses provide a general introduction to the experience and goals of the liberal arts.

**Liberal Arts Core Requirement (24 Credit Hours)**

Core courses combine general content area knowledge with the development of essential competencies. They meet the following criteria:

- Introduce students to important figures, events, works, and ideas, from a wide variety of historical and cultural perspectives;
- Offer breadth of context, exhibit multiple methodologies of study, and illustrate the multidimensional complexity of the topics or problems studied;
- Introduce a discipline's perspective and background knowledge in a problem- or project-based manner.

**Core requirements for the BFA in Creative Writing include the following:**

Writing (6 credit hours)

Arts and Humanities (3 credit hours)

Social and Behavioral Sciences (3 credit hours)

Literature and Media Studies (6 credit hours)

Scientific Practices (3 credit hours)

Gender and Sexuality Studies Elective (3 hours)

**Art and Design History Requirement (3 credit hours)**

Art History Survey (3 credit hours)

**General Education Electives (6 Credit Hours)**

Specific general education electives may be required or recommended by the major.