Overview

The Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) is a three-year program (equivalent full-time) designed for those who wish to thrive in and lead the future of global contemporary art and culture. Students in the BFA are encouraged to experiment with a range of artistic processes, mediums, and techniques in order to explore their ideas, curiosities and passions. Underpinned by specialised art history and theory courses, students are also grounded in the relationship between theory and practice, helping them become highly literate in the ways that creative processes intersect with critical frameworks, concepts, and ways of thinking. The BFA has two distinct majors that allow students to focus on Studio Practice or Art Theory. Both pathways feature professional practice and research skills throughout, meaning the BFA prepares students for a diverse range of professional contexts and careers in the arts and cultural sectors. For those wishing to extend their studies on completion of the degree, the BFA program is designed to provide a pathway to the UNSW one-year Honours program.
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Learning Outcomes

1. Work independently and collaboratively to communicate artistic ideas in creative, scholarly, and professional contexts.

   Professionals   Leaders

2. Conduct self-initiated practice-led and scholarly research to develop knowledge in contemporary art contexts.

   Scholars   Leaders

3. Critically analyse contemporary art practice within social, political, cultural, historical, and environmental contexts.

   Scholars   Professionals   Leaders

4. Analyse the histories, theories, and principles that inform contemporary art practice and discourse.

   Scholars   Leaders

5. Contribute to contemporary art and culture through self-initiated projects that demonstrate an ethical and responsible awareness of diverse local and global perspectives.

   Professionals   Global Citizens

Graduate Capabilities:

For more information on Graduate Capabilities, please click on this link.
Program Structure

Students must complete 144 UOC as a standalone program.

Students must complete 144 UOC including 36 UOC in core courses, 60 UOC in a major, 36 UOC in free electives, and 12 UOC in General Education.

Free Electives

Students must take at least 36 UOC of the following courses.

any course

Specialisation Requirements

Students must complete at least one of the specialisations below.

MAJOR:

DARTA1 | 60 UOC
Art Theory

DARTB1 | 60 UOC
Studio Practice

General Education

Students must take at least 12 UOC of the following courses.

any General Education course

Core Courses

Students must take 24 UOC of the following courses.

DART1100 | 6 UOC
Studio Art Practice 1

DART1101 | 6 UOC
Studio Art Practice 2
DART1300 | 6 UOC  
Histories of Contemporary Art: Part 1

DART1301 | 6 UOC  
Histories of Contemporary Art: Part 2

**Level 1 or Level 2 Core Theory Course**

Students must take 6 UOC of the following courses.

*any level 13*

*any level 23*

**Level 3 Core Theory Course**

Students must take 6 UOC of the following courses.

*any level 33*

**Sample Programs**

To access sample program(s), please visit:

Sample Program Schema

**Enrolment Disclaimer**

Unless advised otherwise by your program authority, you should follow the rules for the handbook for the year you commenced your program. You are also responsible for ensuring you enrol in courses according to your program requirements. myUNSW enrolment checks that you have met enrolment requirements such as pre-requisites for individual courses but not that a course will count towards your program requirements.
Related Programs

Related Double Degree Programs

Bachelor of Commerce - BCom
Bachelor of Fine Arts - BFA
3572 Commerce / Fine Arts

Faculty: UNSW Business School, Faculty of Art & Design
Campus: Kensington, Paddington
Units of Credit: 192
Typical Duration: 4 Years

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Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours) - BAdvSci(Hons)
Bachelor of Fine Arts - BFA
3957 Advanced Science (Honours) / Fine Arts

Faculty: Faculty of Science, Faculty of Art & Design
Campus: Kensington, Paddington
Units of Credit: 240
Typical Duration: 5 Years

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Bachelor of Science - BSc
Bachelor of Fine Arts - BFA
3958 Science / Fine Arts

Faculty: Faculty of Science, Faculty of Art & Design
Campus: Kensington, Paddington
Units of Credit: 192
Typical Duration: 4 Years

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Bachelor of Fine Arts - BFA
Bachelor of Education (Secondary) - BEd (Secondary)
4063 Fine Arts / Education (Secondary)

Faculty: Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Faculty of Art & Design
Campus: Paddington, Kensington
Units of Credit: 192
Typical Duration: 4 Years

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Bachelor of Fine Arts - **BFA**
Bachelor of Laws - **LLB**

**4759 Fine Arts / Law**

Faculty: Faculty of Law, Faculty of Art & Design
Campus: Paddington, Kensington
Units of Credit: 240
Typical Duration: 5 Years

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Bachelor of Fine Arts - **BFA**
Bachelor of Arts - **BA**

**4823 Fine Arts / Arts**

Faculty: Faculty of Art & Design, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Campus: Paddington, Kensington
Units of Credit: 192
Typical Duration: 4 Years

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Admission Requirements

Special Admission Requirements

Additional selection criteria for admission to this program:

- Portfolio

Students whose ATAR or equivalent falls below the cut-off to gain entry to the program will be able to submit a portfolio as long as their ATAR is not less than 10 points below the cut-off. The portfolio will consist of creative work or essay, information on their background and interest in the program, and two supporting references. Applicants will be selected on the basis of a score given to the portfolio and their ATAR.

For more information about admission requirements for various UNSW programs, visit the following website(s):

Domestic Students
International Student
Program Requirements

Progression Requirements

Progression rules are in accordance with university policy.

For more information on university policy on progression requirements please visit Academic Progression.
Pathways

Honours Programs

**Bachelor of Art Theory (Honours) - BAT(Hons)**

4516 Art Theory (Honours)

Faculty: Faculty of Art & Design  
Campus: Paddington  
Units of Credit: 48  
Typical Duration: 1 Years

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**Bachelor of Fine Arts (Honours) - BFA(Hons)**

4526 Fine Arts (Honours)

Faculty: Faculty of Art & Design  
Campus: Paddington  
Units of Credit: 48  
Typical Duration: 1 Years

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Post Graduate

**Doctor of Philosophy - PhD**

1292 PhD Art, Design and Media

Faculty: Faculty of Art & Design  
Campus: Paddington  
Units of Credit: 144  
Typical Duration: 3 to 4 Years

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**Master of Fine Arts - MFA**

2245 Fine Arts

Faculty: Faculty of Art & Design  
Campus: Paddington  
Units of Credit: 96  
Typical Duration: 2 Years

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Master of Philosophy - MPhil
2267 MPhil Art, Design and Media

Faculty: Faculty of Art & Design
Campus: Paddington
Units of Credit: 72
Typical Duration: 1.7 Years

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Master of Curating and Cultural Leadership - MCCL
9318 Curating and Cultural Leadership

Faculty: Faculty of Art & Design
Campus: Paddington
Units of Credit: 96
Typical Duration: 2 Years

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Recognition of Achievement

University Medal

The University Medal is awarded to recognise outstanding academic performance by a bachelor degree student in line with the University Medal Policy and University Medal Procedure.

Award of Pass with Distinction

The Award of Pass with Distinction is awarded when a weighted average mark (WAM) of at least 75% has been achieved and at least 50% of the requirements of the award completed at UNSW. All eligible programs will award Pass with Distinction except in special circumstances where approval of Academic Board has been given for a program to opt out.

For more information, please visit:

Current Students Pass With Distinction
Program Fees

At UNSW fees are generally charged at course level and therefore dependent upon individual enrolment and other factors such as student's residency status. For generic information on fees and additional expenses of UNSW programs, click on one of the following:

Domestic Students
Commonwealth Supported Students
International Students

Additional Expenses

Students may be required to purchase equipment or materials to enable them to complete activities and assessment tasks within the program, however every effort will be undertaken for the faculty to provide such relevant equipment and materials if appropriate.
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Access past handbook editions (2018 and prior)

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