

Fine Arts Major

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The fine arts major broadly educates in the liberal arts tradition with the unique ability for each student to tailor their educational goals within an interdisciplinary and independent environment. Students acquire knowledge from diverse perspectives in the fields of fine arts and explore the role of the arts in society and culture. The degree equips students with the technical, theoretical, and applicable skills needed to effectively communicate, analyze, perform, organize, and create in the dynamic spaces of fine arts. The curriculum allows opportunities for exploration within an emphasis rich with historical precedents and contemporary practices. Students will attend events, perform, collaborate, and learn to work with peers on campus and in the broader community in the pursuit and study of fine arts. This will culminate in mastery of essential skills to become lifelong pursuers of the arts and will equip the fine arts graduate with the skills necessary to engage with others to inspire community involvement through arts projects, engaging cultural institutions, and increase and encourage patrons of the arts. The major requirements and capstone coursework prepare students for careers in technical, performative, and administrative aspects of fine arts and/ or further studies in graduate school.

Note: To graduate with a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree from Lyon College, students must successfully complete a minimum of 120 semester credit hours comprised of our required Core curriculum (44-48 hours), the requirements of at least one major (credit hours vary per major), and a selection of our Liberal Arts electives. They must also earn at least a 2.00 cumulative grade point average for all work taken at Lyon College and a 2.00 cumulative grade point average in their major, minor, and concentration.

Fine Arts Major Degrees

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Summary of Requirements for a Major in Fine Arts

Item #	Title	Credits
FAM 105	Introduction to Fine Arts	3
	ART 101 or MUS 105 or THE 101	3

Historical Context Requirements

Item #	Title	Credits
	Fine Arts Major - Historical Context Requirements	9

Practice Requirements

Item #	Title	Credits
	Fine Arts Major - Practice Requirements	9

Compose Requirements

Item #	Title	Credits
	Fine Arts Major - Compose Requirements	9

Practical Electives

Item #	Title	Credits
	Fine Arts Major - Practical Elective	3
Item #	Title	Credits
	Fine Arts Major - Capstone	4

Core Curriculum

Item #	Title	Credits
	Core Curriculum Requirements (In addition to Major hours)	44-48
	Total Credits	84-88

ART 101 or MUS 105 or THE 101

Fine Arts Major [Introduction]

Item #	Title	Credits
ART 101	Introduction to Visual Arts	3
THE 101	Introduction to Theatre	3
MUS 105	The Language of Music	3

Fine Arts Major - Historical Context Requirements

Select at least one course from each discipline below:

Group A: Art

Group B: Music

Group C: Theater

Group A [Art]

Item #	Title	Credits
ART 201	World Art I	3
ART 202	World Art II	3

Group B [Music]

Item #	Title	Credits
MUS 311	Medieval and Renaissance Music	3
MUS 320	Baroque and Classical Music	3
MUS 325	Nineteenth- and Twentieth-century Music	3
MUS 291	Topics in Music History	3
MUS 295	World Music	3

Group C [Theater]

Item #	Title	Credits
THE 301	Modern Drama	3
THE 383	World Theatre History	3

Fine Arts Major - Practice Requirements

Select at least one course from each discipline below:

Group A: Art

Group B: Music

Group C: Theater

Group A [Art]

Item #	Title	Credits
ART 110	Drawing Studio I	3
ART 120	Two-dimensional Design	3
ART 234	Three-dimensional Studio I	3
ART 204	Ceramics Studio I	3
ART 211	Photography Studio I	3
ART 220	Digital Studio I	3

Group B [Music]

Item #	Title	Credits
MUS 110	Music Theory	3
MUS 111	Musicianship I	1.5

Group C [Theater]

Item #	Title	Credits
THE 213	Fundamentals of Voice and Diction	3
THE 232	Acting I	3
THE 205	Theatre Design	3
THE 206	Scenic Painting	3

Fine Arts Major - Compose Requirements

Select at least one from each group below:

Group A: Art

Group B: Music

Group C: Theater

Group A [Art]

Item #	Title	Credits
ART 204	Ceramics Studio I	3
ART 211	Photography Studio I	3
ART 220	Digital Studio I	3
ART 230	History of Modern Art	3
ART 234	Three-dimensional Studio I	3
ART 232	Painting Studio I	3
ART 308	Renaissance Art	3
ART 333	Printmaking Studio II	3

Group B [Music]

Item #	Title	Credits
MUS 293	Topics in Performance Practice	3
MUS 420	Conducting	3
MUS 430	Church Music	3

Group C [Theater]

Item #	Title	Credits
THE 333	Acting II	3
THE 340	Playwriting Workshop	3
THE 353	Principles of Directing	3

Fine Arts Major - Practical Elective

Select one from the following:

Item #	Title	Credits
ACC 210	Financial Accounting	3
BUS 306	Principles of Marketing	3
ENG 361	Creative Writing Workshop in Fiction	3
RPH 310	Philosophy of Art	3

Fine Arts Major - Capstone

Item #	Title	Credits
FAM 250	Internship	2
FAM 490	Fine Arts Senior Capstone	2

Fine Arts Major (FAM) Courses

FAM 105: Introduction to Fine Arts

An independent project designed by the student with the guidance of fine arts faculty advisor. The student will produce a significant project, lecture, presentation, performance, or exhibition of research that synthesizes the knowledge and skills acquired during their course of study in the fine arts major.

Credits 3

FAM 250: Internship

Practical fieldwork in an arts or cultural events venue. Students will work closely with an advisor or mentor in directed, supervised work with an area arts organization. Students should be in Junior or Senior status of the major to complete and have approval for their site prior to enrolling. Can be taken summer term before Senior year.

Credits 2

Prerequisites

Junior or Senior status in Major

FAM 490: Fine Arts Senior Capstone

An independent project designed by the student with the guidance of fine arts faculty advisor. The student will produce a significant project, lecture, presentation, performance, or exhibition of research that synthesizes the knowledge and skills acquired during their course of study in the fine arts major.

Credits 2

Prerequisites

Senior status in Major