

ART: VISUAL STUDIES MINOR

Program Description

The **Art: Visual Studies** minor equips students to critically engage with and analyze visual culture through historical, philosophical, and cultural lenses. Students develop skills in art criticism, visual analysis, and cultural interpretation, while exploring the role of art and design in shaping human experience. This minor enhances students' understanding of global visual practices and their ability to communicate insights across disciplines, pairing well with majors like Education, English, or Business.

Entering and Completing the Minor

In order to earn a degree, you must complete at least one academic major. Minors are not required except for students in the Professional Studies (BA). SPU encourages students to explore various academic paths, including minors, so if you change your mind about a minor or want to include an additional minor, you are able to do so as outlined below.

Note that the University encourages you to enter your chosen minor(s) as soon as you have determined it and are eligible to join it, especially by the start of your junior year. Students who transfer as juniors and seniors should enter a minor within their first two quarters at SPU.

- If this is your first quarter at SPU, request entrance to your minor in Banner by following these instructions (<https://spu.atlassian.net/l/cp/Th4S0jCE>).
- If you are an SPU student with an SPU cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better, follow these instructions (<https://spu.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/OTR/pages/179077187/Major+Minor+and+Concentration+Application+Instructions>) to enter a minor in this department.
- The University requires a grade of C- or better in all classes that apply to a minor; however, programs may require higher minimum grades in specific courses. You may repeat an SPU course only once for a higher grade.
- To advance in this program, meet with your faculty advisor regularly to discuss your grades, course progression, and other indicators of satisfactory academic progress. If your grades or other factors indicate that you may not be able to successfully complete the minor, your faculty advisor can work with you to explore options, which may include choosing a different minor.
- You must complete the minor requirements that are in effect in the SPU Undergraduate Catalog for the year you enter the minor.

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30 Credits Minimum, Including 15 Upper Division (UD)

Code	Title	Credits
Core Requirements		
ART 2602	Monuments of World Art I	5
ART 2603	Monuments of World Art II	5
Section Credits Required		10
History Electives (Max 5 credits from ART 4900/ART 4950)		
ART 3605	Modern Art: Image and Power	
ART 3606	Cross-Cultural Encounters	
ART 3608	Issues in Contemporary Art and Visual Culture	

ART 3610	History of Visual Communication	
ART 3612	Reading Urban Spaces: The Eternal City	
ART 3613	Reading Sacred Spaces: The Churches of Rome	
ART 3614	Images in Context: An Introduction to Art Curation	
ART 4900	Independent Study ¹	
ART 4950	Special Topics in Art ¹	
Section Credits Required		15
Studio Electives		
ART 1102	Drawing	
ART 1105	Surface	
ART 1107	Time	
ART 2205	Photography	
ART 2302	Painting	
ART 4209	Experience Design	
Section Credits Required		5
Total Credits		30

¹ Variable credit. Maximum five credits.