ART

About the Department

Art Faculty (https://spu.edu/academics/college-humanities-education-arts/art#facstaff)

Art Department Website (http://spu.edu/academics/college-of-arts-sciences/art)

The **Art and Design** program at Seattle Pacific University (SPAC) immerses students in the fundamental elements and principles of visual arts and design while developing skills in both traditional and experimental media. Our curriculum fosters adaptability and innovation, encouraging students to engage with contemporary culture while integrating mind, body, and spirit. Through studies in art history, global culture, critical theory, and theology, students deepen their cultural literacy and explore the spiritual nature of art and design as an expression of their faith. Whether specializing in **Photography, Studio, Visual Communication, or Visual Studies**, students graduate with a strong foundation in aesthetic principles and communication strategies, equipping them to navigate an ever-evolving creative landscape.

Our Mission

The Seattle Pacific Art Center (SPAC) fosters a vibrant learning environment where art and design serve as tools for inquiry, expression, and growth. Grounded in Christian faith, students engage in hands-on practice and critical discourse to communicate ideas, connect perspectives, and contribute to art and design with wisdom and purpose.

Our Vision

The Seattle Pacific Art Center (SPAC) envisions a world where art and design foster understanding of faith, culture, and place. We cultivate visual literacy, expand creative ideation, and refine aesthetic craft, creating immersive experiences that engage students and communities. Through the study and practice of art and design, we inspire wisdom, empathy, and communication—empowering students to shape the future of creative expression and visual culture.

Majors

- Art and Design: Photography (BA) (https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/hea-arts-humanities/art-programs/art-design-photography-ba/)
- Art and Design: Studio (BA) (https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/hea-arts-humanities/art-programs/art-design-studio-ba/)
- Art and Design: Visual Communication (BA) (https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/hea-arts-humanities/art-programs/art-design-visual-communication/)
- Art and Design: Visual Studies (BA) (https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/hea-arts-humanities/art-programs/art-design-visual-studies/)

Minors

- Art: Digital Media Minor (https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/hea-arts-humanities/art-programs/art-minor-studio-digital-media/)
- Art: Photography Minor (https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/hea-arts-humanities/art-programs/art-photography-minor/)
- Art: Studio Minor (https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/hea-arts-humanities/art-programs/art-minor-studio-2-d-media/)
- Art: Visual Studies Minor (https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/hea-arts-humanities/art-programs/art-history-visual-studies-minor/)

Jointly Offered Programs

Learn more about this additional program:

- Interactive Computing and Art (minor) (https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/college-schools/cbt-technology/computer-science/interactive-computing-art-minor/)

Program Learning Outcomes

- Proficiency in applying the fundamental elements and principles of art and design.

- Skill in using various traditional and experimental media within art and design disciplines.

- Ability to create art, design, and scholarship that engages contemporary cultural and aesthetic concepts.

- Knowledge of the historical development and cultural contexts of diverse art and design forms.

- Capacity to explore art and design as expressions of faith.

- Development of the skills, awareness, and knowledge required for professional work or advanced study in art and design.

- Application of art and design expertise in diverse contexts, both on campus and in the broader community and culture.

Future Teachers

If you are interested in teaching Art at the elementary or secondary level, please discuss certifications with the Education (SOEInfo@spu.edu) program at SPU. Once you have spoken with their advisors as to which courses may suit you best, please contact the Art Department (art@spu.edu) for assistance with course selection. We advise pairing your Education Certificate with our Art and Design: Visual Studies (BA) major.