INTRODUCTION TO THE MAJOR

The Art Practice major provides technical and conceptual training in most traditional and new media: painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture (wood, metal, ceramic, and mixed media), digital photography, installation, performance, social practice, video, sound, and selected classes in animation, game design, and comics. Art Practice majors are expected to round out the required studio courses with Art History and theory classes.

The Art Practice Department seeks to graduate students who demonstrate an original vision in their approach to practice, form, and content and who have the potential for significant artistic and cultural impact.

HOW TO USE THIS MAP

Use this map to help plan and guide your experience at UC Berkeley, including academic, co-curricular, and discovery opportunities. Everyone’s Berkeley experience is different and activities in this map are suggestions. Always consult with your advisors whenever possible for new opportunities and updates.

CONNECT WITH US

Visit ue.berkeley.edu/majormaps for the latest version of this major map.

ADVISING

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See Onisha’s staff page on the Art Practice website for up-to-date scheduling information.

AMPLIFY YOUR MAJOR

• Gain experience in art exhibitions, galleries, and libraries with the Art Practice Internship Program
• Join CREATE and serve as an arts teacher to local schools and community organizations.
• Attend the artist lecture series to hear from artists visiting Berkeley.
• Apply to the Art Practice Honors Studio, a shared studio space for Art Practice Major seniors doing outstanding work.

COURSEWORK IN ART PRACTICE

• Studio practice courses with frequent feedback foster a supportive and responsive community, creative momentum, and collaborative thinking.
• Great student/faculty ratios allow for individual attention and support.
• Art history, theory and innovation courses complement studio courses.
• Most upper division studio courses involve exhibiting work and considering questions of audience, distribution, context, site, and timing.

“Art does not supply easy answers, and yet it plays a crucial role in how we act in and with the world.”

– Al-an deSouza, Art Practice Professor

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Cal Day
Come to UC Berkeley’s annual Open House in April for information sessions, campus tours, special talks, and more.

Golden Bear Orientation
Join your peers in the campus-wide UC Berkeley orientation program for all new students.

Events
Attend department events with students, faculty, and staff. Visit art.berkeley.edu for news and updates.

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# ART PRACTICE

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## Design Your Journey

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<td>Meet with your major and college advisor to discuss your academic plans.</td>
<td>Apply to the major once you have completed (or are enrolled in) a lower division Art History course and two required lower division studio courses (including ART 8).</td>
<td>Focus on upper division requirements (six studio courses including ART 185, Senior Projects, one upper division Art History course, and ART 199 Global Perspectives). Do a degree check to ensure you are on track to graduate.</td>
<td>Enroll in the senior project studio course ART 185, as well as ART 199 Global Perspectives (if not completed already).</td>
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<td>Familiarize yourself with major and college requirements and view the How to Complete the Art Major checklist.</td>
<td>Finish remaining lower division prerequisites. Review major guidelines for study abroad.</td>
<td>Review your degree progress with your major and college advisor. Ask the major advisor about the Art Practice Honors Studio.</td>
<td>Complete “bucket list” courses and remaining major, college, and campus requirements.</td>
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<td>Enroll in L&amp;S 1 and an Arts &amp; Humanities Gateway Course.</td>
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## Connect and build community

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<td>Get involved as a mentor with Berkeley Connect. Find study groups, tutoring, and academic support at the Student Learning Center.</td>
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<td>Sign up for the Art Practice email list and attend department events. Get to know professors and graduate student instructors during their office hours.</td>
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<td>Attend the artist lecture series and hear from visiting artists. Check out events and find scholarly resources at the Berkeley Center for New Media.</td>
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<td>Connect with alumni groups and build your network as you prepare to graduate.</td>
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## Discover your passions

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<td>Discover new interests in a Freshman Seminar or student-run DeCal course. Visit the Office of Undergraduate Research and Scholarships. Browse the Art Library Project and Art History library collections.</td>
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<td>Enroll in a Sophomore Seminar, Big Ideas Course or Discovery Course. Assist faculty in their research through URAP.</td>
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<td>Gain experience in art exhibitions, galleries, and libraries with the Art Practice Internship Program. Curious about entrepreneurship? Enroll in HUM 120: Entrepreneurship for All. Complement your major with a certificate, course thread, or summer minor.</td>
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<td>Teach your own DeCal course. Undertake an optional honors thesis or independent study. Keep pursuing your interests through a fellowship or gap year after graduation.</td>
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<td>Attend the Calapalooza student activities fair and get involved with a student organization. Find service opportunities through the Public Service Center. Explore study, internship, and research abroad options with Berkeley Study Abroad.</td>
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<td>Contribute to a community organization with an American Cultures Engaged Scholarship course. Go on a service-learning trip with the Alternative Breaks Program. Join CREATE and serve as an arts teacher to local schools and community organizations.</td>
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<td>Experience life at another UC or college on a visit or exchange program. Study and intern in Washington D.C. with UCDC or Cal in the Capital. Consider a Berkeley Global Internship in the United States or abroad.</td>
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<td>Hone your leadership skills with the Peter E. Haas Public Service Leaders program. Explore service opportunities after graduation, such as Peace Corps, Teach for America, or U.S. Department of State.</td>
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## Reflect and plan your future

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<td>Visit Berkeley Career Engagement and the Career Counseling Library. Develop a plan for getting career ready. Set up a Handshake account and sign up for CareerMail. Explore career resources on the Arts and Humanities website.</td>
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<td>Discuss career options and goals with a Career Educator. Explore career fields through the Career Connections Series or a winter externship. Learn about graduate and professional school. See Step-by-Step for planning help. Plan internships and attend internship fairs.</td>
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<td>Conduct informational interviews. Discuss post-graduate options with advisors and professors. Update your resume and LinkedIn profile. Attend career and graduate school fairs.</td>
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<td>Utilize job board tools in your job search. Ask professors and graduate student instructors for recommendation letters. Attend Employer Info Sessions and On-Campus Recruiting. Apply to jobs, graduate school, and other opportunities.</td>
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## What can I do with my major?

Animator
Art Archivist
Art Director
Art Educator
Artist
Art Preparator
Art Consultant
Art Therapist
Ceramicist
Creative Director
Computer Graphics Artist
Exhibition Designer
Gallerist
Graphic Designer
Graphic Artist
Graphic Novel Artist
Illustrator
Media Strategist
Museum Curator
Painter
Performance Artist
Photographer
Printer
Product Designer
Public Art Administration
Sculptor
Studio Fabricator
UI/UX Designer
Video Producer
Web Designer
XR Designer

Examples gathered from the First Destination Survey of recent Berkeley graduates.