Careers Held by Our Alumni

- **Governor General's Award Winning Artist**
- **Executive Director, Forest City Gallery**
- **Executive Producer, Creative Director & Senior** Food Stylist, JMS Food Styling & Design
- Art Consultant, Canada Council Art Bank
- Visitor Services Coordinator. The Power Plant Contemporary Art Gallery
- Senior Fashion Market Editor, Harper's Bazaar
- Director of Granting, Ontario Arts Council

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Sample Courses Visual Arts

BFA: Studio Arts

VAS 1025 001 Advanced Visual Arts Foundation Studio VAS 2216B VAS 2222B Introduction to Painting Sculpture, Installation and Performance VAS 2246A Digital Photography VAS 2252A Introduction to Contemporary Media Art VAS 2274A Art Now! Honours Studio Seminar

VAS 2282A VAS 3300 **Advanced Drawing** Advanced Print Media VAS 3330 VAS 4430 Practicum

BA: Art History and Museum Studies

Histories of Collecting, Museums and Heritage Studies Art, Media and Popular Culture Collecting Art and Culture VAH 3386F/G VAH 1044A/B VAH 1045A/B

BA: Art History and Studio Art

VAS 1020 Foundations of Visual Arts VAH 1042A VAS 2236A Art, Science and Technology Introduction to Print Media VAH 2247E Greek Art

VAS 3310 Advanced Painting
VAH/VAS 3379G Art History & Studio in Dialogue: Sound and Image
VAS 3392B Special Topics in Visual Arts: Embroidering with the Guild
VAH 4482F Seminar in Photography: Photography and Social Transformation

BA: Museum and Curatorial Studies

VAH 1041A/B VAH 1042A/B Art and Power

Art, Science and Technology
Theories and Practices of Art History and Visual Culture
Pre-Contact American Art and Architecture VAH 2241G VAH 2266F

VAH 2272G VAH 2281F Canadian Art

Modern Art After 1945

Introduction to Exhibition Design & Museum Management VAH 3383A

VAS 4485E Museum and Curatorial Practicum

NOTE: Not all courses may be offered each year.





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About the Department of Visual Arts

The Department of Visual Arts is housed in the John Labatt Visual Art Centre, a unique environment where the study and practices of art history, theory, and studio combine to create a dynamic atmosphere. This facility provides students with open, brightly-lit studios, ample classroom and workshop spaces, and boasts large and well-equipped facilities for the production of sculpture, drawing, painting, printmaking, photography, audio, 3D printing and video. The building is also home to the Artlab, a professionally-run gallery that supports all types of interdisciplinary practice, and Cohen Exploration Lab, an experimental space for 3D printing and digital/electronics workshops.

Each year, Canadian and international artists, curators, and art historians take part in our course-related *Art Now!* Speaker Series. Additionally, faculty members organize exhibitions and research initiatives that enrich the life of the Department. Through internship programs, the Department organizes partnerships enabling our students to engage with the artistic community, including: Museum London, Forest City Gallery, DNA Artspace, Satellite Project Space and McIntosh Gallery. Undergraduate coursework and research is fully supported by the Visual Resources Library, a research and study space housing films, periodicals, over 50,000 digital images and an equipment repository that includes sound recorders, cameras, projectors, cables and hardware for all types of media production.

Student-Focused Programs & Award-Winning Faculty

Our undergraduate classes and final fourth-year practicum courses allow students to explore and create within supportive and inclusive environments. Studio practicum students have dedicated spaces and are mentored year-round with the opportunity to work towards a final group exhibition in a professional gallery setting. The curriculum is designed to give students a thorough grounding in comparative visual cultural analysis of imagery across a wide range of international historical and contemporary practices. Students work alongside cutting edge artists, art historians, technicians and office staff. Our faculty consists of leading Canadian and international scholars who have active research and artistic careers. The Art History faculty publishes with top academic presses and journals. Our studio faculty have been featured in such venues as the National Gallery of Canada and the Power Plant, as well as prominent international exhibitions in such centres as Vienna, Sydney and New York. Accolades include a recent Distinguished University Professorship, Hellmuth Prize, Sobey Award nomination, features in Canadian Art magazine and numerous Social Science and Humanities Research Grants.

For further information about the Department of Visual Arts visit www.uwo.ca/visarts or contact:

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Meet Victoria

"My Internship at Satellite Project Space was a chance to apply the skills I learned in class to a real-world gallery. I worked with arts institutions across the city and regularly met with students, artists, professors, and gallery staff. Under the supervision of an amazing mentor, I gained invaluable experience crafting independent projects, implementing marketing initiatives, and drafting a business plan. The internship taught me a lot, grew my network, and expanded my resume."

- Victoria Stopar, Dual Degree – Visual Arts & Ivey HBA, Internship in the Arts at Satellite Project Space





Degrees Offered

BFA Studio Arts

The Honors Specialization in Studio Arts is a direct-entry program where studio and theory are brought together to foster an enriched artistic engagement. Studio classes are taught by dynamic professional artists with national and international reputations. The BFA program culminates in the fourth year with a Practicum course, in which students travel to cities such as New York, Montreal or Chicago, stage an exhibition, produce a catalogue and prepare a portfolio for future prospects.

BA Art History and Studio Art

The Honors Specialization in Art History and Studio Art is a combination degree program. Students take an almost equal selection of Studio and Art History classes. The lectures and studio courses taught by our outstanding faculty are complemented by field trips to art galleries, museums, and other cultural institutions and by a lively series of art exhibitions and guest speakers on campus and in the London region.

BA Museum and Curatorial Studies

The Major in Museum and Curatorial Studies examines museums as complex social and cultural institutions that collect, display, and interpret objects for - and with - diverse audiences. The formation of collections, the arrangement of objects, and the production of meaning through exhibitions, educational programs, and visitor experience are among the many issues that receive critical discussion. Classes are complemented by field trips to museums, galleries, and heritage sites and by hands-on curatorial projects. The Department of Visual Arts offers a Major in Museum and Curatorial Studies.

BA Art History and Museum Studies

The Honors Specialization in Art History and Museum Studies explores and analyzes the history and theory of art, architecture, and visual culture in all media from antiquity to the present. Lectures and seminars are complemented by field trips to museums, heritage sites, and other cultural institutions and by a lively series of art exhibitions and guest speakers. The Department of Visual Arts offers two modules: Honors Specialization in Art History and Museum Studies and a Major in Art History.

Note: First year students who wish to register in BA Museum and Curatorial Studies or BA Art History and Museum Studies must successfully complete two of the following Art History half-courses:

VAH 1041A/B Art, Visual Culture and Power VAH 1042A/B Art, Science and Technology

VAH 1043A/B Art, Architecture, Fashion and Design VAH 1044A/B Art, Media and Popular Culture VAH 1045A/B Collecting Art and Culture

First-year students registered in the BA Art History and Studio Art must also successfully complete VAS 1020 Foundations of Visual Arts.

Meet Brooke

"As an artist I want to push my creative exploration. Western has really helped me learn the practical and technical skills in order to achieve that, and pushed me as an artist by helping me think about why I make this artwork, furthering my abilities beyond anything I can do on my own."

- Brooke Hunter, BFA Practicum Student

