

Outcomes

With a degree in Art, possibilities are endless. Students can choose from the listing of careers below or determine another way to use their creative talents.

- Art Administrator
- Art Historian
- Artist
- Arts Instructor
- Curator
- Gallery Manager
- Illustrator
- Museum Worker
- Photographer
- Restorer

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Program Description

The Art Major at Peru State College offers the student three options dependent upon his or her goals. If a student wishes to focus on individual expression as an artist and pursue a career as a painter or sculptor, then the Fine Arts Option would be the most appropriate path. If instead the student wants to become a creative employee in the graphic design industry, the Graphic Design Option would be the choice. The Teaching Option is for those students interested in teaching art to elementary and secondary students. All of the options within the Art Major share a strong foundation of visual arts courses designed to facilitate the creative development of each individual and art history courses to provide greater meaning and context to the experience of art.

The Fine Arts Option offers both breadth and depth of experience of two and three-dimensional media. Drawing, printmaking, painting, pottery and sculpture are all part of the program. The depth of the experience is in the opportunity to focus on one or more media through elective choices.

The Graphic Design Option provides preparation for a career in either print or electronic design. Added to the visual arts foundation courses are computer-based courses involving problem solving projects using the software and hardware employed in industry. The ability to creatively apply visual principles through the application of technical skills is the goal.

Art majors choosing to teach will be prepared as an artist and educator. The Teaching Option includes all of the coursework of the Fine Arts Option plus coursework specific to teaching the subject to children of various ages. Field experience and student teaching in art are arranged and supervised by the College of Education.

In addition to immediate career possibilities, all three Art Major options also prepare the student to continue his or her education in graduate school.

PSC Points of Distinction

- Instructional format permits students both personal and extended contact with faculty as well as individualized guidance throughout all coursework.
- Special Ability Art Scholarships are available for art majors.
- Each program at Peru State College is reviewed on a continual basis and coursework is updated to meet industry standards.
- Students completing a degree at Peru State College are prepared to attend the nation's top graduate schools in all program areas.
- Students can broaden the scope of their knowledge and improve their employment prospects as Peru State makes many relevant minors available.

Facilities

The Art Department is located in the AV Larson Building located at the entrance to campus. It features spacious painting, drawing, printmaking, and pottery studios, as well as classrooms. A twenty-station computer lab is a dedicated classroom for the courses in graphic design, and available to all art students when classes are not using the lab. The Art Department faculty, including Professor Emeritus Dr. Leland Sherwood, one of the top watercolorists of the region, are always readily available as they maintain offices and studios within the art department. Additional features of the facilities are large student lockers, a spray booth for airbrushing, printing presses as well as a fully equipped sculpture studio and foundry.

The A.V. Larson building houses the Peru State College Art Gallery. Art exhibitions by international, national, regional and local artists rotate through this gallery every six weeks. In addition to these exhibitions graduating senior art students present an exhibition of their work. A second gallery is located in the PSC Student Center presents Professor Emeritus Leland Sherwood's watercolor paintings. The Sherwood Gallery exhibits new work by Dr. Sherwood throughout the year.

Faculty

Professor Ken Anderson, M.F.A., Professor of Art
Professor Randy Waln, M.F.A., Professor of Art
Professor Emeritus Leland Sherwood, Watercolor Painting

Courses Required

In addition to the general studies requirements, students must take a variety of art courses in various mediums to complete this degree. The progress sheet for this major includes a listing of all coursework required for the art major in addition to the general studies courses.