Comparison of the BA and BFA in Art and Visual Technology (AVT)

**Bachelor of Art (BA)**

*Entrance requirement:*
Successful portfolio review

- Liberal arts degree focused on art and design in the context of a broad program of general studies
- About ½ course work is in general education and electives

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Concentration areas:
- Drawing
- Graphic Design
- Critical Art Practices
- New Media Art
- Painting
- Photography
- Printmaking
- Sculpture

Senior Project 4

Total Major Requirements 63

General Education 37

Electives 20

- Foreign language through intermediate level + general electives
  - OR
  - Minor + general electives

Total Credits 120

**Bachelor of Fine Art (BFA)**

*Entrance requirement:*
Successful portfolio review

- Professional degree focused on intensive work in the visual arts supported by a program of general studies
- 2/3 course work is in art and design

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Senior Project 4

Total Major Requirements 81

General Education 37

Electives 2

Total Credits 120

Association of Independent Colleges of Art & Design believes that neither degree, BFA or BA, is inherently "better" than the other. The judgment of which degree is best for a particular student depends almost entirely on the student's educational goals. However, AICAD does believe that the BFA is the most appropriate degree for serious, motivated students seeking to become professional artists and designers.