

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

Bachelor of Art (BA) <i>Entrance requirement:</i> Successful portfolio review	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	
Category	Credits
Major Requirements	
AVT Core	38
Art History	9
Concentration	12
Concentration areas:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foreign language through intermediate level + general electives OR • Minor + general electives 	
Total Credits	120

Bachelor of Fine Art (BFA) <i>Entrance requirement:</i> Successful portfolio review	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	
Category	Credits
Major Requirements	
AVT Core	41
Art History	12
Concentration	24
Concentration areas:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drawing • Graphic Design • Critical Art Practices • New Media Art • Painting • Photography • Printmaking • Sculpture 	
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.