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### BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Virginia Wesleyan is located in a major metropolitan area rich with museums, art centers and working artists' studios. College-sponsored trips to these cultural places enable students to experience original works in progress as well as to discover art in a historical context. On campus, visiting artists present their work and give encouragement to student artists. The Career Services Center is available to assist students seeking internships. After graduation, art majors go in diverse directions. Some teach, or practice their art, or both. Others elect museum careers or advance their skills and knowledge by attending graduate school. After successful completion of the art program students are well prepared for the challenges that lie ahead.

## THE COLLEGE

Virginia Wesleyan College is a small, four-year liberal arts institution affiliated with the United Methodist Church. Home to only 1,400 students, both resident and commuter, the 300-acre campus rests on the border of Norfolk and Virginia Beach in the heart of the historic Hampton Roads area. Virginia Wesleyan provides a prime opportunity for students to learn both in and out of the classroom, offering more than 30 majors and more than 50 clubs and organizations. Additionally, the College boasts 17 intercollegiate sports and competes in the Old Dominion Athletic Conference and NCAA Division III.

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## ART

*The Division of Humanities*





## THE PROGRAM

As society becomes more visual, the visual arts play an increasingly important role in contemporary life. At Virginia Wesleyan College, Art Department courses offer students of all majors the opportunity to explore art in history and culture as well as a means of artistic expression through hands-on studio experiences. The liberal arts perspective of the College encourages the study of the creative process and helps the Art major to become well-rounded, enriching their personal expression. Subject areas within the Art Department

include art history, painting, drawing, sculpture, ceramics, crafts, printmaking, photography, graphic design and computer art.

Classes are small and interactive providing individual attention.

Art students have the use of painting, ceramic and sculpture studios and a 24-hour computer lab fully equipped with Dell computers, scanners and color laser printers. In addition to classroom studies, the College organizes exhibitions and presentations by professional artists, the display of the permanent art collection throughout the campus and field trips to museums and galleries.

## ART MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

- Introduction to Computer Art
- Drawing Media and Techniques
- Painting Media and Techniques
- Ceramics
- Sculpture
- Crafts – either Jewelry or Fibers (includes weaving and papermaking)
- Introduction to Photography
- Ancient and Medieval Art History
- Renaissance to 20th Century Art History
- One upper level art history elective
- Five upper level studio art electives, selected from: graphic design, printmaking, mixed media, collage or advanced work in drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpture or computer art
- Art Culture (upper level seminar course)
- Senior Exhibition

## THE MAJOR

Students interested in becoming practicing artists, teaching art or pursuing a career in design or visual communications complete requirements for the Art major. The major consists of 48 hours of specified coursework including art electives. Majors develop both aesthetic and technical skills and study the history of art. Art majors also prepare an exhibition of their best work, which is displayed on campus.

## THE MINOR

Students may complete a minor in Studio Art or Art History by taking 18 hours of coursework. For the studio minor students complete three required Art courses and select nine hours in Studio Art electives at the 300/400 level. To complete the Art History minor students take two introductory Art History courses and nine hours in Art History electives, two of which must be at the 300/400 level.

## ART EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Students planning to teach art must complete art major requirements as well as those required for Secondary Education Certification. They also student teach with art teachers at both elementary and secondary levels. To guide their course selection, students interested in K-12 teacher certification have faculty advisors in both the Art Department and the Education Department. Students should declare their intention to teach and enroll in introductory education courses during the sophomore year.

## THE FACULTY

The Art Department has a diverse faculty in terms of backgrounds, personalities and teaching styles. The cooperation within the Department offers a great deal of mutual support to students and faculty alike. Art faculty members are practicing artists as well as committed teachers. Faculty members are available outside class for help with assignments, counseling and career advice.

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