College of Arts and Sciences

MAJOR

ART AND DESIGN

Why study art and design?
Art is defined as the use of skill and imagination in the creation of aesthetic objects, environments or experiences that can be shared with others. Still, there are as many definitions of art as there are artists.

Art plays a large part in making our lives infinitely rich. Imagine a world without art! How incredibly dull the world would be without designers, visual artists and sculptors. Art stimulates different parts of our brains to make us laugh or incite us to riot, with a whole gamut of emotions in-between. Art gives us a way to be creative and express ourselves. Art is something that makes us more thoughtful and well-rounded humans.

What can you do with a degree in art and design?
Our graduates have become practicing exhibiting artists, gallery directors, art teachers, performers, tattoo artists, art directors at nationally known agencies, commercial photographers, graphic designers, film directors and more.

With today's technologies, artists have endless venues in which to share and sell artwork. The days of galleries dominating the marketplace have passed. Some artists make their entire living selling their artwork through the Internet. Technologies have created a new landscape for artists. Artists create mobile technologies and app creation, video games, 3-D television and interactive books. The opportunities for artists/designers are interdisciplinary and varied.

Why study art and design at SXU?
The dedicated faculty in the Art and Design Department help students prepare for careers and lifelong creative problem solving. Art majors take a major portfolio class that guides them in creating a professional body of work. Our student gallery gives our majors a chance to showcase their art on campus. We have an active internship program, which places students in career-affirming jobs. In their senior year, majors take a yearlong course that lets them develop their own art, and their work is shown at a professional gallery.

The art and design major has four tracks:
- Art Education
- Art History
- Graphic Design
- Studio Art

SXU's Visual Arts Center is a new facility with the latest computer technology as well as the traditional studio arts.

For more information visit www.sxu.edu, Keyword: Art.