Entrance Writing Sample Placement Test: 

LOWER DIVISION GENERAL EDUCATION

A. Skills

Written Communication
(C or better in ENGL 110C required before declaring major)
ENGL 110C 3
ENGL 211C, 221C, or 231C 3

Oral Communication
COMM 101R, 103R, or 112R 3

Mathematics
MATH 101M, 102M, 162M or
STAT 130M 3

B. Ways of Knowing

Human Creativity 3
MUSC 264A, DANC 185A, THEA 241A, COMM/THEA 270A,
(ARTH 121A and ARTS 122A may not be used)

Interpreting the Past 3
HIST 100H, 101H, 102H, 103H,
104H, or 105H

Language and Culture
ENGL 112L, 114L, or FLET 100L 3

Philosophy & Ethics 3
PHIL 110P, 120P, 140P, 230E, 250E, 303E, 344E, 345E, 441E, or
Philosophy & Ethics

The Nature of Science
BIO 108N-109N, CHEM 105N/106N-107N/108N, PHYS 101N-
102N, 103N-104N, OEAS 106N-107N, OEAS 110N-111N-112N
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Human Behavior
AAST 100S; ANTR 110S; COMM 200S; CRJS 215S; ECON
200S, 210S, 205S; FIN 210S, GEOG 100S, 101S; POLS 101S,
102S; PSYC 203S, 201S, 203S, SOC201S; WMST 201S

Impact of Technology 0-3
(can be met with ARTH 435W) COMM 372T, CS 300T, DTH
440T, or ENGL 307T, GEOG 306T, HIST 300T, 304T, 386T,
389T, IT 360T, MUSC 335T, SCI 302T, PHIL 383T, POLS 350T,
STEM 110T, 370T, or WMST 390T

Foundation and Studio courses (required of all BFA students)

Art History Requirements (15 credit hours)
ARTH 211 Ancient/Medieval Art 3
ARTH 212 Renaissance/Modern Art 3
ARTH 320W, 350W, 351W, or 435W 3
ARTH 300/400 Elective 3
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Foundation Requirements (15 credit hours)
ARTS 202 Two Dimensional Design 3
ARTS 203 Three Dimensional Design 3
ARTS 231 Fundamentals of Drawing 3
ARTS 279 Fundamentals of Digital Art 3
ARTS 304 Color 3

Students seeking continuance into the BFA degree concentrations
must complete all studio courses with a grade of C or higher
followed by submission of a portfolio of work for evaluation by a
designated faculty committee.

Studio Core and Capstone (27 credit hours)
ARTS 211 Intro Digital Photography 3
ARTS 241 Fundamentals of Painting 3
ARTS 251, 252, or 254 Printmaking 3
ARTS 261 Intro to Sculpture 3
OR ARTS 263 Intro to Ceramics
ARTS 281 Crafts 1: Fibers 3
OR ARTS 291 Crafts 1: Metalsmithing/Jewelry
OR ARTS 392: Blacksmithing
ARTS 331 Drawing: Composition 3
ARTS 400 OR 401* Senior Show/Design Portfolio 3
ARTS electives
Select two 200, 300, or 400 level courses 6

*ARTS 400 for all concentrations except graphic design; ARTS
401 for graphic design concentration.

Studio Concentrations (18 credits except for graphic design; 21
credits for graphic design)
(all BFA students must choose one of the following after
completion of the foundation courses)

Drawing and Design
ARTS 271, 350, 431, 432
6 credits from: ARTS 302, 341, 370, 371, 376, approved 395/495,
433, 450, 473, or 497

Fibers
ARTS 381 and 481
Two courses from: ARTS 254, 341, 350 or 450
Two courses from: ARTS 350 or 450, 363, 364, 497
(ARTS 281 and either ARTS 251 or 252 must be taken
from the Studio Core requirements.)

Graphic Design
ARTS 271, 370*, 371, 372, 471
2 courses from: ARTS 471, 473, 475, or approved 495, 497 or 498
(*After completion of ARTS 370, application through portfolio
review must be submitted to the department to continue in the
graphic design concentration. Applicants for the portfolio review
should check Art Department website or blog regarding the
portfolio submission and review process.
In addition, students who are applying for the graphic design
concentration must purchase a Macintosh laptop computer and
graphic arts software. Specifications for the computer and software
can be obtained from the chief departmental advisor.
In addition, continuance requires a grade of “C” or higher in all
prerequisite courses and requirements in the graphic design
sequence.) Note that graphic design concentration students take
only six credit hours of studio core elective courses.

Three Dimensional Media
ARTS 361, 363 and 391
One course from: ARTS 461, 463, or 491
Two courses from: ARTS 302, 363, 391, 392, 461, 463, 469, 491,
approved 495 or 497
Painting
6 courses from ARTS 341, 431, 432, 433, 441, 442, 469 (or approved 495 and 497)

Print and Photo Media
ARTS 251 or 252
ARTS 311
12 credits from: ARTS 251, 252, 254, 350, 411, 412, 413, 450, 473, approved 495, 497, or 498

UPPER DIVISION GENERAL EDUCATION
Option A. Approved Minor, 12-24 hours; also second degree or second major

Option B. Interdisciplinary Minor (specifically 12 hours, 3 of which may be in the major)

Option C. International Business and Regional Courses or an approved Certification Program such as teaching licensure

Option D. Two Upper-Division Courses from outside the College of Arts and Letters or from the Social Science Component from the College of Arts and Letters that are not required by the major (6 hours).

A student may take a double concentration, but no more than two courses may be used for both concentrations. Note that a second concentration is not a minor and does not fulfill the upper-division general requirements.

Requirements for graduation include a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 overall and in the major, no less than a grade of C in any major course, 120 credit hours which must include both a minimum of 30 credit hours overall and 12 credit hours of upper-level courses in the major program from Old Dominion University, passage of the Exit Examination of Writing Proficiency, and completion of Senior Assessment.

BFA with Teaching Licensure
Admission. All students must apply for and be admitted into the approved BFA with teaching licensure program. Students must meet the required criteria for admission by passing the Virginia Board of Education prescribed assessments and earn the minimum required grade point averages (GPA).

Virginia Board of Education prescribed assessments:
- A passing PRAXIS I composite score of 532 or
- Qualifying SAT or ACT test scores or
- PRAXIS I Math test score of 178 and a composite Virginia Communication and Literacy (VCLA) score of 470 or
- SAT Mathematics test score of 530 and a composite Virginia Communication and Literacy (VCLA) score or 470 or
- ACT Mathematics test score of 22 and a composite Virginia Communication and Literacy (VCLA) score of 470

Required grade point averages (GPA):
- A cumulative GPA of 2.75 is required.
- A major/content GPA of 2.75 is required – all Art courses must be passed with a grade of C or higher.
- A professional education GPA of 2.75 is required – all professional education courses must be passed with a grade of C or higher.

Although students may enroll in a limited number of education courses, students must be admitted into the approved BFA with teaching licensure program prior to enrolling in any instructional strategies practicum education course. Students must also meet with an education advisor in the Office of Teacher Education Services.

Continuance. Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.75, a major/content GPA of 2.75 and a professional education GPA of 2.75. Art courses must be passed with a grade of C or higher. The professional education core must be completed with a grade of C- or higher for continuance. Students must take and pass the Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA) and the PRAXIS II Art content knowledge examination prior to or while enrolled in the instructional strategies course. All assessments must be passed prior to the start of the Teacher Candidate Internship Orientation session.

Virginia Board of Education prescribed assessments:
- Virginia Communication and Literacy Assessment (VCLA) – a passing composite score of 470 is required on this reading and writing assessment.
- PRAXIS II Art: Content Knowledge (test code 0133) – passing score of 159 is required

Transfer Requirements. A minimum of 21 studio credit hours and a minimum of 30-31 credit hours overall, which must include a minimum of 12 credit hours at the 300/400 levels, from Old Dominion University are required for completion of the B.A. in either studio art or art education. A minimum of 21 credit hours in art history and a minimum of 30 credit hours overall, which must include a minimum of 12 credit hours at the 300/400 levels, from Old Dominion University are required for the B.A. in art history. Degree-holding students who are only seeking teaching licensure must complete nine hours of 300/400 level studio art or art education courses at Old Dominion University. A minimum of 36 credit hours in studio art (with 12 minimum at the 300/400 levels) from Old Dominion University is required for the BFA. For a minor in either art history or studio arts, transfer students must complete two elective courses in art history at the 300/400 level at Old Dominion University.

Before registering for classes, transfer students who enroll in the BFA or B.A. in studio art programs must submit a portfolio of work for review by the Art Department chair departmental advisor who will determine which transferable courses will meet equivalent requirements in the major.

Transfer students who enroll in the B.A. in art education program must submit a portfolio of work for review by the art education program director who will determine which transferable studio and professional courses will meet equivalent requirements in the major and those that must still be completed for licensure.

Appointments for transfer portfolio evaluations must be made prior to registration for classes.

Graduation. Requirements for graduation include passage of the Exit Examination of Writing Proficiency; completion of the Senior Assessment; a minimum cumulative 2.75 GPA in the major area and in the professional education core with no grade less than a C in the major/content and with no grade less than a C- in the professional education core; successful completion of the Teacher Candidate Internship, and a minimum of 141 credit hours, which must include both a minimum of 37 credit hours overall and 12 credit hours of upper-level courses in the major program from Old Dominion University.

Due to changing University requirements, national accreditation standards, and the Virginia Board of Education licensure regulations, the teacher education programs in the College of Arts and Letters are under constant revision. Any changes resulting from these factors supersede the program requirements described in this Catalog. Students are encouraged to obtain current program information from their advisors and from the Teacher Education Services website at www.odu.edu/tes.