Art

Artists engage in making and understanding the visual culture around us. They skillfully use tools and materials to communicate ideas and encourage curiosity. For artists who are Christians, art may serve as a creative expression of their faith, observations and questions.

4 study options
- Art major/minor
- Art major with a graphic design emphasis
- Arts administration minor
- Art education endorsement (K-12)

Art faculty
Northwestern’s art faculty maintain their professional practice while they teach. Faculty members have exhibited their work at venues such as the Des Moines Art Center, the Pen & Brush in New York City, and CICA Museum in South Korea. Northwestern’s artist-teachers have diverse artistic skills and professional experience in graphic design. The department also boasts a 2017 Iowa Arts Council Fellow.

Korver Visual Arts Center
The Korver Visual Arts Center has well-equipped studios and a gallery, including:
- Ceramics room with 17 wheels and 4 kilns
- Drawing studio with 20 drafting tables
- Mac lab with 21 computers containing Adobe Suite
- Painting studio for oil, acrylic and watercolors
- Photography darkroom
- Printmaking studio with 4 presses
- Sculpture lab with professional-grade power tools
- Te Paske Gallery, which hosts 9 to 12 shows each year

Student success
From internships to exhibitions, Northwestern art students gain valuable experiences outside of the classroom. For example:
- NWC student artwork was selected for the 2017 University of Nebraska juried undergraduate exhibition.
- A student-designed logo won the 2015 Higher Learning Commission’s Conference Art Contest.
- In 2014, a student was selected for an elite internship at Elsewhere Museum in North Carolina.
- A student presented an art history paper at the 2013 Mid-Atlantic Popular Culture Association conference.
- In 2012, art by a graphics design class was featured in The GlassBooks Project, a nationwide initiative helping victims of crime tell their stories.

Career creativity
Northwestern’s art program can prepare you to pursue graduate degrees, exhibit art, teach and more. Employers report that creativity is one of the most sought-after workplace skills. Recent NWC grads have found employment as

- Art cataloger, Everything But the House (OH)
- Assistant designer, ViBella Jewelry (IA)
- Graphic designer, Northwest Iowa Review (IA)
- Graphic designer, Optum (Minneapolis)
- K-5 art teacher, Urbandale (IA) Community Schools
- Resident artist, Downtown Artery (Fort Collins, CO)

To learn more about our professors and students, and see what graduates are doing:

www.nwciowa.edu/art