

B.F.A. Foundation Program

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Students pursuing the B.F.A. degree at Tyler (including those who seek the Art Education Concentration) begin with a common freshman experience, the Foundation Year. During this year, students are enrolled in studio courses in Drawing, 2-D and 3-D Principles as well as two Foundation seminar courses. The Foundation Program Department is highly structured and intensive. It forms the fundamental basis for studio practice, critical thinking, and understanding and implementation of principles of visual expression. The program emphasizes creative and critical thinking, problem solving, visual thinking, perception and observation through the use of visual vocabulary, theory, media, and techniques of artistic practice. The Foundation faculty is comprised of artists from all the fields represented in the school's majors, providing freshmen with a broad perspective and diverse points of view from which to build their experience as artists.

B.F.A. Foundation Year Requirements

Year 1		Credit Hours
Fall		
FDPR 1501	Introduction to Art and Design	1
FDPR 1511	Foundation Drawing	3
FDPR 1521	2D Foundation Principles	3
FDPR 1531	3D Foundation Principles/W	3
ARTH 1155 or 1955	Arts of the World I: Prehistoric to 1300	3
ENG 0802, 0812, or 0902	Analytical Reading and Writing [GW] ¹	4
Term Credit Hours		17
Spring		
FDPR 1502	Investigations of Art and Design	1
FDPR 1512	Foundation Drawing	3
FDPR 1522	2D Foundation Principles	3
FDPR 1532	3D Foundation Principles/C	3
ARTH 1156 or 1956	Arts of the World II: 1300 to the 21st Century	3
IH 0851 or 0951	Intellectual Heritage I: The Good Life [GY] ¹	3
Term Credit Hours		16
Total Credit Hours:		33

¹ These are suggested GenEds to take during the first year; other GenEd courses may be substituted. Please consult your advisor.