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BFA Art Studio Portfolio Submission Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q. When is the portfolio submission deadline this semester?

- Portfolio submissions are due at 11:59 pm.
- Portfolio submissions are as follows:
Fall Terms: November 1
Spring Terms: April 1
- The online application form can be found here: [BFA Portfolio Application](#)

Q. Do I need to submit a portfolio, and if so, when during my time at UNM should I do it?

- All students pursuing a BFA in Art Studio must submit a portfolio. We encourage you to submit once you are nearing completing college admission requirements (see below). This is typically your second year in the major or when you are enrolled in ARTS 1230 Art Practices II.

Q. What are the requirements for admission into the College of Fine Arts as a declared major?

- Requirements as of 2023 - 2024 UNM Catalog:
 - Completion of 26 hours of earned credit.
 - A grade point average of at least 2.50 in all hours attempted at UNM or a grade point of at least 2.50 in the last 30 hours attempted.
 - Competency in English writing as demonstrated by completion of ENGL 1110 (or ENGL 1110Y or 1110Z) with a grade of C or better, or placement past this level with approved placement test.
 - Competency in Mathematics as demonstrated by completion of MATH 1215Y or General Education-level Mathematics with a grade of C or better, or placement into General- Education level Mathematics by approved placement test.
 - Completion of 12 credit hours of course work in the major area with at least a 2.50 grade point average. Please note that each degree has a higher major GPA requirement for graduation. See individual degree plan for more details.

If you have any questions about the requirements beyond the portfolio process, please reach out to the Fine Arts Advisement Center at finearts@unm.edu.

Q. What is the difference between a BFA and a BA degree?

- A BFA is often required or preferred for admission to a graduate Master of Fine Arts (MFA) program. If you are planning to pursue a graduate degree in art studio, a BFA degree is recommended. A BFA degree emphasizes professional standards and practices and the skills needed for successfully exhibiting and promoting your artwork.

Q. Why do I need to list the classes I plan on taking before leaving UNM?

- This is an opportunity for you to plan and an opportunity for faculty reviewing these portfolios to note students showing an interest in their area of expertise. This information is only used for these purposes, we understand that plans often change, and it is okay if you don't yet know exactly what classes you will take, best guesses are just fine.



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Q. Why do I need to consult a full-time faculty person?

- Full time faculty are often aware of degree requirements and of the resources of our program to a greater extent than graduate teaching assistants and adjunct faculty. This is an opportunity for you to introduce yourself to a faculty member whose artwork resonates with you, or to a faculty member teaching in an area you are particularly interested in studying. If you don't yet know any full-time faculty members, check the department website for faculty email contact info, and reach out to a few professors.

Q. Is there a capacity for BFA admission, will I be competing with my classmates?

- There is no limit to the number of students accepted into the BFA Art Studio degree. Portfolio submissions are designed to be selective rather than a competitive process.

Q. *What is Portfolio.adobe.com?*

- Adobe Portfolio is free to admitted UNM students as part of their Creative Cloud Subscription. You can build your portfolio of 10 images using this site, and link to it on your application form.