Creativity. It’s a chance to emulate the artistic excellence of our Creator.

Being made in His image means that we have a desire to be like Him in the creative process, as well as in our enjoyment of His creation. Because our creativity reflects an act of worship, our work is bonded with our faith.

As we pursue artistic excellence and expansion of our Visual Arts Department to include Performing and Media Arts, new courses will offer opportunities for broader artistic expressions as forms of worship.

The goal of the Visual Arts program is to provide students with studies, practice, and experiences from a Christ-centered perspective that will serve to guide in their ability to demonstrate excellence in creative work, achieve competency in the use of tools and technology, and articulate analytical perceptions in theoretical, cultural, and stylistic contexts.

The Visual Arts faculty is dedicated to assisting students in defining their calling as artists, Christians, and professionals so they can communicate with expertise in a visually oriented world—where creativity really does matter.

Grace College Mission

Grace College is an evangelical Christian community of higher education which applies biblical values in strengthening character, sharpening competence, and preparing for service.
Areas of Study

ART
The Art major focuses on the breadth of general studies in the visual arts within the format of a liberal arts framework. It is designed to develop students’ visual sensitivity and technical skills, increase their ability to make workable connections between concept and media, and to gain natural development of quality in works of art.

GRAPHIC DESIGN
The Graphic Design major provides students with structured opportunities for the study of visual communication. The primary purpose of the Graphic Design major is to develop students’ “basic art and design” skills, increase their knowledge of technical production processes in the graphic arts industry, and provide functional training in graphics manipulation software.

ILLUSTRATION
The Illustration major provides students with a strong foundation for careers that demand their skills in drawing, media sensitivity, and visual interpretation. The purpose is to develop student ability to solve problems of contextualized visual communication through pursuit of artistic excellence, cultural/social awareness, and individual stylistic development.

PHOTOGRAPHY
The Photography major provides students with a foundation for understanding photographic techniques and processes used within the industry and its relationship to visual discipline and influence on culture. The purpose of the Photography major is to develop students’ technical and mechanical skills to produce imagery that will show visual communication in a variety of formats and to bring competency skill sets within the visual arts.

WEB DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT
The Web Design and Development major provides students with a foundational understanding of web design and development by integrating courses from both the Art Department and the Information Systems program. Students learn to create aesthetically pleasing web pages, as well as implement their design skills through the development of a functional web-based product.

Worship Arts
The new Worship Arts major provides academic opportunities for students to develop skills that foster musical talents with leadership, technology, visual art and design or theatre arts for the purpose of interpreting music as a form of worship in their Christian liberal arts environment. The major has a strong emphasis on Worship Leadership, Music Technology, Visual Art/Design, Theatre Arts, and Contemporary Music.

MINORS
Art, Graphic Design, Illustration, Music Arts, Music Technology, Photography, and Worship Arts

The Art minor is intended for students pursuing majors in disciplines outside of the field of Art. The minor requirement is 18 hours.

The Photography minor is intended for students pursuing any major area of study. The minor requirement is 18 hours.

The Graphic Design or Illustration minor may coincide with any major. The minor requirement is 12 hours, see academic catalog for details.

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