SIENA HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY
ART DEPARTMENT

The tools for your future
Studio Angelico – A Community of Artists
SIENA HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY’S ART PROGRAM

Studio Angelico offers you a large art department in a small liberal arts college featuring first-rate art professors and outstanding opportunities to stoke your creativity and follow your personal and professional direction.

Studio Angelico is a nationally accredited art department and offers degrees in Graphic Design, Art History and Fine Arts. Through our degree offerings, you will explore art media such as animation, ceramics, drawing, graphic design, metalsmithing, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture, video editing, and web design. Opportunities are available to combine majors, minors and certifications in areas such as business, psychology, chemistry, museum studies, and teacher education, providing a solid foundation for careers in fields such as advertising, art therapy, art conservation, museum work, and art education. The Studio also supports and encourages students to become professional artists.

The Art Department’s primary goal is to develop the visual artist. Students are encouraged to take risks, speculate, explore, research, create and pursue artworks of quality. Students are asked to deal in materials and in ideas, to explore past perceptions of the world of art and their interior and exterior worlds of imagination and values. These expectations call for a commitment to study, a disciplined approach to work and a willingness to integrate personal and cultural values in their artwork. In these ways students are called to be purposeful, competent and ethical, thereby supporting the mission of Siena Heights University.

There are approximately 60 students majoring in art at Siena Heights. At Studio Angelico, our class sizes are small, the attention is personal, the facilities up-to-date, and a supportive and diverse community is ready to foster your growth as an artist.

Studio Angelico, the name of the building that houses the Art Department at Siena Heights University, has been a center for art and art education for more than sixty years. Named for Fra Angelico, the Renaissance painter of the Dominican Order who lived in 15th century Florence, the Studio continues a long tradition of valuing quality, creativity, craftsmanship, and reflection in the making of art.

NASAD Accredited

Siena Heights University has been a member in good standing of the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD) since 1988. Accreditation by NASAD signifies that Siena Heights has a highly qualified art faculty and an established set of curricular standards. NASAD currently accredits approximately 320 schools and is the only national accreditation agency for art.

Mission of Studio Angelico

The mission of Studio Angelico, a community of artists and educators, is to stimulate, challenge, support and educate students to become:
• educated viewers with visual literacy and critical thinking,
• professional artists with technical and creative direction,
• thoughtful and responsible citizens in a global community.

We seek through dialogue and practice to work together within a liberal arts context to appreciate, understand and communicate the diversity and complexity of the human experience as expressed through the visual arts.
The small community of close-knit peers and faculty at Siena Heights made my BFA experience immensely enjoyable. But it wasn’t until I left that I realized just how well SHU had prepared me for the professional world. The writing and speaking skills that were emphasized, the range of technical skills that were taught, and the overall conceptual rigor that was nurtured allowed me to transition smoothly into a competitive graduate program and are skills that carry over into my daily life as a professional artist and art professor.

Christina West (BFA 2003)
Assistant Professor of Art
Georgia State University

Where the Art World Meets Your World
THE KLEMM GALLERY

The Klemm Gallery, with its 1800 square foot exhibition space, provides a venue for a broad range of art exhibitions supporting the University’s mission and reflecting the concerns and interests of the faculty and students in the Art Program.

Each fall semester the gallery schedules three month-long solo or group exhibitions featuring artists with national and international reputations. Lectures and workshops by artists and scholars support these exhibitions and provide opportunities for discussion and collaboration with Siena’s diverse faculty and student body. Faculty and Alumni exhibitions are regularly held.

One of the distinctive features of an education at Studio Angelico is the student’s senior-year exhibition, which provides them with an opportunity to display the fruits of their efforts. BA candidates mount group exhibits, while BFA candidates present solo shows as seen in the image above.

A Place to Learn, Grow, and Create
STUDIO ANGELICO

The Art Department has its own building with studios designated for each area of study, as well as room for individual creative spaces.

Areas of study include:
- animation
- art education
- art history
- book arts
- ceramics
- drawing
- graphic design
- metalsmithing
- painting
- photography
- printmaking
- sculpture
- video
- web design
B.A. or B.F.A.
TWO OPTIONS, ONE PROGRAM

**Bachelor of Fine Arts**
The Bachelor of Fine Arts degree (B.F.A.) is an intensive studio art program intended for students aiming for graduate work and studio or art-based careers. All Bachelor of Fine Arts students must complete a one-person exhibition.

**Requirements**
- **Art Foundation Requirements**
  - ART 105 Foundations I: Core Concepts 3
  - ART 107 Foundations II: Core Concepts 3
  - ART 109 Foundations III: Drawing Concepts 3
  - ART 111 Foundations IV: Digital Concepts 3
  - ART 101 Introduction to Ceramics or 3
  - ART 102 Introductions to Sculpture (for Art Majors only) 3
- **Core Media Studies**
  - Choose four art introductory courses: Ceramics, Jewelry Making, Painting, Photography, Prints & Books, Sculpture, Graphic Design, Materials and Methods, Digital Imaging, Graphic Design, Metalsmithing, Painting, Photography, Printmaking, Sculpture
- **Approved Art Studio Concentration Courses**
  (Choose from Ceramics, Digital Media, Painting, Photography, Printmaking & Book Arts, or Sculpture/Metalsmithing)
- **Art History Requirements**
  - ART 395 Portfolio 2
  - ART 495 Senior Exhibition 1
- **Academic Cognate Requirements**
  - TSC 101 Fundamentals of Speech Communication 3
- **Approved Art Studio Electives**
  - 21
- **Total for Major**
  - 90
- **Liberal Arts**
  - 22-23
- **General Electives**
  - 7-8
- **Total for Degree**
  - 120

Please consult a university catalog for the most up-to-date degree information.

**Bachelor of Arts**
The Bachelor of Arts degree (B.A.) is a strong liberal arts degree with an art major. It is suited for those students who double major or pursue teaching certification. All Bachelor of Arts students must participate in a group exhibition.

**Requirements**
- **Art Foundation Requirements**
  - ART 105 Foundations I: Core Concepts 3
  - ART 107 Foundations II: Core Concepts 3
  - ART 109 Foundations III: Drawing Concepts 3
  - ART 111 Foundations IV: Digital Concepts 3
  - ART 101 Introduction to Ceramics or 3
  - ART 102 Introductions to Sculpture (for Art Majors only) 3
- **Art History Requirements**
  - 12
- **Approved Art Studio Electives**
  - 21
- **Total for Major**
  - 48
- **Liberal Arts**
  - 35
- **General Electives**
  - 37
- **Total for Degree**
  - 120

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**Graduate School**
Studio Angelico graduates choosing to go on to graduate school for further study are being admitted to top-ranked schools, including:
- Alfred University
- University of Michigan
- Cranbrook Academy of Art
- School of the Art Institute of Chicago
- University of Arizona
- Syracuse University
- Massachusetts College of Art and Design
- Savannah College of Art and Design
- Bowling Green State University
- Wayne State University

**Employment**
Employment opportunities for Studio Angelico graduates are found in virtually all types of business. Some examples are:
- Art Conservator
- Gallery Director/Owner
- Graphic Designer
- Historic Preservationist
- Jeweler
- Museum Curator
- Museum Registrar
- Photographer
- Publishing
- Teacher K-12
- Visual Merchandise Manager

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