

## Transfer Student General Information *Studio Art at UNCC*

If you are interested in pursuing studio art professionally after college, UNCC's Department of Art and Art History urges you to consider studying in the BFA degree program. The BFA is the 'professional' degree in this field, requiring an in-depth investigation of a specific concentration area. We offer 10 concentrations in this department:

- Ceramics
- Cross Disciplinary
- Digital Media (tentative for 2009)
- Fibers
- Graphic Design
- Illustration
- Painting
- Photography
- Print Media
- Sculpture

While we do offer a BA in Art, we recommend this degree primarily for students seeking K-12 Teacher Licensure, or for those who do not intend to pursue a graduate studies or a career in studio art.

Transfer students generally expect to graduate in a standard 4 year time frame. This may not be possible if your goal is a BFA with an Art major and a concentration in \_\_\_\_\_. There is no particular urgency schedule-wise with the BA in Art. Requirements for the major can typically be completed in 3-4 semesters (without Teacher Licensure).

New students at UNCC take 3-4 classes in the Art major each semester beginning in their freshman year. Because there is a mandatory sequence of classes in our concentration areas, transfer students who have not followed this sequence will need to add additional semesters to their time to graduation. Most transfer students will not have followed this sequence.

All studio Art students, regardless of their status at previous institutions, begin at UNCC as Pre Art majors until they apply for acceptance into the Art major by submitting an entrance portfolio. THIS SHOULD BE DONE BEFORE BEGINNING CLASSES AT UNCC or time-to-graduation may be delayed. Upon acceptance, students enter the BA degree program with an Art major.

Students who are interested in earning the BFA degree, or who simply wish to take upper level classes, must enroll in the BFA Portfolio Review class. Passing this class is the only way to access the BFA degree program with an Art major and a particular concentration. The class requires a separate portfolio of work from the concentration area. Passing this class is also the **ONLY** way to access all upper level courses in this department.

If you have already taken the first class in your intended concentration area (ie. Sculpture 1) then you must register for the next class in the area (ie. Sculpture 2) in order to follow the correct sequence. Most of the second level classes are restricted to Art majors only (not Pre Art). Now you understand the importance of submitting the portfolio to acquire Art major status **BEFORE** you register for classes at UNCC. You must also register for the BFA Portfolio Review class, so that you will have access to the third class in the sequence the next semester. The BFA Portfolio Review class is restricted to Art majors only (not Pre Art). If you take the second level class without also taking this class, you will not be able to continue in the sequence and will delay your time to graduation. Submit that portfolio before you come here!