In THE BFA PHOTOGRAPHY program, students learn fundamental principles and practices that prepare them to solve the challenges of expressing themselves through photography. Students work closely with faculty and get continual feedback. They are encouraged to explore, take risks, and find their own path, while they develop their skills.

The BFA in Graphic Design introduces students to graphic design as a means of visual communication, organization, and persuasion. In the Graphic Design program, students learn the theory and techniques of graphic design, and participate in projects that simulate real-world work. They are encouraged to explore, take risks, and find their own path, which they describe in their work.

The BFA in Studio Art provides students with a broad foundation in art and art history. Students learn design principles and basic skills through work in a variety of two-dimensional, three-dimensional, and time-based media. The program encourages experimentation and cross-disciplinary approaches. Students complete a body of work that is original, distinctive, and reflects a personal vision. Seniors study professional practices to prepare for careers as artists or to pursue graduate studies.

The BFA in Computer Animation offers students training in the principles and techniques used to create animated imagery for games, film, video, and the internet. Built on a foundation in drawing and fine arts, the program in Computer Animation provides students with skills to make images move, to blend video and motion graphics, to create 3D computer animated characters and models with amazing textures and special effects, and to create virtual environments and games.

This BFA in Computer Animation student in Computer Animation prepares students to pursue careers in film, gaming, art, or for post-graduate studies if an MFA is desired. For more information visit the Computer Animation website.
WHAT IS WASH?

The WASH (Workshop in Art Studio and History) program is a unique opportunity for Sam Houston State University art students to participate in an experimental studio environment, exploring contemporary issues surrounding the visual arts.

The only program of its kind in Texas, WASH immerses students in various aspects of contemporary art in both theory and practice. It is a two-part program with a studio and lecture component. It is a thorough introduction into both Art, and the visual arts program at Sam Houston State University. For more information visit the WASH website http://shsuwash.com.

DEPARTMENT OF ART

The Department of Art offers innovative programs for students interested in the visual arts. It includes Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees as well as a master's degree.

STUDIO ART
PHOTOGRAPHY
GRAPHIC DESIGN
COMPUTER ANIMATION

Our Mission is to teach students techniques, aesthetic principles and concepts that enable them to achieve their visions in a professional manner. We help our students to develop their skills and techniques to create original works of art.

To become certified to teach art in public schools in the State of Texas, students must follow the degree plan for one of the BFA programs in Art and minor in secondary education.

We CELEBRATE the unique role that art and design play in the formation of culture and our duty to advance and share the knowledge gained through our creative research.

We FOSTER a vibrant environment for creative research and collaboration between faculty, students, and the community.

We STRIVE to create a better world, one canvas at a time.

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