

# FALL 2021 BFA REVIEW

## CALENDAR

- **Monday, September 13**  
- **Friday, October 15 by 5:00pm**  
Students sign up in Art Office for BFA Review
- **September 13-October 15**  
Students meet with faculty for advice on BFA Review submissions
- **Friday, October 22, 1:00-5:00**  
Students install artwork beginning at 1:00pm in the WASH classroom, 2nd floor. Students may arrive any time between 1:00 and 5:00. Students must check in no later than 5:00pm. Installation spaces will be assigned on a first come/first served basis. **Installation must be completed by 6:00pm**
- **Sunday, October 24, 1:00-5:00**  
Students de-install artwork
- **Wednesday, November 3**  
Results available in Art Office.

## BFA Review Checklist of required artwork

- 4 DRAWINGS** that demonstrate
    - expressive use of line and mark making
    - use of value to describe form and light (**drawn from observation**)
    - ability to make compositions that incorporate the use of negative space and the entire page
    - ability to use perspective to depict 3-dimensional space (**drawn from observation**)
    - craftsmanship and proficiency with materials
  - 2 SURFACE Works** that demonstrate (**Two-dimensional**)
    - ability to create expressive color relationships
    - ability to use value, line, shape, volume and the visual attributes of form to create an image
    - ability to visually communicate a concept or theme
    - craftsmanship and proficiency with materials
  - 2 SPACE Works** that demonstrate (**Three Dimensional Works and/or Video**)
    - intentional and successful use of elements and principles of design
    - expressive use of space and/or time
    - ability to communicate a concept and/or theme
    - craftsmanship and proficiency with physical and/or digital materials and processes
  - 2 DIGITAL Works** that demonstrate
    - ability to create expressive color relationships using digital media
    - ability to expressively use formal design elements to compose a digital image or time-based media work
    - ability to visually communicate a concept or theme
    - craftsmanship and proficiency with digital media
- Presentation:**
- portfolio must be formatted following the guidelines in the instructions.

Students are encouraged to meet with multiple faculty members for assistance in selecting work for the BFA review.

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# BFA REVIEW

## READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

These instructions, as well as a Q&A Discussion Group, can be found on the BFA Review Blackboard page. Find it under Blackboard > Home > scroll down to My Organizations

The BFA Portfolio review is required for students who have completed the Art Foundation Courses and who are applying to continue in a BFA program in Studio Art, Photography, Computer Animation or Graphic Design. **Students should sign up for the BFA review the semester after they have completed the following classes.**

- ARTS 1313, 1314, & 1315 WASH
- ARTS 1316 Drawing
- ARTS 2313 Foundations in Digital Art

### Eligibility

**All students who have successfully completed the foundation courses listed above, with a grade of C or above, must take the BFA review.**

Students who pass the review will sign a BFA declaration and may pursue a BFA Degree in Computer Animation, Studio Art, or Photography. Students who do not pass will sign a BA declaration.

The BFA Review may be repeated one time the following semester only. Students who do not pass the second time may pursue a BA in Art or a major in another department.

After passing the BFA Portfolio Review, Graphic Design majors must pass an additional Graphic Design Portfolio Review after taking Typography (ARTS 3322).

Students will receive scores that indicate areas for improvement.

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#### Presentation:

- portfolio must be submitted following the guidelines in the instructions.

## READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

### **STEP 1: CHOOSE ARTWORK**

Work from WASH, Drawing, and Foundations in Digital Art may be included in the portfolio. Work from other classes in the Art Core (Ceramics, Life Drawing 1 & 2, Performance and Video Art, Painting, Photographic Concepts, Printmaking, Sculpture) or Animation or Graphic Design may be used if these classes have been taken. Work created outside of class may be included.

Students should choose their best works that meet the criteria on the Checklist. Do not submit extra work.

All works in the portfolio must be non-collaborative and the student should be the sole author. All works should be original in nature, no copies of existing works or works produced from tutorials.

Plagiarism: If it is discovered that a BFA Review Portfolio contains work that has been created by anyone other than the student submitting the portfolio, the student will fail the BFA Review and not be allowed to repeat it. The student submitting the Portfolio and any student who provided the plagiarized work will be referred the Dean of Students for further disciplinary action.

#### **DO NOT SUBMIT EXTRA WORK.**

Submit only the number of works listed in the checklist. Your work for each section will be evaluated as a whole. For example, in the drawing section, all of your drawings do not have to fulfill every one of the criteria, but you must demonstrate each criteria in at least one drawing. You may have one work that demonstrates your ability to use perspective, and another that shows your ability to use value and another that shows your ability to communicate a concept.

Craftsmanship will be considered in each work.

You will be evaluated on your presentation. This will include, but is not limited to, correct labeling of work (labels will be provided on day of installation), neatness of display, and following provided instructions.

### **STEP 2: GET ADVICE FROM FACULTY**

It is important to submit your best work in each category. If you are unsure what to submit, make an appointment to meet with a faculty member and show them your work and seek their advice.

### **STEP 3: INSTALLATION OF ARTWORK**

Installation will take place according to date and time listed on accompanying calendar.

Labels for your work will be provided at check-in when you set up your work. Students are responsible for the installation of their work for the review. Students may bring assistants to help them with large work if necessary, but each student in the review is responsible for all decisions and choices made regarding the installation of the work. Students may not have friends or family members install their work.

Materials that will be provided

- Tools (ladders, levels, drills, tape measures, and hammers)
- Labels for your work
- Pedestals until they run out. You are not allowed more than one pedestal of those provided. You are welcome to bring in your own small tables/pedestals, as long as they fit within your chosen location.

Do NOT use glue, velcro, double-sided tape, or staples on walls.

Come prepared. You will need to provide your own tacks, nails, screws, hooks, wire and anything else needed to professionally install your work.

Do NOT submit work having wet paint.

If you have ephemeral or site-specific work to submit as 3D work, seek guidance from a professor in the 3D area on how to represent the piece in the BFA Review.

### **DIGITAL SUBMISSIONS**

Digital files may be printed or submitted via the BFA Review Blackboard page. Instructions for Blackboard submissions can be found on the Blackboard page.

### **ANIMATED GIFs**

Animated GIF files are acceptable to include in your BFA Review materials.

## VIDEO FILES

*Students submitting video are strongly encouraged to seek assistance from faculty regarding which category is appropriate for the video.*

MOV or MP4 files should be compressed using the H.264 codec. Movies should be no longer than 2 minutes. Longer movies should be edited down to clips of 2 minutes or less.

If you are intending on submitting a video, please consider using a video streaming service or cloud storage to submit. For video streaming, only use YouTube or Vimeo. Cloud storage options include Google Drive, One Drive, and Dropbox. We will not be able to provide instructions on using these methods for submitting videos, so if you are not already familiar with the process, then you should submit your files directly to Blackboard.

If using a video streaming service (YouTube or Vimeo), make sure that it can be viewed by the general public. Do not password protect the video. It is recommended that you have a family member or friend test the web link you have provided in your image list to make sure that it works.

If using cloud storage (Google Drive, One Drive, Dropbox, etc), make sure that file has public sharing permissions. Private files can not be viewed by the faculty reviewing your work. It is recommended that you have a family member or friend test the web link you have provided in your image list to make sure that it works

Adhere to ALL of guidelines for submitting ALL work (follow the requirements!)

**DO NOT SUBMIT EXTRA WORK.**

Follow instructions for submitting digital files.

## **STEP 4: DE-INSTALLATION OF ARTWORK**

Work must be removed by date and time listed on accompanying calendar.

Students are responsible for the de-installation of their work after the review has taken place. Students unable to be present on the scheduled day and times for de-installation should make arrangements to have a friend or family member remove the work from the location where you installed your work.

**FAILURE TO REMOVE WORK ON THE SCHEDULED DAY AND TIME WILL RESULT IN AN AUTOMATIC "NO PASS" REGARDLESS OF SCORE.**

Under these circumstances, if the student received a passing score then they will have to repeat the review during the following semester.

If the student did not receive a passing score and did not remove their work at the scheduled time, then they will not be allowed to repeat the review and will need to sign a BA declaration.

## **STEP 5: RECEIVE RESULTS**

Students will pick up their BFA Review results in the Art Office. See accompanying calendar for date.

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