

UWG Art Learning Community

A Learning Community is a small group of students who take their classes together during their first year. Learning Communities offer a “small college” environment within the larger campus. Some of your classes consist only of your fellow Learning Community students, while others will include non-Learning Community students as well. Your class schedule is pre-set and will include a thematic Learning Community course, English Composition, and other Core courses needed for graduation.

Who can join? The Art Learning Community is oriented towards both art majors and undecided students who are interested in art, with the assumption that the two groups of students can learn from each other. Undeclared students can use the learning community to get a taste of what art classes are like while pursuing their core requirements and thinking about potential majors. Art majors, meanwhile, will ensure steady progress through the program by committing to a learning community; the community also helps majors get to know each other and forge a community that will last throughout their careers at West Georgia.

To inquire about joining the Art Learning Community, contact the First Year Programs office at fye@westga.edu. For questions, contact the Art Learning Community coordinator Dr. Rebecca Reynolds at rreynold@westga.edu.

In the first year, students take 5 courses each semester. Of those ten total, 6-7 count towards the university core, and 3-4 are Art Department courses (these would count towards an Art major).

Non-art majors:

Fall (14 credits)	Spring (15 credits)
Art 10062-D Composition	Art 10093-D Composition
Art 1007 Drawing I	Art 2202 History of Western Art II [core]
English 1101	English 1102
[core: MATH choice]	[core: HIST 1112 or POLS 1101]
XIDS2002 WDYRK about the Visual Arts?	[core: choice]

Art majors:

Fall (14 credits)	Spring (15 credits)
Art 1006 2-D Composition	Art 1009 3-D Composition
Art 1007 Drawing I	Art 1008 Drawing II
English 1101	Art 2202 History of Western Art II
[core: MATH choice]	English 1102
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The Learning Community's home base is an XIDS course designed to introduce students to critical thinking about art, and to the differing programs in the department.

XIDS 2002 What Do You Really Know About the Visual Arts? (2 credits)

What is art? Why do humans feel compelled to make art? What's good art, and what's bad art? How has art changed over the centuries? What does being an artist actually entail, day to day? These are some of the questions that we will discuss in a semester-long investigation of the visual arts. The discussion-based course will cover a broad range of material from the concept of art to the nuts and bolts of what it takes to be an artist. Students will be exposed to all of the programs in the Art Department (Art Education, Art History, Ceramics, Graphic Design, Drawing & Painting, Photography, Printmaking, and Sculpture) through presentations and class visits. In addition to exploring the different media taught within our department, students will study the structure of the art world through its various agents, such as art critics, dealers, and curators. Nuts-and-bolts discussions will include "what to do with an art major" and "how to do research." Extracurricular activities will also be planned, such as field trips to Atlanta for the High Museum of Art and The Contemporary Art Center.