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# Student Passport

Department of Art, Art History & Design



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## Advising

The College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences has centralized academic advising for all of your general education courses. However, all art students should connect early with a [Department Faculty Advisor](#). Faculty advisors best know the ins and outs of the program and can help you pick what you need to be both successful in your future career and keep you on track for graduation. Check in with the department chair to find out who will be your advisor.

**TIP** Studio courses are 2.5 hrs long and require a lot of work. You don't want to save them all for the end; you'll get tired fast!

## BA vs...

- + Needs Minor
- + Must do upper-level courses in at least two studio areas
- + Does not require a portfolio review

*If you want to study Art Education or Art History you must do a BA degree.*

### The BA may be best if you...

- *Want to complete the Web Communications, Game Development & Design, Public History, Theatre, UX, or another minor*
- *Have plans to go into Art Therapy, Arts Business*
- *Have a broad variety of studio interests*

## ... BFA

- + No Minor
- + Will complete more upper level courses in the concentration
- + More Art History courses
- + Requires passing a portfolio review to be admitted to the program
- + Graduating seniors must complete a solo exhibition OR professional design/animation portfolio

### The BFA may be best if you...

- *Plan to go to graduate school for fine art*
- *Are interested in intensive study in one major area*
- *Want to take more studio classes*
- *Want more exposure to Art History*

## BFA Portfolio Review

Reviews happen in spring and fall on Study Day. Students typically apply as rising juniors.

### To apply you need to have:

- ✓ 3.0 GPA in your art history and studio classes
- ✓ 1 drawing
- ✓ 1 piece with color
- ✓ 1 3D piece
- ✓ 2 pieces relating to your concentration
- ✓ Short essays about you and why the BFA is right for you

**Don't Panic!** Your professors will help you prepare.

**TIP** If you're unsure, you don't have to choose right away as both programs share requirements. Talk to your faculty advisor to help you choose what works for you.

## Get Involved!

Students who get involved on campus have proved to be much more successful in the classroom and after graduation. The following are just a few of the many opportunities for students at UAH.

### Art Club

Faculty Sponsor: *Chris Taylor*

Open to all, the art club sponsors the annual Holiday Art Show and Sale and has frequent field trips from Lowe Mill to New York City. They host figure drawing nights, have chalk parties in front of Wilson Hall, and fund prizes for the juried student show.

@uahartclub    f UAHartclub

### Charger Studios

Faculty Sponsor: *Vinny Argentina*

Charger Studios seeks to increase the knowledge and appreciation for animation, film, and games.

✉ charger.studios@uah.edu

## The Student Advertising Federation

Faculty Sponsor: *Keith Jones*

SAF is a creative resource to explore the advertising and design world. Club members get the chance to network with industry professionals and attend conferences.

✉ [joneskt@uah.edu](mailto:joneskt@uah.edu)

## Archaeological Institute of America North Alabama Chapter

Faculty Sponsor: *Dr. Lillian Joyce*

AIA is North America's oldest and largest organization devoted to the world of archaeology. Through the AIA, top scholars give talks on a wide array of archaeological subjects. Free for students and community members alike.

f [north.alabama.aia](http://north.alabama.aia)

## Kappa Pi

Faculty Sponsor: *Dr. Laura Smith*

Outstanding students may be invited to join the Kappa Pi Art Honor Society. Members are eligible for scholarships through the 100+ year old national organization as well as receiving cords they can wear for graduation.

✉ [lls0016@uah.edu](mailto:lls0016@uah.edu)    🌐 [kappiart.com](http://kappiart.com)

## Alabama Women's Caucus for Art

The ALWCA is open to all creative women, not just visual artists. Membership allows for participation in member only exhibitions and social events, meet and greets, access to CAA (College Art Association) conferences, leadership in the local community, and advocacy for women in the arts.

🌐 [alwca.org](http://alwca.org)    f [alabamawca](https://www.facebook.com/alabamawca)

# Resources

## Scholarships

UAH automatically issues merit based awards upon admittance. UAH offers other competitive scholarships. We encourage all students to apply for them through the UAH Scholarship Application available online in early August with a priority deadline in early December. Even if you do not complete a FAFSA form, you should apply. Go to the link below and click on competitive scholarships.

### On the Web...

[uah.edu/scholarship](http://uah.edu/scholarship)

## Internships

We offer a number of internships in all areas of Art & Design. Students may search for their own or their faculty advisor will match them up with one. Faculty advisors must approve internships before students register for the class.

## Dean of Students

If you are having any problems that affect your ability to succeed as a student, don't hesitate to contact the Dean of Students' office.

### Call...

256.824.6700

### Email...

[dos@uah.edu](mailto:dos@uah.edu)

### On the web...

[uah.edu/dos](http://uah.edu/dos)

## Student Health Center

The Student Health Center is in Wilson Hall, 3rd floor, Room 325. They provide on-campus healthcare to students, including physicals, vaccinations, treatment of acute illnesses, and preventative health. The fee for an office visit is \$10 and, if necessary, additional fees for lab work or other diagnostic tests can be incurred. Walk in times are available during cold and flu visits.

### On the web...

[uah.edu/shc](http://uah.edu/shc)

### Call...

256.824.6775



## Counseling Center

The Counseling Center is across the street from the Bevill Center in Executive Plaza, Building 200, Suite 208. They provide counseling for stress management and anxiety; interpersonal relationships with friends, family, or peers; LGBTQ understanding; cultural issues and diversity, disordered eating and body image issues; and more. Individual counseling sessions are scheduled by appointment, or you can ask to sign up for a group session.

On the web...

[uah.edu/counseling-center](http://uah.edu/counseling-center)

Call...

256.824.6203

## Disability Support Services

Disability Support Services complies with the standards of the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA, 2008) and the Association for Higher Education and Disabilities (AHEAD). If you have a disability, please register for accommodations so that we may best help you. They are located in Wilson Hall, 1st floor, Room 128. Walk through the Professional and Continuing Studies glass doors and follow the signs to DSS.

On the web...

[uah.edu/dss](http://uah.edu/dss)

## Title IX

Title IX ensures that federally funded education programs like UAH provide an environment free from discrimination on the basis of sex, including sexual harassment and violence, sexual assault, coercion, or rape. If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact the University Title IX Coordinator or their deputy coordinators.

Call...

256.824.4600

On the web...

[uah.edu/title-ix](http://uah.edu/title-ix)



## Help with Academics

Sometimes, the jump from high school to college leaves students feeling embarrassed or ashamed if they get overwhelmed and have to ask for help. But there is no shame in reaching out or asking questions. Your teachers want you to do well in class, so if you're struggling to keep up, don't hesitate to reach out via email or visit your professor during office hours. Their email address, office hours, and the location of their office are always posted on the syllabus.

### Exhibitions

In the fall, the Department hosts a Foundations Show to celebrate work created in introductory classes. Every spring, we host the Annual Juried Student Show, an exhibition of student work done over the past year. We invite an outside juror to assess the work and give awards. Prizes include scholarships and cash.

### The Research or Creative Experience for Undergraduates

RCEU is a summer program that allows students to have a hands-on experience working with researchers/faculty members on a creative/research project. The fellowship prize is \$3200. Speak to your professors for more information.

### Student Success Center

Located in Salmon Library, in the North Wing on the First Floor, the Student Success Center offers free tutoring in various classes, academic coaching (personalized sessions on studying, organization, and self-management strategies), writing assistance, and more.

On the web...  
[uah.edu/ssc](http://uah.edu/ssc)

Call...  
256.824.2478

### Study Abroad

The department offers a class that travels to England to study the beginnings of Photography and 19th century photographic techniques. Students participate in a group exhibition to showcase photographs of their experience abroad. The college also offers a number of faculty-led study-abroad courses and programs.

### Faculty Coordinator...

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# Huntsville is Happening!

Check out some of the great galleries and museums in Huntsville and surrounding cities.



## Alabama is Happening Too!

Huntsville isn't the only place in Alabama with great art communities. Check out some of these museums, or talk to your favorite professors about what they recommend to check out!

**1** Alabama Artists Gallery

*2 hr 46 min away*  
[arts.state.al.us/gallery.aspx](https://arts.state.al.us/gallery.aspx)

**2** Alabama Rural Heritage Center

*3 hr 18 min away*  
[ruralheritagecenter.com](https://ruralheritagecenter.com)

**3** Birmingham Museum of Art

*1 hr 29 min away*  
[artsbma.org](https://artsbma.org)

**4** Carnegie Visual Arts Center

*24 min away*  
[carnegiearts.org](https://carnegiearts.org)

**5** Mary G. Hardin Center for Cultural Arts

*1 hr 43 min away*  
[culturalarts.com](https://culturalarts.com)

**6** Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts

*2 hr 49 min away*  
[mmfa.org](https://mmfa.org)

**7** Mobile Museum of Art

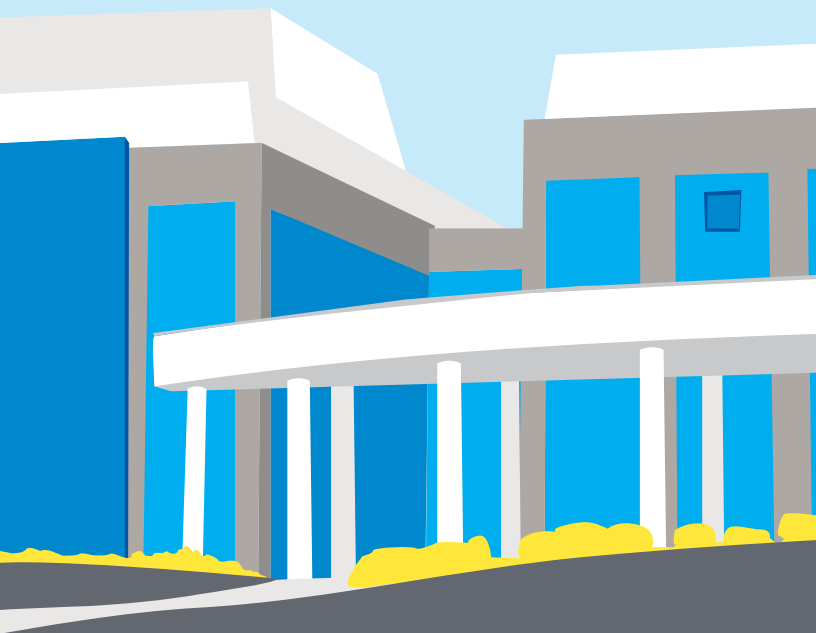
*4 hr 57 min away*  
[mobilemuseumofart.com](https://mobilemuseumofart.com)

**8** Wiregrass Museum of Art



*4 hr 37 min away*  
[wiregrassmuseum.org](https://wiregrassmuseum.org)







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