

BACHELOR OF VISUAL ARTS

*SCA has helped me develop a unique approach to art;
it has given me the opportunity to delve into my ideas
thoroughly and incorporate them into my artworks.*

MORTEZA SHAHBAKE, 2ND YEAR BVA MEDIA ART



The University of Sydney

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SYDNEY COLLEGE OF THE ARTS



BACHELOR OF VISUAL ARTS (BVA)

The Bachelor of Visual Arts provides students with the conceptual and technical skills they need to develop an art, media or design practice in the field of contemporary visual art. Students choose a major subject area to focus their art practice and are based in a studio. The BVA is very hands-on, and learning is supported by technical assistance and excellent facilities across all studio areas.

BVA PROGRAM

The BVA is an intensive, student-centred program offered full-time over three years. The course starts in March each year.

Students are introduced to the conceptual skills needed to make ideas into art in first year. The course includes a drawing program, studio and art theory lectures and seminars. Students are also introduced to research methods, their major subject area and studio facilities.

In the second and third year, students expand their understanding of visual arts through studio-based practice and projects. The core subject Theories and Histories of Art Practice provides an historical and theoretical context for contemporary visual art practice. Students can also take electives in other streams or subject areas, or can choose to focus purely on their major subject area.

A fourth year (Honours), is available and extends visual arts practice through the development of individual studio work and a research paper.

The Bachelor of Visual Arts is available in three streams and eight subject areas:

FINE ARTS STREAM

PAINTING
PRINTMEDIA
SCULPTURE, PERFORMANCE
& INSTALLATION

MEDIA ARTS STREAM

FILM & DIGITAL ART
PHOTOMEDIA

OBJECT ART & DESIGN STREAM

CERAMICS
GLASS
JEWELLERY & OBJECT

BVA OUTCOMES

Many students begin to exhibit, and even sell, their work through galleries and other outlets while studying. BVA graduates become practising artists in their subject area, and include painters, printmakers, sculptors, ceramicists, glassmakers, jewellers, object designers, photographers, video and film makers, sound artists, web and digital media designers. BVA graduates also establish careers in a wide range of art, design and culture related fields including: art education, arts administration, arts writing, curating, set and exhibition design, public art, digital imaging, commercial photography, photojournalism, furniture and product design, film, video and television production and post-production, animation, digital media industries, website and interactive design, and publishing.

FURTHER STUDY AT SYDNEY

Graduates may apply for the BVA Honours year or a coursework Master's degree in documentary photography, film and digital image, interactive and digital media, or studio art, at SCA. Graduates may also consider applying for the Master of Arts (Curatorship and Modern Art) or the Master of Museum Studies offered by the Faculty of Arts; or the Master of Teaching offered by the Faculty of Education and Social Work.

APPLICATION & ENTRY

The NSW Higher School Certificate (or equivalent qualifications) is required for entry. Applications through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) are due at the end of September. International applications submitted direct to the University's International Office, or through an agent, are due at the end of October. Applicants also gain entry through university access programs. All applicants must submit a BVA questionnaire and a portfolio. Domestic applicants may be invited to attend an interview. Visit www.usyd.edu.au/sca to download the questionnaire and for details on the portfolio and interview.

ABOUT SCA

Sydney College of the Arts (SCA) is the visual arts faculty of the University of Sydney. SCA delivers educational programs of the highest quality across specialist areas of contemporary visual art including fine art, media art, object art and design, documentary photography, film and digital image, and interactive and digital media. SCA is located in Rozelle, 15 minutes from the city and the University's Camperdown campus. SCA is easily accessible by public transport and student parking is provided.

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