
Pre-Art Therapy (Combined art and psychology program)

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Students interested in art therapy as a career may prepare for graduate study in the field by either majoring in art with a structured minor in psychology, or by majoring in psychology with a structured minor in art. Either path will enable the student to fulfill the undergraduate requirements for graduate school admission and the guidelines of the American Art Therapy Association.

Art Major option: The American Art Therapy Association requires a minimum of 12 semester hours in psychology, including Developmental Psychology and Abnormal Psychology. Some graduate programs recommend additional undergraduate psychology coursework. Students majoring in art should take the following courses for at least a minor in psychology:

PSY 213 Developmental Psychology

PSY 305 Abnormal Psychology

and at least two more courses selected from the following in consultation with Prof. Young:

PSY 217 Adolescence and Emerging Adulthood

PSY 310 Experimental Methods (with a pre-requisite of PSY 309 Statistics)

PSY 314 Child Psychopathology

PSY 402 Counseling and Psychotherapy

PSY 410 Practicum in Psychology (in an art therapy setting)

Psychology Major option: The American Art Therapy Association requires a minimum of 18 semester hours in studio art, so that the student can “demonstrate proficiency and disciplined commitment in art making... using a variety of art materials and processes”. Students majoring in psychology should take the Applied/Pre-Therapy track, including a practicum in an art therapy setting. They should also take at least 18 credits in studio art classes to cover a variety of media, such as the following, selected in consultation with Prof. Sokso:

ART 271 Ceramics I

ART 241 Two-Dimensional Design

ART 242 Three-Dimensional Design

ART 211 Drawing I

ART 245 Graphic Design I

ART 221 Painting I

ART 161 Digital and Photographic Process Printmaking

In addition to the options outlined above, a student interested in Art Therapy could complete a double major in art and psychology. Such students should consult with both Prof. Sokso and Prof. Young about appropriate selection of courses.

Pre-health Professions (see Biology)

Pre-law

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