

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY
University Senate

Resolution to Approve BFA Degree

#10-14/15-EX 10/28/2014

Resolved: That the University Senate of Humboldt State University recommends to the Provost that a new Bachelors of Fine Arts degree in Fine Art as proposed in Curriculum form 13-360 be approved; and be it further

Resolved: That one associated new course for the BFA (ART 494, see Curriculum form 14-041, summarized below) be approved; and be it further

Resolved: That new the Major will be available to students beginning with the first year that it appears in the HSU Catalog, and that the new Major will be included in the HSU catalog as soon as possible after Chancellor's Office approval; and be it further

Resolved: That the program, the Dean, and the Provost shall negotiate appropriate benchmarks for the program.

Rationale: A BFA degree is a professional degree for advanced students interested in careers in art. This particular degree will offer selected students great depth of study within a particular area of concentration: Painting and Drawing, Photography, Graphic Design, Printmaking/Drawing, Ceramics, and Jewelry/Small Metals. Admission standards for the program will be rigorous, with cohorts of only 25 to 35 students admitted each year. Prospective students have expressed interest in having a BFA degree; adding this degree will help HSU recruit top students who currently choose to go elsewhere because we don't have a BFA.

The BFA degree requires only one new course. To staff that course, the Art department plans to offer fewer sections of an existing course, with the result that the new BFA will not require any new staffing.

Note: The original course number for the BFA Practicum in Studio Art was ART 492, which is a number reserved for Baccalaureate Projects. Art has begun revising the document to reflect the change of number to 494; it is possible that these revisions may not be complete at the time the Senate approves the proposal, but they will definitely be made before the proposal is sent to the Chancellor's Office.

14-041: Art 494 - BFA Practicum in Studio Art new course, 3 units C-7, Capstone experience for student in their final semester of the BFA program. Art expects to offer two sections of the course each Spring.