

X. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

If you don't find your question here, refer to the Index in this Student Manual to find the section which corresponds to your question. If that fails, contact the Dean's Office for assistance.

Selection of a Major

Do I have to know which major I want to be in when I register?

No. We encourage students entering the visual arts programs to enter the College as "Art-Unspecified" freshmen since all students in the first year take the same classes for the entire first year regardless of the intended major. (See Foundation Studio Arts Program, Page 11)

What if I choose a Major and want to change it?

You must speak with your advisor and obtain the permission of the Department Chairs in both the department you are entering and the department you are leaving. Be sure, also, to fill out the "Change of Major" form and have it signed by the appropriate people (See Page 19).

Policies and Procedures

See also page 13-19.

I need to take a Leave of Absence from my studies for personal reasons. Is that possible? How do I proceed?

Make an appointment to see the Assistant Dean. Under certain circumstances, it is possible to take a Leave of Absence for up to two academic years.

What is the difference between an Independent Study and a Directed Study?

A Directed Study can sometimes be arranged when a student wants to take an existing University course in a semester during which it is not offered. An Independent Study is a course of study initiated by the student and is not a regular part of the in the University curriculum. See Page 16.

I am doing an Independent Study. I wrote my proposal, got it approved by my Advisor. Now what?

Be sure your form is signed by the appropriate individuals (See page 17) and then submit it to the Registrar's Office. Then set up regular appointments with your faculty sponsor to monitor your progress.

I got a "B" in my class but I really believe I deserved an "A." I have spoken to my course professor and he will not budge. Do I have any other recourse?

Yes. You can submit what is called a Grade Appeal to the Grades Appeal Facilitator. See Page 15.

I registered for a class and at the last minute I was told that the class was full and I must find another course. I want to take the class in which I enrolled. How can I do this?

There may be nothing you can do. Classes have quotas. We suggest you speak with the course professor to let him/her know your interest. There may be a possibility that a student will drop the course during the Add/Drop period and, in such case, make room for you.

Computer/Supplies

Do I need to buy a computer to bring with me?

Not necessarily. You may access computers at one of the University computer clusters. During the first year, you will need a computer mostly to write papers.

How much will it cost to buy art supplies and what should I buy?

We give a rough estimate of \$600 needed for supplies each semester. You have to realize that supplies are often going to replace books in studio courses. If you have some art supplies already, you may want to bring them, but otherwise just wait to buy anything until you meet your professors. They will tell you exactly what they expect you to have for each course that you are taking.

Miscellaneous

I would be graduating this spring but I am 3 credits short. Is there anything I can do so I can graduate with my class?

Make an appointment to see the Assistant Dean. It is possible that arrangements can be made so that you can walk in the graduation procession but not receive your diploma. You must then make up the missing credits, after which your diploma will be sent to you.