The Certificate in Art Studio allows students from across campus, regardless of their major or degree program, to engage in a structured, meaningful art studio experience. Students should work closely with their major advisor to see how the certificate requirements can fit into their degree plan. Note: Most art courses do not carry the LAS (L&S) designation.

This certificate was designed for students who may not have professional ambitions in the arts, but still have an interest in a special discipline and want to develop their talents; previous coursework in art is not required.

The program provides a course of study in four focus areas: 2D, 3D, 4D, or photography. Students select one of these options and complete the courses required of this area of study.

For each option, certificate students complete one course focusing on the historical context of art, one or two courses that provide a foundation for their chosen area, and two related electives that allow for the exploration and development of their skills specific to the area of focus.

Students interested in graphic design and typography should consider the Graphic Design Certificate (https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/education/art/graphic-design-certificate/), also offered through the Department of Art.

The Art Studio certificate may also appeal to individuals who have already completed a Bachelor’s degree in art, but now want to complete an emphasis in a different discipline; see the Nondegree/Visiting Student Guide (https://guide.wisc.edu/nondegree/). In these instances, the student will work closely with an advisor in the Department of Art to substitute higher-level courses for the foundational studio courses.