



## WANT TO GET A JUMP START ON A MAJOR IN ART? YOU CAN!

### 1. What is LEAP?

LEAP is an accelerated summer program for Ball State students who desire entry into the Department of Art undergraduate programs and want to pursue a BFA, BS, or BA degree. This *SUMMER INTENSIVE* program allows qualified students to complete first-year studio courses during the summer by taking a core set of undergraduate art courses (ADS 101, 102; AFA 101, 202) over a ten-week period.

### 2. Why is the Department of Art offering this program?

To give currently enrolled students who have not taken art courses in high school an opportunity to experience a studio course in the summer. Students can strengthen their observation skills and develop a college-level portfolio. Students who successfully complete the core during the summer then submit a portfolio of actual artwork from these courses at the conclusion of second summer session for admission consideration. A student's portfolio, course grades and GPA will be evaluated based upon the level of commitment and achievement beyond the minimum course or grade requirements. The number of students admitted is competitive.

**Transfer students from other universities** are required to submit a portfolio to the Department of Art as well as transcripts for evaluation and admittance. Transfer students are advised to request summer admittance to the university so that they can complete the first-year studio courses before entering an area of specialization in the fall. Students who successfully complete the core during the summer submit a portfolio of actual artwork at the conclusion of second summer session for admission consideration.

**Visual Communication and Animation majors** - Students wanting to major in Visual Communications (Graphic Design) or Animation must undergo a second review. Students that are admitted as an art major in the LEAP review, will then submit a portfolio for either the Visual Communication or Animation program review on **Monday, July 23, 2012** (dependent upon space availability). Information about Visual Communication and Animation Portfolio Reviews are available in the art office.

### 3. What are the advantages of LEAP?

- First-year foundation courses (ADS 101, 102; AFA 101, 102) can be completed in 10 weeks.
- LEAP is based on the same curriculum offered during the regular academic year.
- Courses offered meet the prerequisites for the major specific courses at the sophomore level (200 level). For many of our majors, the art specialization and course sequence begins in the fall.
- Students who are enrolled in LEAP can request 200-level courses in their major area of emphasis during fall course request.
- Applicants submit a portfolio of "actual artwork" which eliminates the need to submit a digital portfolio (PowerPoint on a CD).

### 4. At the conclusion of LEAP

The Admissions Committee will screen currently enrolled students using the following material:

**LEAP Application** - Application form completed and signed by student.

**Academic Record** - A current DAPR showing current grades and GPA, including SAT and/or ACT scores. The college academic record of a currently enrolled student is given greater consideration by the Admissions Committee than previous high school academic records or the SAT or ACT composite scores.

**Portfolio** - A portfolio of 10 works of art representing the following courses: ADS 101, 102; AFA 101, 202.\*

Includes a minimum of 3 drawings from direct observation. May also include 200-level studio work, if completed.

**Inventory Sheet** - A one-page typed list of artwork submitted indicating the title of the work/project, course, medium, size, and date/term completed.

\* Students must receive "C" grades or higher in ADS 101, 102; AFA 101, 202. Students who receive grades of "C-" or below must repeat the course and are not eligible for the review or advanced level courses (200 level and above).

### 5. How to Register

Registration will open for summer 2012 near the end of February. Summer registration is "on-line" using the Course **Add/Drop Registration** link for summer courses. Early registration is encouraged since space is limited in courses offered as part of LEAP (ADS 101, 102; AFA 101, 202). To view the current summer calendar go to <http://www.bsue.edu/events/summer2012/>

The LEAP application is available from the art office upon proof of registration in first and/or second summer session and is submitted on the date of the review. The location and time of the review is indicated on the application. Students who successfully complete the core during the summer submit the LEAP application and portfolio of artwork on the last day of second summer session on **Friday, July 20, 2012**. **Registration in summer courses does not guarantee admittance into the art program.**

*There are no admission quotas by race, sex, state of residence, or expressed discipline preference. The number of students admitted in the art program is in accordance with the ability of the department to provide space and studio sections of required courses.*

For more information please contact the Department of Art in AJ 401 or call 765-285-5838.