The Art Department faculty and students curate and manage the Gavilan College Gallery, which exhibits a wide range of original works by local and regional artists. Students have the opportunity to assist in organizing exhibits as well as exhibit their own artwork. Other educational activities available for students are: Arts Festivals, Art Guild (club), OJO Mural Program, Art for Service, and fieldtrips to Bay Area creative events and museums.

Artistic pursuits and careers may include: Studio artist, designer (graphic, interior, industrial), photographer, art historian, art educator, community artist/activist, muralist, museum and gallery technician, arts administrator, curator, director, art therapist, art restorer, architect, advertising and commercial artist.

The Studio Art Program provides students with a strong studio experience that integrates conceptual and technical artistic skills with personal and creative exploration.

We offer exceptional studio art courses in the foundation areas of drawing, painting, design, sculpture and art history. Our additional areas of expertise are in Ceramics, Art Education, Gallery Technology, Murals and Community Art, and Photography.

Upon completing the program, students will be prepared to continue a personal, creative journey or transfer to a four-year institution for further study. Transfer students are urged to consult a counselor and Art faculty to learn more about admission requirements to four-year institutions.

Program Learning Outcomes: After completing the Studio Art major a student will be able to:

- Analyze and describe the historical and contemporary implications of art in terms of aesthetics, content and meaning.
- Create artworks using a variety of two dimensional art media, tools and equipment.
- Create artworks using a variety of three dimensional art media, tools and equipment.
- Demonstrate color theory and use color schemes. Students will be able to apply color theory to a variety of art media.
- Demonstrate and articulate social, political, and community issues as they relate to art.

General Education Requirements: A student may complete the Gavilan College AA/AS general education pattern (35-44 units), the CSU-GE Breadth pattern (39-52 units) or the IGETC pattern (42-48 units), plus sufficient electives to meet a 60 unit total. See pages 48-56 or see a counselor for details.

NOTE: A course may be used to satisfy both general education and major courses. See “Double Counting Rule” on page 46.