DESCRIPTION:

Senior Project consists of four 2-point classes taken over two semesters and is considered the capstone experience of the Visual Arts Major. They are listed in the fall semester as Senior Thesis I (for 2-points) and Visiting Critic I (for 2-points), and in the spring semester as Senior Thesis II (for 2-points) and Visiting Critic II (for 2-points). Please note that each semester, Senior Thesis and Visiting Critic run concurrently as one class taught by two faculty members. Weekly meetings include both one-on-one and group critiques, field trips to exhibitions and visits to artists’ studios.

REQUIREMENTS:

All applicants must:

- be either a Visual Arts Major or a Combined Major in Art History and Visual Arts (note: Combined Art History and Visual Arts Majors may only apply for one of the two semesters)
- be two semesters from completing their undergraduate requirements for graduation. It is strongly advised that majors have completed 18 points of required Visual Arts Program courses before entering Senior Project.
- complete the Visual Arts Portfolio Review on Friday, April 12.

PROCEDURES for PORTFOLIO REVIEW:

Applicants must

- Sign up for a 10-minute slot on a sign-up sheet in the Visual Arts offices located in the LeRoy Neiman Gallery, room 310 Dodge Hall
- Bring work from their portfolio demonstrating the arc of their artistic education in original or digital form (when size and portability are limitations)
- Bring to the review a one page artist statement outlining their current artistic practice and what they hope to accomplish in Senior Project
- Bring the completed “Visual Arts Major Requirements Worksheet” or the “Combined Art History and Visual Arts Major Requirements Worksheet”

NOTE:

It is advisable that students visit the Visual Arts online Bulletin for information regarding the required related classes and/or contact the Director of Undergraduate Studies for any questions about completing the worksheet before their scheduled appointment.

Students who are studying abroad may email their application and portfolios to the Visual Arts office at visualarts@columbia.edu.