



**Impact:** The reorganization of our curriculum into a more streamlined model will have positive impact on our ability to deliver the curriculum and to manage our studios and other classroom needs. We have given careful consideration to faculty coverage of the classes without the need for additional positions or adjuncts.

**Rationale:** The primary curricular change from the 3 credit hour to the 4 credit hour model in these senior capstone courses will be the incorporation of professional practices. This is particularly critical in that we are deleting the elective course, ART 390, Professional Practices. Rather than only a small group of students taking this pre-professional course (which was offered in the fall every other year), all students in the B.F.A. program will benefit from learning such skills as developing a professional portfolio, learning to photograph/document their work, and investigating successful strategies in applying for exhibitions, grants and residencies in the future. This new addition to the Senior Exhibition coursework will dovetail nicely with their preparation for a solo exhibition and the writing intensive aspects that accompany this work.