

# Art, M.F.A. Program

The Department of Art offers a Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A.) in Art degree is offered in ceramics, digital media, printmaking, graphics, painting, and sculpture. This program is intended for students who have demonstrated ability for independent work of high quality in one of the four fields.

## Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree (or its equivalent) from an accredited college or university.
- Demonstrate the potential to pursue graduate study successfully, that is, have attained a minimum undergraduate grade average of B in Art courses and a minimum grade average of B- in the undergraduate record as a whole.
- Have earned a minimum of 33 undergraduate credits in Art. This total must include one 3-credit survey course in Art History and 6 additional credits in Art History.
- Complete an interview with the Department and submit a portfolio and/or photographs or slides of recent work.
- Submit two letters of recommendation from college instructors.
- If conditionally admitted, satisfy the conditions within one year.
- *Personal Interview.* An appointment for a personal interview with the graduate coordinator and adviser can be arranged through the Art Department Office after the application for admission has been filed and approved.
- Applicants will then need to present examples of their work - either originals, photographs, or color transparencies - for final approval.
- Applicants will be reviewed by the department's M.F.A. Committee.
- Upon acceptance, the student and his/her work will be reviewed each semester by the M.F.A. Committee, which is authorized to approve or refuse continued study in the program or to place a student on probation. Each case of probation will be subsequently reviewed at mid-semester.

## Degree Requirements

Students must select an area of specialization from among ceramics, digital media, printmaking, painting, and sculpture, and should use the following breakdown of courses to complete the 48 Credit M.F.A. All students must take [ART 744](#) (First-Year Graduate Seminar) for 3 credits. Students must also earn 12 credits in their area of specialization, 9 credits in Art History, and 12 credits in electives. (Electives are in areas outside the student's own

specialization and will be selected in consultation with the Graduate Advisor from courses in digital media, printmaking, painting, and sculpture.) Prior to beginning their Master's thesis, students must complete 3 credits of independent studio work in **ART 742** (Independent Research). In the final two semesters of the program, all students will take the 9 credits of **ART 748** (Master's Thesis I) and **ART 750** (Master's Thesis II) in their area of specialization.

## 48 Credit M.F.A.:

	Credits
<b>ART 744</b> First-Year Graduate Seminar	3
Art courses	12
Art History courses	9
Elective courses in Art	12
<b>ART 742</b> Independent Research	3
<b>ART 748</b> Master's Thesis I	3
<b>ART 750</b> Master's Thesis II	6

*Art courses: In area of specialization.*

***ART 742**: Prior to thesis year.*

Once a student has completed 21 credits of coursework, the Department will conduct a review of the work and determine the student's eligibility to continue in the M.F.A. program.