

Master of Art

(Art Major – 36 hours)

The Master of Art degree is designed for students interested in pursuing a basic level of mastery within a specific art studio or art research field and who are preparing for teaching or research at the college level, preparing for careers in secondary education, preparing for continued graduate studies, or preparing as professional artists.

The Master of Art degree may be tailored to meet the needs of the individual student, who can select an area of specialization in Studio Art, Art Education, or Art History. The degree may be obtained by completing either PLAN 1 or PLAN 2.

PLAN 1

- Nine (9) semester credit hours in graduate core art classes
- Nine (9) semester credit hours in an approved minor
- Eighteen (18) semester credit hours in a selected area of proposal / exhibition

All MA candidates with a major in an Art Studio area must prepare a proposal and devote three semester credit hours to the preparation of an exhibition of work of a quality suitable for presentation to the public.

PLAN 2

- Nine (9) semester credit hours in graduate core art classes
- Nine (9) semester credit hours in an approved elective
- Twelve (12) semester credit hours in a selected area of Art Research
- Six (6) semester credit hours of proposal and thesis

All MA candidates with a major in an Art Research area must devote six semester hours of credit to research methodology (proposal) and a written thesis according to their area of specialization.

The exhibition or thesis together with a philosophical statement and the successful completion of both written and oral graduate examinations are required to obtain the MA degree. The Art Program may, at the discretion of the student and the committee, accept toward the master's degree six semester credit hours of course work in another area.

When seeking admission into the program, prospective students are required to submit transcripts, a letter of intent, and a digital portfolio of their art work for review by the art faculty. An individual must have a bachelor's degree in art or have completed at least 36 hours in art and art history to be eligible for acceptance into the program. Students wanting to take graduate level studio art classes must have completed undergraduate classes in studio art.