

# Art Education, M.A.

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## Degree Offered

- Master of Arts

## Nature of the Program

The MA Art Education program offers two pathways: one is the masters degree only and the other is the master degree with certification in the Pre K-adult art classroom. **Students pursuing certification must successfully pass the PRAXIS ART CONTENT exam prior to admission.** Specialization in art education requires the completion of a minimum of thirty hours with a recommended total of thirty-six. The exact course of study is determined through consultation with the student's advisor and graduate committee. Those pursuing certification in addition to the degree may require an additional semester for student teaching.

M.A. art education students are required to produce a written thesis or, at the graduate committee's discretion, may complete a research project.

A graduate certificate in Therapeutic Art is also offered.

## Admissions for 2025-2026

The application deadline occurs annually on January 15. There is a two-step process for graduate applications.

Step 1: Apply (<http://graduateadmissions.wvu.edu/>) to West Virginia University Graduate School online. This application will require you to upload your transcripts, resume, letter of intent, three letters of recommendation, and pay an application fee. Applicants must have had an undergraduate GPA of 2.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Step 2: Submit your portfolio (<https://wvuart.slideroom.com/>) to the WVU School of Art & Design.

For the MA in Art Education, a writing sample needs to be submitted. Applicants with teaching experience may include images of student work. Contact the School of Art and Design for further information regarding the submission process.

The M.A. in art Education requires a minimum GPA of 2.75 for admission into the program.

Major Code: 3728

## Degree Requirements

| Code                                | Title                             | Hours |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|
| Studio and/or Academic Electives *  |                                   | 12-18 |
| Art Education or Approved Studies * |                                   | 12    |
| ART 602                             | Master's in Art Education Project | 6     |
| Total Hours                         |                                   | 30-36 |

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Additional courses may be approved with advisor consent.

## STUDIO AND/OR ACADEMIC ELECTIVES

| Code     | Title                 | Hours |
|----------|-----------------------|-------|
| ARHS 501 | Independent Study     |       |
| ARHS 520 | Greek and Roman       |       |
| ARHS 531 | Medieval              |       |
| ARHS 533 | Medieval Architecture |       |
| ARHS 541 | Art of the Review     |       |
| ARHS 544 | Art Theory            |       |
| ARHS 545 | Modern Art Theory     |       |
| ARHS 546 | Medieval Painting     |       |
| ARHS 547 | Romantic Painting     |       |
| ARHS 548 | Women in Art          |       |
| ARHS 550 | Northern Renaissance  |       |
| ARHS 554 | Italian Renaissance   |       |

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| ARHS 560                | Baroque   |
| ARHS 570                | American  |
| ARHS 575                | Nineteenth Century  |
| ARHS 580                | Modern  |
| ARHS 581                | Modern Architecture   |
| ARHS 582                | GPS-Architect Frank Lloyd Wright  |
| ARHS 585                | Print, Propaganda and Art   |
| ARHS 588                | The Art of Andy Warhol  |
| ART 614S                | Graduate Painting   |
| ART 623S                | Graduate Graphic Design   |
| ART 624S                | Graduate Graphic Design/Professional Practice   |
| ART 626S                | Graduate Sculpture  |
| ART 630S                | Graduate Printmaking  |
| ART 632S                | Graduate Photography  |
| ART 634S                | Alternative Media   |
| ART 640S                | Graduate Ceramics   |
| ART 580                 | Art and Environment   |
| ART 593                 | Special Topics (Mold Making)  |
| ART 593                 | Special Topics (3D Printing)  |
| ART 595                 | Independent Study: Graduate Studio  |
| ART 693                 | Special Topics (Kiln Building)  |
| ARHS 589                | Contemporary **   |
| EDP 600                 | Educational Psychology **   |
| SPED 500                | Legal/Educational Foundations: Special Education **                                   |
| SPED 501<br>or SPED 609 | Academic Interventions for Special Needs<br>Technology Applications for Special Needs |

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Required for students pursuing the certification track.

## ART EDUCATION OR APPROVED STUDIES

| Code    | Title  | Hours |
|---------|--|-------|
| ART 564 | Intro to Art Education                                   |       |
| ART 565 | Art Education Elementary                                 |       |
| ART 566 | Art Education: Secondary                                 |       |
| ART 567 | Technology Methods in Art Education                      |       |
| ART 590 | Teaching Practicum/Professional Practice                 |       |
| ART 610 | Introduction to Visual Arts Therapy                      |       |
| ART 611 | Theory of Art Education & Art Therapy                    |       |
| ART 612 | Art Methods/Materials for Special Populations            |       |
| ART 613 | Art Assessments and Evaluations with Special Populations |       |
| ART 620 | Advanced Problems in Art Making                          |       |
| ART 690 | Teaching Practicum                                       |       |

## Major Learning Outcomes

### ART EDUCATION

The following are general learning goals for students pursuing a Master of Arts:

- Develop advanced capacities to work independently and make effective artistic and intellectual judgments and professional decisions in the area of specialization.
- Demonstrate professional competence in the area of specialization before peers and faculty.
- Gain knowledge and skills in one or more areas outside the major.