

ART EDUCATION, MA

for the degree of Master of Arts in Art Education

The program of study leading to the degree of Master of Arts (MA) in Art Education is designed to provide advanced level professional study for students who are interested in research in art education. It can serve as preparation for a variety of careers in contexts such as schools, museums, community arts, arts advocacy, and arts policy; professional development for art teachers and supervisors in the public schools; and/or as preparation for the doctoral degree.

In addition to required courses in art education, students can choose electives from studio art, art education, art history, and other graduate courses offered by the university that complement their studies or professional aspirations. Specific course selection is determined in consultation with the student's advisor. Students may simultaneously study for teaching certification, but graduate credit is not usually granted for such study. A thesis is required for the MA degree.

Applicants for admission must hold a bachelor's degree in art education or a related field from an accredited institution. Admission is determined by a review of transcripts, letters of recommendation, resume, personal statement, and a writing sample.

Admission

Applications are considered for Fall Semester admissions only.

Graduate Teaching Experience

Although teaching is not a general Graduate College requirement, experience in teaching is considered an important part of the graduate experience for master and doctoral students.

Facilities and Resources

Resources for graduate students in art and design include the Krannert Art Museum's excellent permanent collections and changing exhibitions; the Ricker Library of Art and Architecture, one of the largest art and architecture libraries in the nation; the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts; School of Art and Design facilities, which include extensive computer laboratories, digital photography and video editing equipment, wireless networking, ink-printing facilities, ceramic, woodworking, and metal shops, rapid prototyping and laser cutting, black/white and color darkrooms, shooting studios, and a wide selection of production and presentation equipment via reservation and checkout facility. A variety of lectures, symposia, musical programs, dramatic productions, and other cultural events associated with a large and progressive university complement the Art and Design facilities.

Financial Aid

Fellowships, assistantships, and tuition and service fee waivers are awarded each year on a competitive basis.

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For additional details and requirements refer to the department's graduate studies requirements and the Graduate College Handbook (<http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook/>).

Code	Title	Hours
ARTE 502	Curriculum Development in Art	4
ARTE 501 or ARTE 505	Issues in Art Education Foundations of Art Education	4
ARTE 593	Survey: Qualitative Methodologies	4
ARTE 591	Independent Graduate Studies	2
Electives		14+
Thesis Hours Required—ARTE 599		4
Total Hours		32

Other Requirements

Requirement	Description
Other requirements may overlap	
Candidates must spend at least two semesters or the equivalent in residence.	
Minimum 500-level Hours Required	12
Overall:	
Certification requirements, if needed:	40-44
Minimum GPA:	2.75

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The MA program provides advanced-level study for art educators. The program's objectives are to enable participants to:

1. Become familiar with key concepts and discourses in art education.
2. Develop the capacity to reflect on and to analyze their own practices in art education.
3. Gain deeper insight into the relationships between art education, community engagement, and research.
4. Develop a critical understanding of both theoretical and practical perspectives on art education.
5. Develop the ability to contribute to informed development of policy and practice in arts education.
6. Prepare for a variety of careers in contexts such as schools, museums, community arts, arts advocacy, and arts policy.
7. Engage in professional development as an art educator.
8. Conduct a research study and complete a master's thesis.

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School of Art & Design

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College of Fine & Applied Arts

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Admissions

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