ART (M.F.A.)

Admission Requirements

Admission to this program is contingent upon admission to the Graduate School (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/general-information/admission). Applicants who present a superior portfolio and hold a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree or a Master of Arts degree in art may apply for direct admission. Final admission is determined by the Department based on the following ranked criteria: portfolio, personal interview, academic record, reference letters, and statement of intent.

During the semester in which an applicant in the Master of Arts in Art program will be completing a minimum of fifteen credits, the student may be invited by the graduate review committee to apply for admission to the Master of Fine Arts program. If accepted, the applicant’s fifteen credits in graduate study may apply toward the Master of Fine Arts degree.

In either case, the M.F.A. degree program demands superior qualification, potential, and commitment as an artist.

The Master of Fine Arts degree is offered under the following option:

Plan C: Sixty credits in art, including a thesis exhibition held as close to the final semester as possible.

Plan C must be completed within three years. A minimum of sixty credits in art should include at least thirty-six credits in the studio major, twelve credits in electives, six credits in art history (one of which is to be a 20th century survey of art or a course on contemporary art), and six credits in the M.F.A. Seminar (ACS 8997). All course work must be completed in accordance with the regulations of the Graduate School (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/general-information/academic-regulations) and the College of Fine, Performing, and Communication Arts (http://bulletins.wayne.edu/graduate/college-fine-performing-communication-arts/academic-regulations).

Candidacy: After twelve credits have been completed, a Plan of Work must be signed by the faculty advisor and submitted to the Department Graduate Officer. An applicant becomes a degree candidate only upon recommendation by the graduate review committee.

Full-time attendance is required in the program which requires a minimum of four semesters of study, excluding the summer term. All M.F.A. candidates must also meet the following requirements:

1. A satisfactory final review of the candidate’s work.
2. An exhibition of the work produced for M.F.A. credit.
3. Submission for departmental files of 5-10 images of the work.
4. The completion and submission of an artist’s statement. The statement will accompany the thesis exhibition.

This program provides the student with the opportunity for intensive work toward personal artistic goals. The entire graduate staff is available to the student for consultation and instruction.