

Studio Art, MFA

Program Description

The Masters of Fine Arts program is a Studio Art degree that focuses on career readiness for professional artistic and entrepreneurial practices through active and applied learning techniques. Students will conduct creative research in all studio courses through purposeful discovery and by utilizing creative problem solving. The program will prepare graduates to become experts in their chosen medium of specialization, in addition to equipping students with the knowledge needed to start a business in visual art and/or teach effectively for an institution or studio practice.

Admission Requirement

Acceptance into the MFA program will be based on the number of seats available and an evaluation of the following information:

1. B.A. or B.S. or BFA from a regionally accredited institution or equivalent for international students
2. 3.0 cumulative GPA or higher in the last 60 credit hours
3. 6 credits of upper-division Art History
4. Portfolio of images, see Graduate handbook for specifications
5. 2 confidential letters of recommendation

All international students and any applicants educated outside the United States must demonstrate proficiency in Standard American English. The following link (<https://graduatestudies.utahtech.edu/international-student-graduate-admission/>) lists additional information needed to supplement an international application.

Program Curriculum

60 credits

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Required Courses: | | |
| ART 6010 | Entrepreneurship I | 3 |
| ART 6015 | Entrepreneurship II | 3 |
| ART 6020 | Teaching Art I | 3 |
| ART 6025 | Teaching Art II | 3 |
| ART 6990 | Thesis Exhibition | 3 |
| ARTH 6800 | Art History Seminar | 3 |
| ARTH 6900 | Art History Theory for Thesis Research | 3 |
| Choose one of the following courses: Up to a maximum of 39 credits | | |
| ART 6200R | Graduate Ceramics Studio | 3-12 |
| ART 6300R | Graduate Drawing and Painting Studio | 3-12 |
| ART 6400R | Graduate Photography Studio | 3-12 |
| ART 6500R | Graduate Sculpture Studio | 3-12 |

Graduation Requirements

1. Complete 60 approved credit hours with no grade lower than a B-.
2. Earn a 3.0 or higher grade point average in the graduate program.
3. Apply for graduation by the dates posted (<https://graduation.utahtech.edu/>).
4. Gain final approval from graduation from the Graduate Council.
5. Complete all other program and university requirements.

Master of Fine Arts in Studio Arts Program Learning Outcomes

At the successful conclusion of this program, students will be able to:

1. Apply mastery of skills, techniques, tools, materials, conceptual ideas, and research methods to the chosen field of concentration resulting in a showcase.
2. Support artistic practices to produce evidence of an effective business product and understanding of teaching methods.
3. Cultivate an exhibition record through strong local, regional, and national exhibition history.
4. Apply contemporary and historical art theories to a body of work that is communicated through written and/or oral means.