Art Education, MA

You can develop interdisciplinary and inquiry-based research projects and explore contemporary issues in art and education with this Master of Arts in art education.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MA Art (Art Education)

Students in the MA program in art with a concentration in art education investigate issues in art teaching and learning from multiple perspectives, including art inquiry, curriculum theory, spatial design, studio practice, visual culture, social intervention, human development and cultural context. The culminating experience may be conducted in a range of contexts where art learning takes place, such as in K-12 art classrooms, art centers and museums, public settings, university studios or in a teacher's own classroom.

At a Glance

• College/School: Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts
• Location: Tempe campus

Degree Requirements

30 credit hours, a thesis and a written comprehensive exam (qualifying research proposal)

Required Core (18 credit hours)

ARE 510 Visual Culture Research (3)
ARE 520 Issues in Teaching Inquiry in Art (3)
ARE 525 Research on Art Instruction (3)
ARE 530 Issues in Teaching Studio Art (3)
ARE 535 Research on Teaching Studio Art (3)
ARE 540 Teaching Art in Cultural Contexts (3)
Other Requirements (6 credit hours)
special topics on research related to integrating the teaching of studio art, art history and criticism or aesthetics (6)

Culminating Experience (6 credit hours)
thesis (6)

Additional Curriculum Information
Before the end of the first semester of coursework (six or more credit hours), a plan of study must be submitted to the Graduate College. Additional program requirements are indicated in the guidelines for the master's degree in art education.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts.

Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's degree in any field from a regionally accredited institution.

Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of a student's first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

Applicants should submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. a formal art education research paper for review
4. resume
5. statement of intent
6. two letters of recommendation
7. proof of English proficiency

Additional Application Information
An applicant whose native language is not English (regardless of current residency) must provide proof of English proficiency.
An applicant must have a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university with a major of no fewer than 45 credit hours of art, including 12 credit hours of art history and six credit hours of art education. Additional hours may be required by the school.

An applicant must have a GPA of at least 3.00 ("B") in undergraduate coursework during the junior and senior years. Applicants who do not meet these requirements must submit scores from the MAT or the GRE.

The resume should demonstrate how professional experience will help the student succeed in this program.

Applicants should see the program website for application deadlines.

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