Art, MFA

Ranked in the top 20 art schools in the nation by U.S. News & World Report, the ASU School of Art is a collaborative community of diverse artists and scholars. A world-renowned faculty and state of the art graduate studio facility provide students with the resources to pursue interdisciplinary and traditional practices.

Program Description

Degree Awarded: MFA Art

The MFA in art, offered by the School of Art, provides a stimulating and challenging program for artistic and intellectual growth. Faculty in the School of Art are distinguished artists and scholars who encourage innovation, critical practice and independence. This program provides students with unparalleled opportunities to develop conceptual approaches and technical expertise in a range of media including ceramics, drawing, fiber, intermedia, metals, painting, photography, printmaking and book arts, sculpture, and woods. Prospective students select an area of focus for their practice but may also develop interdisciplinary expertise in and beyond the School of Art.

Students make and exhibit work in the newly constructed Grant Street Studios (https://art.asu.edu/venues-and-facilities/grant-street-studios), which offers sixty individual studios, two galleries and enhanced facilities including a common wood shop, computer lab and 3D print lab. Located in downtown Phoenix, Grant Street Studios also provides access to the city's vibrant community of museums, galleries, businesses and cultural organizations. The Visiting Artist and Scholar Lecture Series is another vital opportunity for students to learn from and connect with regional, national and international colleagues.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** Herberger Institute for Design and the Arts
- **Location:** Tempe campus
Degree Requirements

60 credit hours and an oral comprehensive exam (defense of MFA exhibition)

The 60 hours of graduate credit are subject to committee approval and must include:

ART 680 Practicum, resulting in an MFA exhibition (10-15 credit hours)
graduate studio (18-27 credit hours)
graduate-level academic coursework (at least 6 credit hours)
graduate-level ART seminars (9-18 credit hours)
required courses in contemporary art theory (3) and cross-practice critique (3) (6 credit hours)

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 or master's degree 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 their 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.

All applicants must submit:

1. graduate admission application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. current resume or curriculum vitae
4. portfolio
5. statement of intent
6. three 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 via a TOEFL score: https://admission.asu.edu/international/graduate/english-proficiency.

Admission is a two-step process. Although applicants fill out one application through the online graduate application process, they must be admitted into both the MFA program and to the Graduate College.
The portfolio should be 20 images, sized with a maximum dimension of 1024 pixels; video files less than 60MB each; and accompanied by an image list and the statement of intent (not exceeding 1,000 words) that addresses the applicant's artistic interests, reasons for applying to graduate school in general and the ASU School of Art in particular as well as professional goals.

The three letters of recommendation should be from faculty members with whom the applicant has studied or from recognized professionals in the field. All the instructions for letters of recommendation must be followed when submitting them with the application to the Graduate College.

The method for submitting the resume or vitae, portfolio, statement of intent and letters of recommendation is online via SLIDEROOM: https://asuherberger.slideroom.com. Applicants may upload images (.jpg), video (.mov, .wmv, .flv), music (mp3) or PDF documents.

Applicants should see the program website for application deadlines.

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Admission Deadlines