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Admission Requirements

(In years as established by the college)

A high school diploma with the following specific courses:

- 4 English
- 2 Algebra I & II
- 1 Geometry
- 2 Lab Science (*including biology*)
- 2 History/Social Studies
- 2 Foreign Language (*same language or two years of American Sign Language-ASL*)
- Academic electives (*to equal at least 17 total credits*)

To ensure current mathematical skills, students should take a mathematics course during their senior year of high school.

Major Requirements

- 18 credits Art Education
- 21 credits Art History
- 24 credits Education
- 33 credits Studio Art

125 Minimum total credit hours required for graduation

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

Program Description

The Department of Art offers a Bachelor of Arts degree in Art Education. Art Education today includes research, the study of educational theory, the development of studio skills and practice in teaching. A combination of study in studio, art history, aesthetics and art criticism helps Art Education majors develop a comprehensive understanding of how art knowledge is organized and conveyed. In addition, students research and study the foundation of Art Education and gain practical experience in the teaching process.

In addition to the BA degree in Art Education, students majoring in Art Education graduate with minors in studio art and art history.

The Department of Art also offers the option for a developmental disabilities concentration which provides students an opportunity to understand the unique factors affecting the teaching of individuals experiencing disability.

Career Opportunities

The Bachelor of Arts in Art Education leads to certification as an art teaching specialist in the state of Maine, grades K-12. Students choosing the developmental disabilities concentration may be preparing to work with mainstreamed students in public schools or to go on for graduate study.

General Education Requirements*

- ENG 101 College Composition
- 18 credits Human Values & Social Context area (*a single course may satisfy more than 1 sub-category, but a total of 18 credits must be completed*)
 - Western Cultural Tradition
 - Social Context & Institutions
 - Cultural Diversity & International Perspectives
 - Population & the Environment
 - Artistic & Creative Expression
- 2 courses Designated Writing Intensive (*1 must be within the major*)
- 2 courses Biological or Physical Sciences (*must include at least 1 laboratory course*)
- 1 course Ethics (*emphasis on discussion of ethical issues in 1 course or series of courses*)
- 6 credits Mathematics (*including statistics & some computer science, only 3 credits in computer science can count toward this requirement*)
- 1 capstone An approved experience in which the student integrates the components of his or her undergraduate training to perform at a professional level. The capstone experience is usually completed during the senior year in consultation with the student's academic advisor.

**All UMaine students must complete these general education requirements, which are counted in the total credit hours required for graduation and may be contained in the Major Requirements previously listed.*

Specialized Information

The Department of Art requires the completion of 21 credit hours in residence prior to graduation. Through the College of Education and Human Development, the Department of Art offers a post-baccalaureate K-12 certification program. For more information on the certification program, contact the College of Education and Human Development.

Specialized Information (continued)

The Department of Art offers a number of scholarships to qualified first-time undergraduate students, who would like to study art at the University of Maine. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit and the evidence of talent or accomplishment in the study of Studio Art, Art Education, or Art History. For scholarship information, application form and interview dates, contact the Department at: 207/581-3245, or send inquiries to: Department of Art, 107 Lord Hall, University of Maine, Orono, ME 04469. Applications must be received in the Department of Art by mid-January.

Graduate Study

Study in Art Education prepares a student not only for teaching, but also for graduate level studies. The Department of Art cooperates with the Graduate School and the College of Education and Human Development to offer individualized master's and doctoral level programs which specialize in art education and related fields. Some Art Education graduates go on to graduate level study in museum education, art therapy, community arts education, arts administration or other fields which involve working closely with people in art.

Academic Programs 2008-2009

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