

## Contact

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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

### **B.A. degree**

- 12 credits Studio Art (*foundation*)
- 12 credits Studio Art (*sophomore level*)
- 6 credits Studio Art (*upper level*)
- 6 credits Studio Art (*electives*)
- 12 credits Studio Art (*advanced electives*)
- 15 credits Art History

### **B.F.A. degree**

- 12 credits Studio Art (*foundation*)
- 15 credits Studio Art (*sophomore level*)
- 9 credits Studio Art (*upper level*)
- 9 credits Studio Art (*electives*)
- 15 credits Studio Art (*advanced electives*)
- 6 credits Senior courses
- 15 credits Art History

*120 Minimum total credit hours required for graduation*

## College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

## Program Description

### **B.A. degree**

The Department of Art offers the Bachelor of Arts degree in Art. This program represents a strong commitment to the study of the visual arts within a liberal arts tradition. The emphasis of the art program is the study of creative studio production in the areas of drawing, print making, painting, sculpture, and digital art. Students begin their study in the foundation courses in two- and three-dimensional design and drawing. While courses in all studio areas are required, upper division electives allow for advanced specialization in a single area. Elective credits are available in photography and graphic design. Knowledge of art history is seen as necessary to intelligent studio development, as is an understanding of the attitudes, philosophies and language of the contemporary art world.

It is also possible to complete the requirements for art teacher certification while earning the B.A. degree in Studio Art. The studio degree can lead to specialized work as an artist in one of the fine arts areas, graduate study in art or related fields, and art careers in applied art such as graphic design and digital imaging/multi-media. It should be noted that the specific orientation of these programs is in fine rather than applied arts.

### **B.F.A. degree**

The Department of Art offers both the Bachelor of Arts, BA, and the Bachelor of Fine Arts, BFA, in Studio Art. The BA in Studio Art requires 48 hours in Studio Art and 15 hours in Art History. The BA does not require a portfolio review for admission. The BFA in Studio Art requires 66 hours in Studio Art and 15 hours in Art History. The BFA requires a portfolio review for admission. The BFA in Studio Art provides the breadth and depth necessary for a liberal arts based professional degree.

The emphasis of the Studio Art program is creative work in the areas of drawing, painting, print making, sculpture, and digital art. Elective studio work is available in photography, and graphic design. The study of Art History is seen as necessary to intelligent studio development, as is the socializing of the student to the attitudes, philosophies, and language of the contemporary art world. Most studio courses require that the student purchase a basic supply of necessary tools, equipment, and supplies.

It is also possible to complete the requirements for art teacher certification while earning the B.F.A. degree in Studio Art. The studio degree can lead to specialized work as an artist in one of the fine arts areas, graduate study in art or related fields, and art careers in applied art such as graphic design and digital imaging/multi-media. It should be noted that the specific orientation of these programs is in fine rather than applied arts.

## Career Opportunities

Diverse career opportunities exist for Department of Art graduates. The degrees offered prepare students for a wide range of vocational choices inside as well as outside the field of art. They also provide a solid foundation for those choosing to go on for graduate study. Many graduates of the Department of Art have developed careers in different aspects of Studio Art, Art Education and Art History, including graphic design, fashion design, museum administration, arts administration, and multi-media.

## General Education Requirements\*

ENG 101	College Composition
18 credits	Human Values & Social Context area ( <i>a single course may satisfy more than 1 sub-category, but a total of 18 credits must be completed</i> ) Western Cultural Tradition Social Context & Institutions Cultural Diversity & International Perspectives Population & the Environment Artistic & Creative Expression
2 courses	Designated Writing Intensive ( <i>1 must be within the major</i> )
2 courses	Biological or Physical Sciences ( <i>must include at least 1 laboratory course</i> )
1 course	Ethics ( <i>emphasis on discussion of ethical issues in 1 course or series of courses</i> )
6 credits	Mathematics ( <i>including statistics &amp; some computer science, only 3 credits in computer science can count toward this requirement</i> )
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. The Department also offers a minor in Studio Art. The minor is open to all undergraduate, degree-seeking University of Maine students and requires the completion of 21 credit hours in Studio Art and related courses.

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.

### Academic Programs 2008-2009

Please refer to the web site (<http://factsheets.umaine.edu/>) for the most updated version of the fact sheets.

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