

Art, MA

Requirements

The Master of Arts program in art requires a minimum of 38 s.h. of graduate credit. Students must maintain a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.00. The degree is offered with emphases in the following studio art disciplines: ceramics, graphic design, three-dimensional (3D) design, drawing, intermedia and video art, jewelry and metal arts, painting, photography, printmaking, and sculpture.

MA students must hold a BA or BFA in art equivalent to that offered by the University of Iowa. Undergraduate deficiencies, if any, may be made up concurrently with graduate study but do not count toward the graduate degree requirements.

Required Courses

The 38 s.h. of credit required for the degree includes at least 16 s.h. in a primary studio art emphasis; 8 s.h. in a secondary studio art emphasis; and 6 s.h. in the history and theory of art, excluding readings and directed studies. Students provide five images of their MA work for the Grad Archive.

Committee Review

Students undergo a division-wide review for MA candidacy by the faculty during their third semester in residence. All those except painting and drawing students must submit a written artist's statement or thesis.

Thesis

MA students in 3D design are required to write a thesis. They may earn 1 s.h. for writing a technical or substantial thesis by registering for ARTS:6000 MA Written Thesis, with approval of the thesis supervisor. Thesis credit earned in an MA program is not applicable to MFA requirements. MA students in other studio art disciplines choose the thesis or nonthesis option in consultation with their discipline advisor.

The College of Education offers an MA program in art education; see the MA in teaching and learning in the catalog.