

Art, MFA

Academic Plans

Sample Plan of Study

Sample plans represent one way to complete a program of study. Actual course selection and sequence will vary and should be discussed with an academic advisor. For additional sample plans, see MyUI.

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Course	Title	Hours
Academic Career		
Any Semester		
60 s.h. must be graduate level coursework; graduate transfer credits allowed upon approval. More information is included in the General Catalog and on department website. ^{a, b}		
Graduate College program GPA of at least 3.00 is required. ^c		
Students complete the degree with a subprogram in one of the following studio art disciplines: ceramics, drawing, graphic design, jewelry and metal arts, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture and intermedia, or three-dimensional (3D) design.		
An MA in Art may optionally be earned en passant to the MFA. ^d		
Hours		0
First Year		
Fall		
	Primary studio art discipline course ^e	4
	Art history and theory course ^f	3
	Elective course ^g	3
Hours		10
Spring		
	Primary studio art discipline course ^e	4
	Secondary studio art discipline course ^h	4
	Elective course ^g	2
Hours		10
Second Year		
Fall		
	Primary studio art discipline course ^e	4
	Secondary studio art discipline course ^h	4
	Art history and theory course ^f	3
Hours		11
Spring		
	Primary studio art discipline course ^e	4
	Elective course ^g	3
	Elective course ^g	2
Hours		9
Third Year		
Fall		
	Primary studio art discipline course ^e	4
	Secondary studio art discipline course ^h	4
	Elective course ^g	3
	MFA Committee Review ⁱ	
Hours		11

Spring

	Primary studio art discipline course ^e	4
	ARTS:7000 MFA Thesis ^j	1
	Elective course ^g	4
	Exam: Master's Final Exam ^k	
Hours		9
Total Hours		60

a Students provide five images of their MFA work for the Grad Archive.

b Students must complete specific requirements in the University of Iowa Graduate College after program admission. Refer to the Graduate College website and the Manual of Rules and Regulations for more information.

c Graduate College program GPA is comprised of all courses that are approved degree requirements. If a student takes more than the minimum required number of semester hours to complete the degree, but all courses taken are eligible to count toward the degree, those courses will be included in the Graduate College program GPA.

d Students must earn at least 24 s.h. at the University of Iowa after admission to the MFA.

e Students complete 24 s.h. of coursework in their primary studio art discipline, which is the same as their subprogram. See the General Catalog for list of approved courses.

f Students complete 6 s.h. of coursework from ARTH:3000-6999, excluding ARTH:3985, ARTH:3995, ARTH:6020, and ARTH:6040.

g In consultation with an advisor, students complete 18 s.h. of coursework numbered 3000 or above, excluding ARTS:6000.

h Students complete 12 s.h. in one secondary studio art discipline; this cannot be the same as the subprogram in which they are enrolled. See the General Catalog for list of approved courses.

i Students are reviewed by their committees at the end of the semester prior to the semester they intend to graduate.

j MFA students in all subprograms are required to write a thesis. They may earn 1 s.h. of elective credit for writing a technical or substantial thesis by registering for ARTS:7000 with approval of the thesis supervisor, but they are not required to enroll in this course. Thesis credit earned in an MFA program is not applicable to MA requirements.

k Thesis defense.