

ART, MA: DESIGN ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION

The Art & Design department is currently not accepting applications to the Art MA: Design Entrepreneurship and Innovation program.

The Master of Arts in Art: Specialization in Design Entrepreneurship + Innovation is a 30-credit program wherein students will merge design thinking, innovation, theory and contemporary design practice to develop design solutions that affect positive social, economic and technological change.

The Department of Art and Design offers graduate programs of study in art and design. The Master of Arts in Art is a 30-credit program with two areas of specialization: Studio Art and Design Entrepreneurship + Innovation.

Full-time students normally complete the MA degree within 4 semesters.

The Department's facilities and services include fully equipped studios housed in the Kenilworth Square East building and the main campus Art Building.

The Peck School of the Arts' Kenilworth Square East (KSE) Gallery provides a year-round schedule of exhibitions, with galleries that are housed in the Kenilworth Square East building, a research facility approximately one mile from campus. The Department of Art and Design offers a schedule of workshops and special lectures each year. In addition, graduate student studios are located in the Kenilworth Square East building.

Frederick R. Layton Fellowships are awarded each year to incoming and continuing graduate students. Information and application forms are in the Panthera Application (<https://graduateschool-apply.uwm.edu/>).

A limited number of Teaching Assistantships and Project Assistantships are offered through the Department of Art and Design. Information and application forms are in the Panthera Application (<https://graduateschool-apply.uwm.edu/>).

Students applying for admission to the two graduate programs in Art and Design, should note these application deadlines:

Application deadlines

For Fall admission to the MA and MFA graduate programs in Art, applications with portfolios and letters of recommendation must be completed by January 25 to be considered for Fellowships and Assistantships or February 1 if you are not applying for funding. If you are eligible and want to apply for university fellowships (<https://uwm.edu/graduateschool/types-of-funding/fellowships/>), you must notify the Office of Graduate Studies and the application is due by December 10. Applications are accepted for Fall admission only.

Admission Requirements

Application Deadlines

Application deadlines vary by program, please review the application deadline chart (<http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/program-deadlines/>) for specific programs. Other important dates and deadlines can be found

by using the One Stop calendars (<https://uwm.edu/onestop/dates-and-deadlines/>).

Admission

An applicant must meet Graduate School requirements plus these departmental requirements to be considered for admission to the program:

1. An undergraduate major or minor in art or design, or related field, or a body of work that demonstrates professional or research interest in design thinking and/or making.
2. Submission of a digital portfolio with 20 images of original work or other examples of design making, design thinking or design research.
3. Submission of a brief description of each work sample included in the digital portfolio.
4. Submission of a written personal statement of the proposed program of study.
5. Three (3) letters of recommendation.

See the department's website for more details, including required file formats and submission process for application materials.

Applicants may be admitted to the program with specific program-defined course deficiencies. The student is expected to satisfy deficiency requirements within three enrolled semesters. The Office of Graduate Studies in the Department of Art and Design monitors the deficiencies. Deficiency course credits may not be applied towards the degree.

Credits and Courses

Minimum degree requirement is 30 graduate credits. At least 18 credits must be taken in Art and Design and at least 6 credits must be taken in Complementary Studies outside of Art and Design. Consult the Department of Art and Design Office of Graduate Studies for a list of approved courses in Complementary Studies.

All graduate students in the Department of Art and Design must be enrolled full-time for at least one semester, earning a minimum of 8 credits during that semester. Graduate students with a PA or TA appointment are considered full-time earning a minimum of 6 credits per semester.

Additional Requirements

Advising

Upon admission, the Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Art and Design in consultation with the Graduate Faculty will assign the incoming graduate student to a First Year Advisory Team. The head Advisor will contact the student and the Advisory Team at the beginning of the student's first semester to arrange a schedule for meetings to discuss course enrollment and the first year studio research agenda.

By the end of the student's second semester in the program, the student must select a Major Professor, and in consultation with the Major Professor, assemble his or her Graduate Thesis Committee. The committee consists of three or more members (usually not larger than four). At least three members must be graduate faculty, and at least two must be from the Department of Art & Design. At least one member of the committee must be a faculty member in the student's area of focus. If a student desires, the fourth member of the committee may be from outside the university. The student's Major Professor will serve as the Chair of the student's Graduate Thesis Committee.

A student who wishes to change his/her designated MA specialization must first apply and be accepted into the specialization. The student would make this decision in consultation with his or her Thesis Committee and the Director of Graduate Studies. If the student is accepted into the specialization, he or she will assemble a new Thesis Committee and select a new Major Professor, if necessary.

If the student's major professor takes a leave of absence or leaves the University, the student should contact the Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Art and Design for advice in selecting a new major professor, and notify the Director of subsequent changes to the student's committee.

Transfer of Credits

Upon admission, an applicant may be permitted to transfer a maximum of 12 graduate credits earned at another institution. However, the student must apply to the Graduate School for an evaluation of such credits to determine if they are acceptable for transfer to the MA program.

Graduate Review

Each year, the student must participate in at least one Graduate Review.

MA Thesis

Upon recommendation of the Graduate Thesis Committee, the student will complete a MA Thesis project and presentation of the work executed during the student's graduate studies. The MA Thesis may be a gallery exhibition, public performance, pitch session, or another form appropriate to the student's research, and must be approved by the student's Major Professor.

Comprehensive Examination

The student must pass a final oral and written examination.

Time Limit

The UWM Graduate School requires that students complete all degree requirements within five years of initial enrollment.