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 Department of Art and Design offers graduate programs of study in art and design, and art education. 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.

Application Deadlines

If at any time you are unsure about a published date or deadline (http://uwm.edu/graduateschool/program-deadlines), call the Registrar’s Office at (414) 229-3800 or submit a contact form (http://uwm.edu/registrar/contact-us) online.

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.

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.

Program 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.