

ART | MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES (COMMUNITY ENGAGED ART)

*This program will be open in Spring 2026.

The Master of Professional Studies (Community Engaged Art) at Fort Hays State University is a fully online graduate program designed for artists who want to deepen their impact through creative community engagement.

Ideal for both visual and performing artists, the program emphasizes the use of art as a catalyst for social justice, sustainability, and cultural awareness, with a strong focus on serving underserved communities.

The interdisciplinary curriculum combines coursework in studio practice, community engagement theory, and social entrepreneurship. Through this holistic approach, students develop and lead community arts initiatives that address real-world challenges and generate meaningful, measurable social change.

Program Summary

Code	Title	Hours
Core		
ART 890	Introduction to Community Engaged Art	3
ART 891	Foundational Theories of Community Engaged Art Education	3
ART 892	Qualitative Research Methods in Community Engaged Art Education	3
Concentration		
Select 10 credit hours from the following:		10
ART 893	Internship in Community Engaged Art	
ART 894	Program Development and Assessment in Community Engaged Art	
ART 895	Project Implementation in Community Engaged Art	
SOC 675G	Seminar in Sociology (Social Inequality)	
Select six credit hours from the following:		6
SOC 664G	Social Entrepreneurship and Grassroots Social Action	
SOC 870	Grant Writing	
Directed Electives		
Select six credit hours from the following:		6
ART 615G	Problems: Drawing I	
ART 625G	Problems: Painting I	
ART 635G	Problems: Sculpture I	
ART 645G	Problems: Photography	
ART 655G	Problems: Printmaking I	
ART 665G	Problems: Ceramics I	
ART 675G	Problems: Graphic Design	
ART 815	Problems: Drawing II	
ART 825	Problems: Painting II	
ART 835	Problems: Sculpture II	
ART 845	Problems: Design II	

ART 855	Problems: Printmaking II
ART 865	Problems: Ceramics II
ART 880	Graduate Readings in Art History
ART 881	Seminar: Ancient Art History
ART 887	Seminar: 20th-Century Art History
LDRS 640G	Principles of Civic Leadership
LDRS 650G	Principles of Organizational Leadership
LDRS 818	Ethical Leadership
SOC 679G	Community Theory and Development
SOC 680G	Nonprofit Organizations

Total Hours **31**

Graduate School Graduation Requirements

All Graduate degrees¹ require:

- Maintain a C or higher in all coursework.
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. (Refer to program)
- A minimum of 30-75 hours of Graduate course work. (Refer to program)
- Comprehensive Examination or equivalent assessment is required. (Master of Liberal Studies requires a Comprehensive Examination **and** Concentration Exam)
- Degree completion within 8 years.

¹ Refer to degree program for any additional requirements.

Note for MLS and MPS degree concentrations:

Master of Liberal Studies (MLS) programs are administratively housed within the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences but are listed in the catalog within the academic unit related to the relevant concentration area for ease in navigation.

Master of Professional Studies (MPS) programs are administratively housed within the College of Health and Behavioral Sciences but are listed in the catalog within the academic unit related to the relevant concentration area for ease in navigation.