

ART | MASTER OF FINE ARTS (GRAPHIC DESIGN)

The Art and Design program offers a Master of Fine Arts (MFA) degree consisting of a minimum of 60 hours of graduate work. You must complete the degree requirements within 8 years and maintain a 3.0 GPA throughout the MFA program.

Students must choose a studio area of concentration from the following: **drawing, painting, sculpture, design (graphic design, photography), printmaking, ceramics and intermedia.**

Online or low residency options are available in some areas and are subject to decisions by the major professor.

Program Overview

| Code | Title | Hours |
|--------------------|---|-----------|
| | Studio Major | 27 |
| | Art History and Aesthetics | 12 |
| | Studio Art (other than major area) | 13 |
| | Thesis | 8 |
| | Masters Degree Comprehensive Examination/Assessment | |
| Total Hours | | 60 |

Program Summary

| Code | Title | Hours |
|--|--|-----------|
| Studio Major | | |
| Select 27 credit hours from: | | 27 |
| ART 650G | Professional Development in Graphic Design | |
| ART 652G | 3D Motion Design | |
| ART 675G | Problems: Graphic Design | |
| ART 845 | Problems: Design II | |
| ART 847 | Graphic Design IV | |
| ART 848 | Graduate Portfolio | |
| ART 850 | Computer-Assisted Graphics Design II | |
| ART 870 | Graduate Workshop | |
| ART 875 | Graduate Topics in Art | |
| Art History and Aesthetics | | |
| Select 12 credit hours from the following: | | 12 |
| ART 880 | Graduate Readings in Art History | |
| ART 881 | Seminar: Ancient Art History | |
| ART 882 | Seminar: Non-Western Art History | |
| ART 883 | Seminar: Medieval Art History | |
| ART 884 | Seminar: Renaissance/ Baroque Art History | |
| ART 886 | Seminar: 18th-19th Century Art History | |
| ART 887 | Seminar: 20th-Century Art History | |
| ART 889 | Concepts of Art | |
| Studio Art (other than major area) | | 13 |
| Thesis | | |
| Select 8 credit hours from: | | 8 |

ART 899 Thesis

Total Hours 60

Graduate School Graduation Requirements

All Graduate degrees ¹ 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.

Degree Maps

| Course | Title | Hours |
|--------------------|----------------------|-----------|
| First Year | | |
| Fall | | |
| | Program (Major) Core | 6 |
| | Directed Choices | 3 |
| Hours | | 9 |
| Spring | | |
| | Program (Major) Core | 6 |
| | Directed Choices | 3 |
| | Open Electives | 3 |
| Hours | | 12 |
| Second Year | | |
| Fall | | |
| | Program (Major) Core | 6 |
| | Directed Choices | 3 |
| | Open Electives | 3 |
| Hours | | 12 |
| Spring | | |
| | Program (Major) Core | 6 |
| ART 889 | Concepts of Art | 3 |
| Hours | | 9 |
| Third Year | | |
| Fall | | |
| | Program (Major) Core | 3 |
| | Open Electives | 7 |
| Hours | | 10 |
| Spring | | |
| ART 899 | Thesis | 8 |
| Hours | | 8 |
| Total Hours | | 60 |

Academic Degree Maps are term-by-term sample course plans that specify milestones, courses, and special requirements that are necessary for facilitating on-time completion. Degree Maps are **examples** and are not prescriptive. Individualized choices such as concentration options, transfer credits, optional minors, advisory programs (certificates), etc. can alter the recommended coursework. Course offerings are subject to change. Students should consult with their academic advisors for additional guidance on course planning.

To determine courses to take in the directed choices (often listed as Program Elective Course) and directed elective course blocks see the overview tab for courses. Open electives indicate the student is free to choose courses from any subject, but students should discuss with their advisor how many of these hours must be upper division. To locate approved courses in General Education areas (Undergraduate Programs) see the general education section (<https://catalog.fhsu.edu/general-education/>) of the catalog.

The undergraduate course maps typically advise the most efficient route for students to complete the general education requirements. Courses that are required in the major may be listed as fulfilling relevant general education requirements. This will result in more open elective course hours in some maps than is listed on the degree overview page.