

## Associate of Fine Arts (AFA) Degrees

Students seeking an Associate of Fine Arts (AFA) degree from Normandale Community College must successfully complete the degree requirements determined by the specific degree, which includes MnTC required credits.

Students need to consult the department chair to initiate an AFA degree program.

Other Graduation Requirements:

- Complete the specific major requirements.
- Earn a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 or higher for college-level coursework completed at Normandale.
- Earn a minimum of 20 College level credits at Normandale.

## Art (AFA)

The AFA is a pre-professional degree intended for students transferring to a BFA four-year program or those with a strong interest in visual art. The AFA in Art is designed to encourage students to focus their coursework to achieve an associate degree that distinguishes their accomplishments in art. The AFA degree combines a high concentration of art history and studio art coursework with liberal arts general education courses. Careful planning in consultation with counselors and art instructors concerning course sequence, program admission and transfer institution requirements is essential.

### Admission to the Program

1. *Application:* Complete the AFA application form and submit it to the Art Faculty AFA Representative.
2. *Interview with Art Faculty AFA Representative:* It is strongly recommended to schedule this as soon as the decision to acquire the degree is made and no later than midpoint in completion of art course requirements for the AFA degree.
3. *Portfolio:* Submit a portfolio of artwork (minimum 3 pieces, maximum 5 pieces) to the Art Faculty AFA Representative at the time of the

interview. Work will be reviewed by Art Department faculty.

### AFA Degree in Art (60 credit degree)

1. *Art Credits:* Complete 40 credits in Art, including required Art Courses, with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0. Refer to the AFA Art Course Requirements and the AFA-Art Recommended Program Planning Guide for specific requirements and suggested sequences of art courses.
2. *General Education Credits:* Complete 20 credits with a minimum of one course in four of the following MnTC Goal areas: 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, or 10. Courses numbered 1000 and above must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.
3. *Portfolio Course:* Complete the Portfolio Creation (Art 2200) course as soon as possible after completing 21 art credits.
4. *AFA Exhibition:* AFA students will present a culminating exhibit of their artwork. This will be coordinated with AFA Art Faculty Representative after the completion of at least 30 art credits. It is strongly recommended that this occur during the student's last academic term (Fall, Spring).
5. *Graduation:* File a graduation application during the semester you plan to graduate and receive approval for graduation on the basis of a degree completion audit.

### Core Art Courses (19 cr)

ART 1102	Art History 1 (3)
ART 1103	Art History 2 (3)
ART 1104	Art History 3 (3)
-OR ART 1105	Non-Western Art History Survey (3)
ART 1121	Drawing 1 (3)
ART 1122	Two-Dimensional Design (3)
ART 1120	Three-Dimensional Design (3)
ART 2200	Portfolio Creation (1)

### Art Electives (21 cr)

Complete a minimum of 7 courses with at least one course in each area.

#### Area 1 (at least one course)

ART 1126	Printmaking (3)
ART 1127	Painting 1 (3)



ART 2201	Figure Drawing (3)
ART 2202	Mixed Media (3)
ART 2204	Drawing 2 (3)
ART 2252	Water Color (3)
ART 2253	Painting 2 (3)

**Area 2** (at least one course)

ART 1109	Exploring Photography (3)
ART 1110	Black and White Photography 1 (3)
ART 1111	Black and White Photography 2 (3)
ART 1113	Video Art (3)
ART 1114	Digital Photography (3)
ART 2222	Electronic Imaging (3)
ART 2224	Internet Art (3)

**Area 3** (at least one course)

ART 1123	Sculpture 1 (3)
ART 1124	Ceramics 1 (3)
ART 1125	Glass Fusing 1 (3)
ART 2203	Ceramics 2 (3)
ART 2204	Sculpture 2 (3)
ART 2206	Glass Fusing (3)

\*ART 1101 The Visual Arts and/or one Art Special Topics course may be used to satisfy art electives.

