

2019/2020



AFA in Art Degree
OVERVIEW & PLANNING GUIDE

Informational meetings

The Art Department holds meetings at the beginning of each semester for all AFA in Art, AA with emphasis in art students, potential art students, and those interested in transfer into other art programs.

For dates and times - watch for posters on studio doors, emails to your Normandale account, notices on the art department's webpage, and class announcements.

Save and Document your Work

It is important to save your original artwork, document it through digital photographs, and maintain electronic copies of Art History papers. The Art 2200: Portfolio and Practice course (only offered in the fall) will instruct you in documenting the work professionally.

You will need your original coursework (artwork) for the AFA in Art Capstone Exhibit. You will likely need a portfolio of original and/or digitally documented work if you transfer to a four-year institution to study art.

AFA in Art Capstone Exhibit

As part of the AFA in Art degree, you will plan, design, and install an art exhibition with fellow degree students, in a gallery setting. The work for this exhibit will represent your accomplishments while at Normandale and will be selected in collaboration with art department faculty and the instructor of the *Art 2210: AFA in Art Capstone: Exhibition* course. Exhibiting a body of artwork is a culminating activity for the AFA in Art degree.

The Associate of Fine Arts in Art (AFA in Art) is a pre-professional Minnesota State Transfer Pathway degree intended for students transferring to a 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 in Art degree consists of a high concentration of 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.

SAVE THIS DOCUMENT and follow the steps below to graduate with the AFA degree!

ADMISSION

Admission to the Program is a two-step process.

Complete each step as soon as the decision to declare the degree is made.

1. **Application and Portfolio:** Complete and submit the AFA in Art application form below and a digital portfolio of artwork (4 pieces) to the AFA in Art Coordinator, Brian Mack. brian.mack@normandale.edu /F2245 / 952-358-8592. The AFA in Art application can be found at the AFA & AA in Art Major's bulletin board or online at <http://www.normandale.edu/catalog/programs-of-study/associate-of-fine-arts/art-afa>
Use the *Preparation of a Portfolio* on page 2 for the specific requirements for submitting the digital portfolio of artwork. Completed application and artwork will be reviewed by Art Department faculty.
<http://www.normandale.edu/catalog/programs-of-study/associate-of-fine-arts/art-afa>
2. **Interview with AFA in Art Coordinator:** After the application is reviewed, the AFA coordinator will schedule an interview to discuss your application and review the degree requirements.

DEGREE

1. Complete ART 2200 Portfolio and Professional Practices (grade of C or higher)
2. Complete ART 2210 AFA in Art Capstone: Exhibition (grade of C or higher)
3. Meet Art Course Requirements with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale at graduation

OTHER HELPFUL STEPS

- **Meet with a counselor to plan your degree.** If you plan to transfer to another institution, knowing their transfer requirements will help you plan more effectively.
- **Check your Degree Audit Report (DARS)** often to make sure all requirements are met. (Go to the e-services link on the Normandale Website: Check box to verify you have read the page, log on to e-services, click on *Grades* and *Transcripts* and then *Interactive Degree Audit Report*.)
- **Check the Art Department website** to learn about transfer information and special opportunities
<http://www.normandale.edu/degrees-and-certificates>
- **Document your work through digital photographs or scans.** See Art Department website or the AFA in Art Coordinator for tips and guidelines.

Careful planning in consultation with counselors and art instructors concerning program admission, course work sequence and transfer institution requirements is essential for success.

AFA in Art Course Requirements

Core Art Courses (22 credits)

- ART 1102 Foundation Art History 1 (3)
- ART 1103 Foundation Art History 2 (3)
- ART 1118 Foundation Two-Dimensional Design (3)
- ART 1120 Foundation Three-Dimensional Design (3)
- ART 1121 Foundation Drawing 1 (3)
- ART 1122 Foundation Digital Imaging (3)
- ART 2200 Portfolio and Professional Practices (3)
- ART 2210 AFA in Art Capstone: Exhibition (1)

Required Art Studio Electives (18 credits)

Select a minimum of four courses (12 credits) from the following Two-Dimensional and Three-Dimensional Courses:

Two-Dimensional Courses: Minimum of one course:

- ART 1110 Introduction to Black and White Photography (3)
- ART 1114 Introduction to Digital Photography (3)
- ART 1116 Introduction to Graphic Design (3)
- ART 1126 Introduction to Printmaking: Screenprint (3)
- ART 1127 Introduction to Painting (3)
- ART 1129 Introduction to Printmaking: Relief (3)
- ART 2204 Foundation Drawing 2 (3)

Three-Dimensional Courses: Minimum of one course:

- ART 1123 Introduction to Sculpture (3)
- ART 1124 Introduction to Ceramics: Handbuilding (3)
- ART 1130 Introduction to Ceramics: Wheel Throwing (3)

Remaining required electives (6 credits) may be selected from above or from the following:

- ART 1113 Video Art (3)
- ART 1115 2D Animation and Interactivity (3)
- ART 1125 Glass Fusing 1 (3)
- ART 1128 Watercolor Painting (3)
- ART 2201 Figure Drawing (3)
- ART 2206 Glass Fusing 2 (3)
- ART 2207 Advanced Photography (3)
- ART 2208 Advanced Painting (3)

Recommended Sequence

Semester 1 (16 credits)

- ART 1102 Foundation Art History 1 (3)
- ART 1118 Foundation Two-Dimensional Design (3)
- ART 1121 Foundation Drawing 1 (3)
- MnTC Goal Course (4)
- MnTC Goal Course (3)

Semester 2 (16 credits)

- ART 1103 Foundation Art History 2 (3)
- ART 1120 Foundation Three-Dimensional Design (3)
- ART 1122 Foundation Digital Imaging (3)
- ART Elective (3)
- MnTC Goal Course (4)

Semester 3 (15 credits)

- ART 2200 Portfolio and Professional Practices (3)
- ART Elective (3)
- ART Elective (3)
- MnTC Goal Course (3)
- MnTC Goal Course (3)

Semester 4 (13 credits)

Apply for graduation

- ART 2210 AFA in Art Capstone: Exhibition (1)
- ART Elective (3)
- ART Elective (3)
- ART Elective (3)
- MnTC Goal Course (3)

Normandale Community College's Art Department is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design.

Associate of Fine Arts in Art	Core Art Courses (22 Credits)	Semester Offered (Recommended / Required Semester)	Year & Semester Completed	
Name _____ Tech ID _____ Admission to the Program: Application & Portfolio _____ Interview _____ Admission Date: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____ Additional Notes: Art Course Credits: <i>Complete 40 credits in Art courses, including Core Art courses and Art Electives, with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.</i> Semester 3: <i>Complete ART 2200 Portfolio and Professional Practices (grade of C or higher) (Fall)</i> Semester 4: <i>Apply for graduation</i> <i>Complete ART 2210 AFA in Art Capstone: Exhibition (grade of C or higher) (Spring)</i> General education and MnTC credits: Complete 7 credits from Goal 1. Complete a minimum of 13 credits from three of the following goal areas: 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, or 10. <i>Courses numbered 1000 and above must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.</i>	ART 1102 Foundation Art History 1 (3)	Fall (Semester 1)		
	ART 1103 Foundation Art History 2 (3)	Spring (Semester 2)		
	ART 1118 Foundation Two-Dimensional Design (3)	Fall (Semester 1)		
	ART 1120 Foundation Three-Dimensional Design (3)	Spring (Semester 2)		
	ART 1121 Foundation Drawing 1 (3)	Fall & Spring (Semester 1)		
	ART 1122 Foundation Digital Imaging (3)	Fall & Spring (Semester 2)		
	ART 2200 Portfolio and Professional Practices (3)	Fall (Semester 3)		
	ART 2210 AFA in Art Capstone: Exhibition (1)	Spring (Semester 4)		
	Required Art Studio Electives (18 credits)			
	Minimum 4 courses (12 credits) from the three and two-dimensional courses			
	Two-Dimensional Courses: Minimum of 1 course			
	ART 1110 Introduction to Black and White Photography (3)	Fall		
	ART 1114 Introduction to Digital Photography (3)	Fall & Spring		
	ART 1116 Introduction to Graphic Design (3)	Fall & Spring		
	ART 1126 Introduction to Printmaking: Screenprint (3)	Fall, even years		
ART 1127 Introduction to Painting (3)	Fall & Spring			
ART 1129 Introduction to Printmaking: Relief (3)	Fall, odd years			
ART 2204 Foundation Drawing 2 (3)	Spring			
Three-Dimensional Courses: Minimum of 1 course				
ART 1123 Introduction to Sculpture (3)	Fall			
ART 1124 Introduction to Ceramics: Handbuilding (3)	Fall & Spring			
ART 1130 Introduction to Ceramics: Wheel Throwing (3)	Fall & Spring			
Remaining required electives (6 credits) may be selected from above or from the following:				
ART 1113 Video Art (3)	Fall & Spring			
ART 1115 2D Animation and Interactivity (3)	Fall & Spring			
ART 1125 Glass Fusing 1 (3)	Fall & Spring			
ART 1128 Watercolor Painting (3)	Spring, even years			
ART 2201 Figure Drawing (3)	Fall			
ART 2206 Glass Fusing 2 (3)	Spring			
ART 2207 Advanced Photography (3)	Spring			
ART 2208 Advanced Painting (3)	Spring			
MnTC Goal Courses (20 Credits)		Goal Area	Credits	

AFA in Art Worksheet

Use this worksheet to plan your course selection. You will not necessarily fill in all the spaces. Look at the *Recommended Sequence* on page 2 for guidance.

Semester 1	Year & Semester _____	Indicate Goal Area for MnTC Courses
Core Art Course:		
Core Art Course:		
Core Art Course:		
Art Elective Course:		
Art Elective Course:		
MnTC Goal Course:		
MnTC Goal Course:		
MnTC Goal Course		
Semester 2	Year & Semester _____	
Core Art Course:		
Core Art Course:		
Core Art Course:		
Art Elective Course:		
Art Elective Course:		
MnTC Goal Course:		
MnTC Goal Course:		
MnTC Goal Course		
Semester 3	Year & Semester _____	
ART 2200 Portfolio and Professional Practices (3) (Fall)		
Core Art Course:		
Art Elective Course:		
Art Elective Course:		
Art Elective Course:		
MnTC Goal Course:		
MnTC Goal Course:		
MnTC Goal Course:		
Semester 4	Year & Semester _____	
ART 2210 Capstone AFA in Art (1) (Spring)		
Core Art Course:		
Art Elective Course:		
Art Elective Course:		
Art Elective Course:		
MnTC Goal Course:		
MnTC Goal Course:		
MnTC Goal Course:		

Degree Check List:

- 22 Credits Core Art Courses
 18 Credits Art Electives
 C or higher in 2200 & 2210
 20 General Education Credits
 MnTC Goal Areas: 1 (7 cr) 3, 5, 7, 9 or 10. (13cr)
 Art courses have cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale

Notes:

AFA ART FAQ

Q: Do I need to take classes at Normandale before applying?

A: No, you may apply before completing any courses.

Q: Do I need to do anything more once I have declared myself as a PreAFA?

A: Yes! You must apply for the program by submitting an application and a portfolio of 4 works of art.

Q: What kind of artwork is needed for the application?

A: Artwork must be original. It may be work done as an assignment or on your own.

Q: Do I need a professional camera, or can I use my cell phone to take images of my artwork?

A: You may use your cell phone or digital camera.
Be sure the artwork is well lighted, and the image fills as much of the screen as possible.

Q: Where can I find information about the AFA in Art Degree?

A: Degree information and application materials can be found on the AFA & AA in Art bulletin board outside of F2297, or on the Normandale website.

Q: Is there a deadline for submitting applications?

A: Yes. Fall applications are accepted up until the first Friday in November.
Spring applications are accepted up until the first Friday in March.
These dates align with the deadlines for Art Scholarships.

Q: Who can I ask if I have more questions?

A: Brian Mack is the AFA in Art coordinator for the Art Department
brian.mack@normandale.edu / F2245 / 952 358-8592
You may also talk to any of your art faculty.



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