



The **Bachelor of**

Fine Arts in Art, Emphasis in Art Education

Teach the next generation of artists.

Share your love of art and creativity with the next generation of young artists. You'll study different artistic methods, such as painting, drawing and sculpture, and also receive the formal training necessary to becoming a great teacher. Make a difference in a child's life by giving them the tools to embrace their creativity.

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The Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art with an Emphasis in Art Education prepares students for a career in Art Education. Students who successfully complete all portions of the program will be fully certified to teach Art to grades K-12 in the state of Missouri. Art Education students complete a foundation art program plus additional courses that provide experience with a broad range of studio processes. To be certified, students must pass the Art K-12 Missouri Content Assessment and demonstrate competence in nine Missouri Teaching Standards. This will be documented in a final electronic portfolio called the Missouri Pre-Service Teacher Assessment. Note that K-12 Art certification is grouped with Secondary Education by both DESE and the College of Education.

Students who already hold BFA degrees in studio arts and wish to obtain art teaching certification may be eligible for the Teach in 12 program through the College of Education. Art teacher certification may be obtained by post-degree students who complete (or may have already completed) Studio Art, Art History and Visual Culture, and Teacher Education requirements identical to those of undergraduate art education BFA students.

Candidates for the BFA must complete a Foundation and Core Art Program (which is largely satisfied by the AFA degree) and an emphasis area in one of the following: studio practice, art education or graphic design. Studio Practice majors are required to take 69-credit hours in studio art (including 27 hours in the foundation and core art program) and 12 hours in Art History. The final 30 hours must be completed in residence at UMSL. Graduating students must also pass a faculty portfolio review.

Upon completion of the BFA in Art with an Emphasis in Art Education, graduates will be able to develop visual and verbal responses to visual phenomena and organize perceptions and conceptualizations both rationally and intuitively; explain the major achievements in the history of art and design, including the works and intentions of leading artists and designers in the past and present; develop the capacity to identify and/or solve visual problems within a variety of physical, technological, social and cultural contexts; explain and evaluate contemporary thinking about art or design; develop competence in a number of art or design techniques; and make valid assessments of quality and effectiveness in design projects and works of art, especially their own.

Transforming Lives

The Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art with an Emphasis in Art Education at UMSL is earned through our College of Arts and Sciences, the academic core of the University of Missouri–St. Louis. Through academic programs offered on- and off- campus, traditional and nontraditional students gain knowledge, skills and intellectual leadership for a variety of career paths, advanced study and research in many academic disciplines.

Graduates are known for their professionalism on the job and their strong sense of civic and social responsibility. Students in our programs engage in creative and critical thinking, learn to analyze evidence, to appreciate patterns of complexity and to reflect on important issues that impact our daily lives. Students gain skill sets to prepare for a changing workplace that requires flexible, dynamic, and well-educated employees.

The Department of Art & Design is dedicated to building and sustaining distinctive programs that are innovative, rigorous, synergistic and significant to the University's mission as a Missouri metropolitan public research university. The Department strives to develop analytical abilities and a critical consciousness in the visual arts among its students. It is dedicated to recruiting, retaining and supporting a faculty engaged in research and creative activity, while encouraging partnerships and collaborative ventures with area arts institutions.

Serious education. Serious value.

The Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art with an Emphasis in Art Education is designed to provide specialized knowledge, skills and training in a flexible format, with classes available in person, online and in a hybrid format. You'll learn from highly qualified educators and researchers who hold terminal degrees from some of the world's most prestigious academic institutions.

The University of Missouri–St. Louis provides the knowledge, resources, tools, skills and support students need to be successful in our programs. Our comprehensive student support services include workshops, tutoring and career services to help you develop skills and strategies to be successful in the classroom and beyond. UMSL welcomes transfer students and our transfer specialists will assist you with getting the most transfer credits possible. We're also committed to increasing access to higher education, which is why UMSL is consistently ranked number one in affordability in the St. Louis region.

Learn more at art.umsl.edu

The University of Missouri–St. Louis is the largest public research university located in Missouri's most populous and economically important region. UMSL provides high-quality, affordable education to one of the most diverse student bodies in the state. No university is better connected to the surrounding region than UMSL. Seventy-three percent of our graduates stay in St. Louis. The region needs a well-equipped workforce and UMSL is prepared to help you meet those needs. Choose the University of Missouri–St. Louis for art education.

Career Opportunities

Art Teacher
Art Museum Program Director
Community Arts Organizer
Professional Teaching Artist
K-12 School Arts Administration
Higher Education Art Educator

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