

Graduate Application Requirements

Department of Integrated Studio Arts

Integrated Visual Arts

IVA/MFA PROGRAM

The Master of Fine Arts in Integrated Visual Arts at Iowa State University is a distinctive and unique interdisciplinary program offering multiple opportunities to combine study among the following areas: ceramics, computer applications, drawing, textiles, illustration, jewelry/metalsmithing, painting, printmaking, photography, furniture design and areas outside of the department.

IVA/MFA Curriculum Requirements

Seminar in Teaching (Art 511) OR

Research Methods (Art 605)	3	credits
Studio Concentration	30	credits
Art History/Theory/Criticism	12	credits
Related Courses (outside of the IVA program)	9	credits
Thesis/Exhibition/Orals (Art699)	6	credits
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	60	credits

Application Deadlines

January 15: Deadline for fall admission with consideration for a graduate assistantship. Applications received after the deadline will be considered for program admission, but will have limited assistantship options.

November 1: Deadline for spring admission.

It is the candidate's responsibility to check that all his/her materials have been uploaded:

[ISU Graduate Admission Application](#)

Application Requirements and Procedures

Iowa State University requests this information for the purpose of departmental records. No persons outside the University are routinely provided this information. If you fail to provide the required information, the University may not be able to offer you admission.

An individual applying to the Master of Fine Integrated Studio Arts must meet the following requirements in addition to the minimum general requirements of the Graduate College of Iowa State University.

- A. An undergraduate cumulative general point average of 3.00 or above is required.
- B. **Portfolio:** 20 images or video excerpts totaling a maximum of 3 minutes (or a combination of both) that relate to the proposed primary area of study. Include the titles, dimensions, and dates of the works. Format for individual images must have a maximum of 2000 pixels x 2000 pixels at 72 dpi. **For video and web-based work, please provide URLs that link directly to specific works. Save the portfolio**

with 20 images (or images and/or URLs) as a single, multi-page pdf titled “Portfolio” to be uploaded on the application site.

C. Essays: Answer the following questions and include your name and current address at the top of each page. Save as a pdf and upload it on the application site.

1. Give a brief account of your background in relation to education, employment and activities relevant to the field of art or design. (100 words or less)
2. What do you hope to achieve during your graduate studies at Iowa State University? (100 words or less)
3. What are your long-term professional goals beyond your graduate school education? (100 words or less)
4. Which artists or designers have had a significant influence on your work? In what way? (100 words or less)

D. Resume: Submit a current resume that includes a list of educational experiences, scholarships, honors, awards, exhibitions, publications, outstanding extra curricular activities, employment experience and research.

E. Three letters of recommendation

F. Official undergraduate and/or graduate transcript.

G. Tests

1. The Integrated Visual Arts program does not require the GRE
2. International students must have a TOEFL score of at least 550 (paper) or 79 (internet)

H. The graduate faculty of Integrated Visual Arts may request a personal interview of the applicant.

A review of an applicant's submitted materials by the graduate faculty of Integrated Visual Arts will determine whether or not the applicant has appropriate skills and development for graduate study in the department. Graduate credits may be accepted for transfer in the program from any accredited institution by approval of the Major Professor and the Program of Study Committee.

All of the above required application materials must be uploaded on the appropriate [online application form](#). The [application submission process](#) for the MFA in Integrated Visual Arts is available on the ISU Graduate College's program requirements websites.

Iowa State University makes reasonable efforts to comply with individuals with special needs. If you require special accommodations, please describe.

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