

DEPARTMENT OF ART

WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

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INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

Thank you for your interest in the programs offered by the Department of Art at Western Washington University. The Department of Art is part of the College of Fine and Performing Arts. Together with the Western Gallery and the Outdoor Sculpture Collection, the Department of Art provides one of the best undergraduate programs for the arts in the region.

PROGRAMS

The Department of Art offers programs in four interrelated areas of study: studio art, design, art education, and art history. The programs are designed to enhance artistic and intellectual inquiry across and within disciplines. The programs, classes and workshops combine practice in visual skills with rigorous critical analyses, providing an environment that fosters lively dialogue and energetic engagement. Artists, designers, art historians and art educators, with innovative yet well-established approaches to teaching, offer a variety of courses that include art education, art history, art theory and criticism, ceramics, design production, drawing, fibers/fabrics, graphic design, new media, painting, photography, printmaking, and sculpture. The faculty is dedicated to the preparation and sponsorship of students in their post-graduate professional careers.

DEGREES

The Department of Art offers Bachelor of Arts degrees in Art, Design and Art History. The Bachelor of Fine Arts degree is available in Art and Design. The Bachelor of Arts in Education is available through Woodring College.

DECLARATION PROCESS

Most classes in the Design and Studio areas are restricted to **majors only**. To access classes in these areas, a formal application to the Department of Art is required. For students in art studio, design or art education, application for the major is made with a portfolio of work. The portfolio will be reviewed by the faculty and evaluated on the basis of a demonstrated understanding of the elements of visual art, technical proficiency and originality.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

For **incoming freshmen**, the admission deadline for the Department of Art, through a portfolio review, is January 31st of each year (for students starting at Western the following quarter). The Admission Portfolio must be received in the Department of Art office on or before January 31st, not postmarked on January 31st. Application deadlines for **incoming transfer students** are October 15th (for students starting Winter and Spring quarters) and, beginning in 2012, April 1st (for students starting at Western Fall quarter). There will be two portfolio reviews for **current Western students**, on October 15th and January 31st of each year.

Contact the Department of Art office at 360.650.3660 to confirm deadlines and/or requirements for the Admission Portfolio.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: Art Studio, Design, and Art Education

All applicants for Art Studio, Design, and Art Education majors must submit a **portfolio of 12 works** and an **application form**. It is recommended that the portfolio include only recent pieces. Artwork can be in any media and must demonstrate the following:

- Understanding of formal principles
- Technical skills
- Ability to use visual language to communicate ideas
- Originality and risk-taking

An accompanying **image list** should briefly describe the rationale behind each piece along with title, dimensions, medium and date. DVD's or CD's are preferred; slides and online portfolios are also acceptable. Digital portfolios must be presented in an easily accessible format such as a Powerpoint or PDF presentation. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure proper functioning of the presentation. Please do not send portfolios as email attachments.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: Art History

To apply to the Art History major, students must have taken A/HI275 and two 200-level art history survey courses or pre-approved equivalent courses. Students must have B average or higher in these classes to be considered for the art history program. Application deadlines for the Art History major are October 15 and February 15 and completed application forms must be received in the Department of Art by those dates.

SEND APPLICATION PACKET TO:

Department of Art, Review Committee
Western Washington University
516 High Street
Bellingham, WA 98225-9068

Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you wish your materials returned.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

<http://www.wvu.edu/art>

APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ART

Name _____
First Middle Initial Last

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

WWU ID # (if available) _____

Telephone _____ e-mail: _____

Check one: at WWU Transfer High School

WWU entering date _____

WWU Expected graduation date _____

Identify the major you would like to pursue.

Choose one: Studio Art Design Art Education Art History

List your previous college level art or art history classes including currently enrolled:

COURSE #	DESCRIPTION	WHEN	WHERE
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Describe your interest areas in art and long term goals:
