

Master of Arts Degree in Art Education

PURPOSE:

The Master of Arts in Art Education is designed to accommodate those persons who wish to gain a broader and deeper understanding of the field of Art Education. It is the appropriate degree for those who wish to eventually enter a doctoral program in Art Education.

The M.A. program in Art Education is sufficiently flexible to accommodate varied interests and directions such as art supervision, community arts, research, and art curriculum. The M.A. is also designed to provide additional experience in art teaching, art studio, and art history.

All candidates pursuing and completing the M.A. program will meet all South Carolina State Certification requirements for Class I (full professional masters level) teaching certificate in Art.

ADMISSION:

Admission into the M.A. program is through the Graduate School with acceptance by the Department of Art. Applicants may gain admission by satisfying the following requirements:

1. Candidate must have a bachelors degree from an accredited institution of higher learning, and must be CERTIFIABLE to teach art in South Carolina public schools. It is generally recommended that a candidate have an undergraduate major in Art Education and 30 hours in art studio, art education, and art history. Candidates with less than 30 hours can make up the difference as deficiencies.
2. An application form should be submitted to the Graduate School.
3. Transcript of all previous college work should be sent to the Graduate School.
4. Two letters of recommendation from qualified evaluators should be sent to the Graduate School.
5. Candidate must take the National Teacher Examination (NTE) and the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) (minimum score of 800) or the Miller's Analogy Test (minimum score of 35).
6. A portfolio (slides) of art work should be submitted to the Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Art. These will be used for advisement purposes only.
7. A personal interview may be required of an M.A. candidate.
8. Candidates shall furnish written responses to a diagnostic questionnaire.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

The M.A. program in Art Education shall include a minimum of 30 hours of graduate course work. The distribution is as follows:

1. A minimum of 15 hours of course work in art education.

Art Education 15 hours

2. A minimum of 9 hours of electives to be selected from graduate courses in Art Studio, Education or other areas of study.

Electives 9-15 hours

3. A minimum of 6 hours in thesis preparation courses. A written thesis is required of all M.A. candidates.

Thesis 6 hours
TOTAL 30-36 hours

EXAMINATION AND THESIS REQUIREMENTS:

1. A written comprehensive examination is required of all candidates in the M.A. program. The examination will be administered by the Director of Graduate Studies just prior to completion of course work.
2. A written thesis is a requirement of all M.A. programs. A guide to thesis preparation is available from the Graduate Studies Office in the Art Department.

ASSISTANTSHIPS:

Financial assistance is available in the form of assistantships. Application forms are available upon request from:

**Graduate Secretary
USC Department of Art
Columbia, SC 29208**