

DEPARTMENT OF ART
Bachelor of Arts in Art

MISSION STATEMENT

The principal function of the Art Department within the University is to promote the student's ability to see, consider, and actively engage in visual culture. We provide opportunities for broad artistic and intellectual development of the University body at large, and specifically nurture and support a quality education for aspiring fine arts professionals, including artists and art educators.

GOALS

The Art Department has selected the following goals for student learning. These goals are directly related to the department's mission.

- Develop ability to discuss and analyze works of art
- Develop proficiency in fabricating works of art
- Develop professional skills appropriate to field

STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Our goals for student learning will be more easily attained with clearly defined student learning objectives. The ability to discuss and analyze works depends upon the use of appropriate vocabulary and the ability to articulate visual and conceptual relationships among works of art. The fabrication of works of art requires an understanding of composition, a mastery of craftsmanship and an understanding a conceptual framework or intention for the work. Additionally, professional skills require an understanding of how to present oneself and one's work to venues in grant applications and the workforce. With these ideas in mind, our student learning objectives for this assessment plan are:

- Students are able to use appropriate formal assessment vocabulary
- Students are able to articulate visual and conceptual relationships among works of art
- Students are able to demonstrate ability to create effective compositions
- Students are able to demonstrate mastery of craftsmanship appropriate to their media
- Students are able to demonstrate thematic and/or conceptual framework for their art
- Students are able to create a portfolio of work
- Students are able to demonstrate an understanding of the professional art world including gallery, grants, and internship possibilities.