

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

Programs are offered in four interrelated areas of study: art studio, 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, ceramics, design production, drawing, fibers/fabrics, graphic design, mixed media, new media, painting, photography, printmaking, and sculpture. The faculty is dedicated to the preparation and sponsorship of students in their post-graduate careers as professional artists, designers, curators, art historians, and educators.

DEGREES

The Department of Art offers **Bachelor of Arts** degrees in art studio, design and art history. A **Bachelor of Fine Arts** degree in art is available in art studio and design. A **Bachelor of Arts in Education** is available through Woodring College.

APPLICATION PROCESS

At the time of application to Western Washington University, a formal application to the Department of Art is required. Successful completion of the portfolio review is required before students can enroll in Art Department classes.

For students in **Art Studio, Design, or Art Education**, application is made with a portfolio of work. Specific information about the portfolio format, content, and application deadlines is provided below under the guidelines section. Faculty from the Department of Art will review the portfolio, and evaluation will be made based on demonstrated understanding of the essential elements of visual art, originality, and technical proficiency.

For those applying to the **Art History** program a 500-word essay is required. The essay addresses their interest in art history and visual culture. Please contact the Art Department office for a copy of the essay topic.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

The primary admission deadline for the Department of Art, through a portfolio review, is March 1 of each year. There will be an additional portfolio review for current Western students on November 1 of each year.

Portfolios must be **received** in the Department of Art office on March 1st and November 1st, not post marked March 1st or November 1st.

Send your material to Portfolio Review, Department of Art, Western Washington University, 516 High Street, Bellingham, WA 98225-9068. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope for return of your materials. The utmost care will be exercised in the process and review of all materials submitted, however, the Department of Art and Western Washington University assume no liability for loss or damage.

STUDIO, DESIGN AND ART EDUCATION APPLICANTS:

Incoming freshmen and transfer students in art education, design, or studio art must submit a portfolio of 12 images. It is recommended that the portfolio include only recent pieces. Artwork can be in any media and must specifically demonstrate the following criteria:

1. Understanding of formal issues, including space, value, color, proportion and balance.
2. Technical skills.
3. Ability to use visual language to communicate ideas.
4. Originality and risk-taking.

Mac compatible CD-ROMs, online portfolios or slides are acceptable format. It is the applicant's responsibility to insure proper functioning of the presentation. Your portfolio will be evaluated according to the level of excellence achieved in the four criteria.

APPLICATION PACKET:ART STUDIO, DESIGN, ART EDUCATION

- A portfolio of 12 images presented as slides, Mac compatible CD-ROMs, or online
- Slide list:
 - >Title, dimensions, date
 - >Brief description of the assignment in question. The description should state any direct inspirations or influences that might have determined the outcome of the piece. If the work was collaborative, the description should also state your role in the project. Works submitted in CD-ROM or online portfolio may include this information directly in the digital presentation.
- Self-addressed stamped envelope
- Application Form

ART HISTORY APPLICANTS

After completing A/HI 275 and two of the 200-level art history classes (A/HI 220 or 221, 230 or 231, 240 or 241, 270 or 271, or pre-approved equivalent courses—students can be enrolled in the second survey when applying), art history applicants must submit a 500-word essay in response to a prompt assigned by the art history faculty.

SEND PORTFOLIO TO:

Department of Art, Review Committee
Western Washington University
Bellingham, WA 98225

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

360-650-3660

www.wvu.edu/~artdept

APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ART

Check one: at WWU Transfer high school WWU entering date _____

Name _____
First Middle Initial Last

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

WWU ID # (if available) _____

Telephone _____ e-mail: _____

Identify the major you intend to pursue. ***Failure to identify a major may result I delayed access to required courses.***

WWU Expected graduation date _____

Choose one: Studio Art Design Art Education Art History

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

<u>COURSE #</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>WHENWHERE</u>
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Describe your interest areas in art and long term goals:

