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# ***ART EDUCATION***

## **Program Overview**

The Department of Visual Arts provides a foundation of knowledge and skill in the visual arts which will prepare students to practice art on a professional level. Students may elect a BFA degree which is designed to prepare practicing artists, plus certification, which is designed for students who wish to teach art in the public schools.

Students have two tracks for certification to teach art in primary and secondary schools. Both contain course work, teaching laboratories, supervised observations, aiding experiences in the public schools, and internships (student teaching). The K-12 Art Teaching Certification option is completed concurrently with the BFA. The MAT is a separate and more concentrated graduate level degree which is taken after completion of the BFA.

Both programs have been approved by NCATE (National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education) and the Maryland State Department of Education.

## **Program Structure**

The art focus concentrates on skill development and creative expression in ceramics, painting, drawing, printmaking, graphic arts/commercial arts, and sculpture. Other courses include computer graphics, photography, and crafts. Theoretical knowledge is embedded in practical learning. Students are trained as both practicing artists and educators.

Art history and art criticism courses acquaint students with multicultural artistic styles, movements, and aesthetic/critical problems in art, thereby giving students a better historical perspective.

Additional features of the BFA program include: a strong foundations program, intensive studio experiences, portfolio reviews, workshops by regional and national experts, one-on-one faculty mentoring, internship and foreign study opportunities, and senior exhibitions.

## **Department Facilities**

The Department of Visual Arts has faculty members who are specialists in the courses they teach. Other strong assets of the department are small classes/individualized instruction and outstanding career advisement.

**A large gallery, supplemented by the Ort Library, provides students with exhibition and viewing space for Baltimore Museum presentations, senior shows, special exhibitions and cooperative performance/exhibitions.**