Art

College of Liberal Arts
Department of Art (https://www.uaf.edu/art/)
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Department Overview
The Art Department encourages and promotes independent, original, innovative and critical thinking skills and prepares students for a career in art. The department endeavors to provide an environment of artistic and academic excellence in the visual arts. By design it provides the student the opportunity to explore, research and master skills needed for many art careers. The department serves a vital community role in enriching the Alaskan humanities through the promotion of all aspects of visual arts, from traditional to contemporary including Alaska Native art and history.

The department designs, develops and implements programs that encourage and foster new ways of seeing as part of the Alaska aesthetic. Department faculty teach the means, modes and history of art to encourage independent, original, critical and creative thinking. Students enrolled in art studio classes are provided technical skills and access to facilities required to create fine art in varied disciplines in diverse media. Students are prepared for careers in art and the department operates a gallery for the presentation of student, faculty and special exhibitions. The gallery provides opportunity for academic and career development with an emphasis on professional presentation of works. The department also serves as a resource center for artists and arts groups. Emphasis is placed on Alaska Native Arts, given the university’s location and the diversity of Native cultures represented in the student body and the value placed upon Alaska Native culture and art in the North.

B.A., B.F.A., Art
The art program encourages independent, original and creative thinking while recognizing the role and responsibility of the fine arts within the humanities.

The B.F.A. degree is professionally oriented and designed to prepare students for careers in art. It is the usual prerequisite for graduate studies in art. Admission requires a portfolio review by the art faculty, generally done in the student’s junior year. Enrollment in the B.F.A. program is recommended only for students who are willing to make a considerable commitment of time and energy necessary to achieve professional competence in their major areas. Career opportunities for B.F.A. graduates include artist, designer, arts administrator, art teacher, gallery and museum administrator, and computer-related fields.

Minimum Requirements for Art Bachelor’s Degrees: B.A.: 120 credits; B.F.A.: 120 credits
Learn more about the bachelor’s degree in art (https://uaf.edu/academics/programs/bachelors/art.php), including an overview of the program, career opportunities and more.

M.F.A., Art
The M.F.A. degree provides artists with the necessary background to compete for state, national and international positions. Career opportunities include placement in state and federal arts organizations, galleries, museums, colleges and universities. This degree includes exposure to contemporary art world issues, the historic role of the artist and northern art. The M.F.A. degree in visual art is a terminal degree. Study is two-thirds in studio art. The degree culminates in a solo gallery exhibition.

Minimum Requirements for Art Master’s Degree: 60 credits

Programs

Degrees
- B.A., Art (https://catalog.uaf.edu/bachelors/art-ba/)
- B.F.A., Art (https://catalog.uaf.edu/bachelors/art-bfa/)
- M.F.A., Art (https://catalog.uaf.edu/masters/art/)

Minors
- Minor, Art (https://catalog.uaf.edu/minors/art/)
- Minor, Art History (https://catalog.uaf.edu/minors/art-history/)