

 <b>FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY</b>	<b>NEW/CHANGE PROGRAM REQUEST</b> <b>Graduate Programs</b>	UGPC Approval _____ UFS Approval _____ Banner _____ Catalog _____
	<b>Department</b> Visual Arts and Art History  <b>College</b> Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters	
<b>Program Name</b> MFA Visual Arts	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>New Program*</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Change Program*</b>	<b>Effective Date</b> (TERM & YEAR)  FALL 2021
<p><b>Please explain the requested change(s) and offer rationale below or on an attachment.</b></p> <p>We propose to change the requirement that MFA candidates in studio arts be full-time graduate students to allow part-time graduate students in the MFA studio arts program (as the MFA graphic design program does) to be more flexible to increase enrollment in the program and better meet the needs of some applicants</p> <p>The catalog currently reads:</p> <p>Program Requirements and Curriculum          This full-time M.F.A. program requires a minimum of 60 credits and includes the following distribution of credits. The department admits full-time graduate students in the fall of each year.</p> <p>We request to change it to read:</p> <p>Program Requirements and Curriculum          This M.F.A. program offered on the Boca Raton campus requires a minimum of 60 credits and includes the following distribution of credits.</p> <p><small>*All new programs and changes to existing programs must be accompanied by a catalog entry showing the new or proposed changes.</small></p>		
<b>Faculty Contact/Email/Phone</b>  Carol Prusa, Professor cprusa@fau.edu 561-297-3870	<b>Consult and list departments that may be affected by the change(s) and attach documentation</b>	
<b>Approved by</b> Department Chair _____ College Curriculum Chair _____ College Dean _____ UGPC Chair _____ UGC Chair _____ Graduate College Dean _____ UFS President _____ Provost _____	<b>Date</b> _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____	

Email this form and attachments to [UGPC@fau.edu](mailto:UGPC@fau.edu) 10 days before the UGPC meeting.

## MASTER'S PROGRAMS

### Master of Fine Arts with Major in Studio/Fine Arts

The M.F.A. with Major in Studio/Fine Arts is designed to further the conceptual development, aesthetic presentation, technical skill and career goals of the M.F.A. candidates. The M.F.A. is offered with a concentration in Graphic Design (Davie campus) or a concentration in Studio Art in the following studio areas of study: Ceramics, Drawing, Painting, Photography, Printmaking and Sculpture (Boca Raton campus) and Book Arts (Boca Raton and Davie campuses). These paths of study are designed to incorporate courses from the range of studio areas should the student desire this type of cross-disciplinary approach and flexibility. Graduates of the programs will be prepared for careers as professional artists. The programs will provide opportunities for students to develop their interests and talents at the terminal degree level.

### Master of Fine Arts with Major in Studio/Fine Arts—Studio Art Concentration

#### Admission Requirements

1. Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Arts or equivalent degree.
2. A "B" average or better in all coursework while registered as an upper-division student working for a bachelor's degree.
3. Graduate admission application submitted online to FAU's Graduate College. Application is available at [www.fau.edu/graduate](http://www.fau.edu/graduate).
4. Official college transcript(s) submitted to FAU's Graduate College.

Applicants must submit the following in PDF format by email ([art@fau.edu](mailto:art@fau.edu)) to the departmental graduate coordinator for the respective concentration (Fine Arts, Graphic Design):

1. A statement of intent (stating area of concentration) and brief résumé.
2. Three letters of recommendation (preferably from previous instructors and/or professionals familiar with applicant's academic and artistic background).
3. Portfolio of 20 digital images of recent work in the area of concentration. Applications for painting must include a minimum of two details. Each image should be identified with name, medium, size, date.
4. Copy of official transcript.
5. ~~The deadline for applications fall admission in Fine Arts and Graphic Design is February 21st; please contact the department regarding the deadline for spring admission in Graphic Design.~~ Completed applications received by February 1 are given preference (applications will be considered through April 30 - applications completed after April 30 will roll over to the next academic year).

The Graduate College will be notified by the department of the evaluation results, and the Graduate College will notify candidates formally regarding admission. Only completed portfolios and application packets will be considered.



#### Program Requirements and Curriculum

~~This full-time M.F.A. program requires a minimum of 60 credits and includes the following distribution of credits. The department admits full-time graduate students in the fall of each year.~~ This M.F.A. program offered on the Boca Raton campus requires a minimum of 60 credits and includes the following distribution of credits.

## Master of Fine Arts with Major in Studio/Fine Arts—Graphic Design Concentration

The Master of Fine Arts with a Graphic Design concentration engages students in an individual pursuit to expand their knowledge of visual communication design systems with a focus on furthering development toward a career in design education and/or professional practice. Students and faculty from diverse cultural, educational and professional experiences come together to engage in critical discourse that challenges and strengthens each student's understanding of communication theory, research methodology and design problem-solving approaches. Encouraged to identify and expand their own voices as designers, students take a combination of graduate design studios, seminars, art history courses and directed independent study projects, culminating in a graduate thesis project, exhibition and document. Graduate students are expected to take a leadership role in the department and in their interactions with undergraduate students.

### Admission Requirements

1. Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Arts or equivalent degree from an accredited college or university or, for international students, an institution recognized in its own country as preparing students for further study at the graduate level. Degrees in graphic design or visual communication design are preferred. Candidates from other curricula will be considered based on abilities demonstrated in portfolio, statement of intent and space available. Two years' experience in the graphic design practice is preferred.
2. The minimum University admission requirements are either a "B" average or better in all work attempted while registered as an upper-division student working for a bachelor's degree; or a graduate degree from an accredited institution.
3. Graduate admission application submitted online to FAU's Graduate College. Application is available at [www.fau.edu/graduate](http://www.fau.edu/graduate).
4. Official college transcript(s) submitted to FAU's Graduate College.

Applicants must submit the following to Graphic Design, Department of Visual Arts and Art History, Florida Atlantic University, 2912 College Avenue, DW 303, Davie, Florida 33314.

1. Three letters of recommendation.
2. Résumé.
3. Statement of intent. Candidates need to submit a two-page essay describing their creative aims and reasons for graduate study.
4. Portfolio that includes 20 examples of applicant's graphic design or electronic media work. Each item should be labeled with name, medium, size and date. Candidates must include a project description sheet with their portfolios. Website examples should list the URL on project description sheet.
5. Copy of official transcript.
6. ~~Deadline for U.S. applicants' applications (online and postmarked): October 31 for spring admissions and February 21 for fall admissions. For international applicants, the application deadline for spring admission is September 1.~~ Completed applications received by February 1 are given preference (applications will be considered through April 30 - applications completed after April 30 will roll over to the next academic year).

Completed admission portfolios must be submitted directly to the Department of Visual Arts and Art History. The Graduate College will be notified by the department of the evaluation results and will notify candidates. Only completed portfolios and application packets will be considered.

**Program Requirements and Curriculum**

The M.F.A. Graphic Design concentration is offered at the Davie campus. The program requires a total of 60 credits of study. It includes the following distribution of credits.