ART, GRAPHIC DESIGN AND ART HISTORY

Graduate Programs

The Department of Art, Graphic Design and Art History offers an MA Program in Art History.

The Master of Arts Degree in Arts History

This program differs from most traditional art history programs through its emphasis on intercultural connections, globalism and transnationalism. The program includes a broad geo-cultural spectrum with six full-time faculty members who specialize in the art of the Americas, Europe and Asia. In partnership with the OSU Museum of Art, Postal Plaza Gallery and the Gardiner Gallery of Art in the Bartlett Center, students may also take coursework and gain hands-on training in museum and curatorial studies. The MA degree requires a minimum of 30 hours of graduate coursework, a thesis and a defense. Students will select two geographic areas of concentration within the five currently offered in the Department of Art, one to be the major area and the other the minor (the current areas are Europe, United States, Latin America, East Asia, and the Islamic World). A selection of courses, both lecture and seminar, will be taken in these areas. At least one course outside the department will be in the major area. Generally, the master's thesis will relate to the cultural connections between the major and minor areas. There is also a 36-credit non-thesis option. An additional museum and curatorial studies graduate certificate is also available as an option to students.

Art History Admission Requirements

All applicants must complete the online application (including the submission of transcripts, fee, and for international students, TOEFL scores), to be found at grad.okstate.edu (http://gradcollege.okstate.edu). In addition, applicants should also submit three letters of recommendation, a statement of purpose and a writing sample (5-10 pages; an excerpt from a longer work is acceptable). Prerequisites include five undergraduate courses in art history; foreign language experience is also recommended. While many applicants will have majored in art history, the MA program welcomes applications from graduates with bachelor's degrees in other fields. MA students may take prerequisites during the program; however, they will not count toward the 30 hours required for graduation.

The Master of Fine Arts in Graphic Design

This program specializes in a unique combination of Interaction Design, Motion Design and Visual Communication. Interaction Design and Motion Design in particular are among the most rapidly expanding areas in the field of graphic design. This is a three-year, sixty credit hour, terminal degree that will develop students' expertise as graphic designers in Interaction Design and Motion Design, while developing their research, presentation and writing skills. MFA graduates will be able to respond to both the creative demands of the graphic design profession and the research and teaching requirements of academia.

Graphic Design Admission Requirements

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