

Frequently Asked Questions for Undergraduates

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Q: What are the major tracks?

A: The Department of Art offers three tracks to a Bachelor of Arts Degree. All majors enter the Department in Track 1, the open B.A., and take a required group of six foundation courses. After completion of the foundation courses, students may continue in Track 1 without portfolio review, or may choose to submit a portfolio of work completed in Track 1 courses for admission into Track 2: Advanced Specialization or Track 3: Graphic Design. Portfolio reviews for both specializations takes place once a year during the spring semester, usually in March.

Q: How do I apply for an undergraduate admission into the program?

A: The Department of Art offers a Bachelor of Arts degree with courses in the areas of painting & drawing, print media, sculpture, digital media, and graphic design. Students enter the program with an intensive foundations program that focuses on the fundamentals of composition in both two- and three-dimensional applications. Undergraduate admissions into the program is managed through the university.

Visit the [University's Undergraduate Admissions](#) site for more information on the application process, application requirements and deadlines.

Q: Is there a required portfolio submission for admission into the major?

A: There is no required portfolio submission for admission into the major. However, submission of portfolios is required for certain awards and scholarships.

Q: Can I minor in Studio Art?

A: The Department does not offer a minor in Studio Art.

Q: I am interested in the Immersive Media Design (IMD) major. Should I contact the Department of Art or College of Computer, Mathematical, and Natural Sciences (CMNS)?

A: You should contact CMNS's Alyssa Ryan, Assistant Director of IMD, at imd@umd.edu.

Visit the [Immersive Media Design's](#) homepage for more information.

Q: I am interested in taking a few courses but am not a student at UMD. Is that an option?

A: In order to take courses at UMD, you will need to apply and be accepted into the university as we do not offer any courses for professionals or non-students.

Q: I am a Studio Art major, who is my advisor?

A: Students accepted into the graphic design concentration will continue to be advised by the Graphic Design Program Director. All other art majors will be advised by Emily Conover. Please make an appointment by emailing Emily Conover at econover@umd.edu. Include your UID in your request.

Q: Where can I find the schedule of courses for Art Studio?

A: The schedule of courses for Art Studio can be found on the Office of the Registrar's webpage under "Schedule of Classes". Select "ARTT-Art Studio" to see the full list of courses for each term.

Visit the [Office of the Registrar's](#) webpage for the Schedule of Courses.

Q: How do I register for courses that require the prerequisite of "Permission of ARHU-Art Department"?

A: You will need to directly email the instructor of the courses and sections that you wish to enroll into for the semester and request permission. Once permission is granted, forward the instructor's email stating permission is granted to you to artdept@umd.edu. Include your UID in your request.

Visit our [Department Directory](#) page for instructors' emails.

Q: Are the courses online?

A: Beginning Fall 2021, instructional delivery will return to primarily face to face courses. ARTT255, ARTT479H, and ARTT768 are online courses.

Q: How do I apply for the Honors Program?

A: Studio art majors have the opportunity to gain unique studio and research experience through the department's Honors Program. Students with the following criteria are eligible to apply for the Honors Program:

- Minimum overall 3.0 GPA and 3.5 GPA in ARTT courses for best consideration.
- Completion of all foundation art courses: ARTT 100, 110, 150, 200, 210 and 255.
- Minimum of one 300-level intermediate studio course; more than one is highly recommended.
- No less than 75 credits towards the degree though priority will be given to those entering their final two semesters (30 credits needed to finish their degree).
- Full-time enrollment (earning 12 or more credit hours per semester).

Applicants may apply to the Honors Program through the [Department of Art Combined Application](#) link. This link will be activated on the first day of classes following Spring Break and will remain available until 4:00p.m. on TBD.

Visit our [Honors Program](#) page to learn more about the Program and its application materials.

Q: Are awards and scholarships available?

A: Numerous awards and scholarships are available for students in the art major. These awards and scholarships include the Creative and Performing Arts Scholarship, which awards full in-state tuition for one academic year, and the John Dorsey Prize for Outstanding Curatorial Practice, which awards the winner with a budget to be used for the curation, promotion and exhibition of a dedicated show in the Herman Maril Gallery.

Visit our [Scholarships and Awards](#) page for a full list.