



## Department of Art

### Application Information

#### MA Graduate Program

#### *Art Education Option / Art History Option*

#### *Fashion & Textiles Option*

#### APPLICATION DEADLINES:

Fall Quarter

*Second Friday in April*

Winter Quarter

*Second Friday in October*

Spring Quarter

*Second Friday in January*

*Applications are not accepted for the summer quarter.*

#### Admission to the graduate program is a three-step application process:

- 1) Application to the university seeking status as a Conditionally-Classified graduate student.
- 2) Submission of application materials to the Department of Art.
- 3) An Oral Interview may be requested if the application is approved by the Faculty Committee. *An oral interview is required for the Art Education Option.*

**Applicants must be admitted to the university as a Conditionally-Classified graduate student and be approved by the Faculty Committee before admission is granted to the Department of Art graduate program.**

#### ADMISSION TO THE MA PROGRAM

Applicants are admitted to the MA degree program on the basis of:

- Application materials that clearly demonstrate advanced level competence in the area of specialization and a professional presentation.
- An indication that the applicant has the ability to be self-motivated and self-directed.
- Oral Interview (if required).
- BA or BFA degree in Art.  
The Faculty Committee has the option of requiring a minimum 36-unit Qualifying Course program for applicants who do not have a BA/BFA in Art. Courses on the Qualifying Course program must be completed before admission to the graduate program is granted and may not be included on the MA degree program. Each course on the Qualifying Course program must be completed with a grade of B or better (no B-).
- 3.0 GPA (in last 90-units).  
The Faculty Committee has the option of requiring a minimum 12-unit Qualifying Course program for applicants who do not have a 3.0 GPA (in the last 90 units). Courses on the Qualifying Course program must be completed before admission to the graduate program is granted and may not be included on the MA degree program. Each course on the Qualifying Course program must be completed with a grade of B or better (no B-).

**PLEASE NOTE — Admission to the Department of Art does not indicate admission to the university. Also, admission to the university as a Conditionally-Classified graduate student DOES NOT guarantee admission to the Department of Art graduate program.**

#### DEGREE DESCRIPTION

##### MA DEGREE

45 UNITS (APPROXIMATELY 2 YEARS)

The MA degree provides students with the opportunity for advanced study and practice in the fields of Art History, Art Education, or Fashion & Textiles as is appropriate to the applicant. The degree provides an opportunity to gain stronger educational and experiential skills for a potential professional career and may be an interim step to pursue further graduate work in the field. It is considered to be a general degree, and is well suited for individuals that are seeking an advanced degree for teaching purposes at the community college level.

#### APPLICATION MATERIALS

*Application materials must be delivered or mailed to the Department of Art Office prior to the application deadline.*

#### Applications which are late or incomplete will not be considered.

Applications must include the following:

- 1) Graduate Screening Form (available in the Department of Art office).
- 2) A one-page printed statement describing the applicant's goals and motivation for seeking an MA degree at CSULA.
- 3) Two letters of recommendation from professionals in the field who have direct experience with the applicant's work through an academic or mentor relationship and who can attest to their potential for graduate study.

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- 4) Copy of BA or BFA transcripts (not required for BA graduates at CSULA).
- 5) Portfolio materials for the specific option as listed below.

The portfolio materials are to reflect the applicant's most successful efforts in the intended area of study, and should clearly demonstrate original thought and creative abilities, as well as a high level of technical proficiency.

**ART EDUCATION**

*Portfolio of applicant's own artwork (selected original artwork, slides, or quality color photocopies).*

*Examples of the artwork of applicant's students (if available).*

*Two lesson plans for K-12 art instruction*

*Written responses to five questions. This consists of a 2-hour writing session that will be arranged by appointment.*

**ART HISTORY**

*Portfolio of three art history research papers.*

**FASHION & TEXTILES**

*Portfolio of creative fashion work, such as garment sketches or merchandising illustrations.*

*Writing sample.*

**ORAL INTERVIEW**

The oral interview is conducted by the Faculty Committee, which meets with each applicant for 15-20 minutes. The Faculty Committee and the applicant will discuss the portfolio materials, their educational goals, and specific needs and expectations for graduate study. There is also an opportunity for the applicant to ask questions about the program.

**GUIDELINES FOR THE ORAL INTERVIEW**

If an oral interview is required, the applicant will receive advance notification of the date, the appointment time, and room location.

On the day of the interview, applicants are expected to arrive early and be prepared for the interview.

If the applicant cannot attend the interview, please notify the office immediately (323) 343-4010.

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