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PROGRAM ADMISSION OVERVIEW

The Art–BS degree program currently admits on-campus students to begin in the fall, spring, and summer. Requirements and selection criteria may be modified from one application/admission period to the next. Potential applicants should consult the School of Education's Undergraduate Admissions (https://education.wisc.edu/admissions-aid/undergraduate-admissions/) page for eligibility requirements prior to submitting an application.

ENTERING THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Prospective UW–Madison Applicants

The Office of Admissions and Recruitment (http://admissions.wisc.edu/) makes final determinations regarding admission criteria and status of all applicants. Additional information, including submission guidelines, is available on the How to Apply (https://art.wisc.edu/undergraduate/undergraduate-application/) page of the art department's website.

New and Current UW–Madison Students

New freshmen and off-campus transfers are admitted directly to the Art–BS degree program. Students planning on declaring the Art-BS: Graphic Design named option should first declare Art-BS The successful completion of ART 102 2D Foundations and ART 107 Introduction to Digital Forms is required to declare the named option. All other on-campus students interested in becoming Art students must follow the application procedures outlined below.

Prospective Transfer Students

Applicants not already enrolled on the UW–Madison campus must be admissible to the university to enroll in a School of Education program. Admission to UW–Madison requires a separate application and admission process. See UW–Madison Office of Admissions and Recruitment (http://admissions.wisc.edu/) for application information. BFA candidates cannot transfer directly into the Art–BFA degree program; instead, they will be admitted to campus as if pursuing the Art–BS degree program (ART classification) and can apply for the BFA program once enrolled on campus. Transfer students are strongly encouraged to meet with the art department advisor prior to coming to campus; call 608-262-1660 to schedule an appointment. Prospective transfer students are strongly advised to meet with an advisor in the School of Education Student Services office in advance of their application; to schedule, call 608-262-1651.

Students With A Previous Degree

Prospective applicants who already hold an undergraduate degree are strongly encouraged to meet with an advisor in the School of Education Student Services office in advance of their application. Consultations with advisors are available in person or via telephone; to schedule, call 608-262-1651.

Applicants who already hold an undergraduate degree are admitted to the School of Education as either an *Education Special student* or a *second degree student*, depending on their interests and academic background. Admission as an Education Special student indicates that that the student has an interest in pursuing certification in a subject area studied during the initial degree; another degree is not awarded for this "certification only" coursework. Second degree students are seeking a second, unrelated degree from the School of Education, which may, or may not, include teacher certification. Candidates for limited enrollment programs must meet all admission eligibility requirements for the program and must compete with the eligible applicants for program admission. More information is available here (https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/education/#policiesandregulationstext).

APPLICATION AND ADMISSION

On-campus students should contact an undergraduate advisor in the Department of Art to discuss their interest in pursuing the Art–BS degree program. This meeting is required and can be scheduled using Starfish, (https://advising.wisc.edu/facstaff/starfish/starfish-student-resources/) or by contacting the Department of Art at 608-262-1660. An application to the Art–BS degree program will be completed after this meeting.

Criteria for Admission

- Cumulative grade point average of at least a 2.5 based on UW–Madison campus coursework, as modified by the Last 60 Credits Rule (detailed below).
- If applying for named option in Graphic Design, successful completion of ART 102 2D Foundations and ART 107 Introduction to Digital Forms.
- Filing of all required paperwork, including professional program application (http://www.education.wisc.edu/soe/academics/undergraduate-students/academic-program-admission/) and transcripts. Application must be signed by the art department advisor.

Last 60 Credits Rule

Two grade point averages will be calculated to determine candidates' eligibility to programs. GPAs will be calculated using

- all transferable college level coursework attempted, and
- the last 60 credits attempted.

The higher GPA of these two will be used for purposes of determining eligibility. If fewer than 60 credits have been attempted, all credits will be used to calculate the GPA. Graded graduate coursework will also be used in all GPA calculations. ("Attempted" coursework indicates coursework for which a grade has been earned.) For more information on this rule, see this link (https://guide.wisc.edu/undergraduate/education/#policiesandregulationstext).