

## Summer MA program with an emphasis in Studio Art (Including Photography)



The summer MA program leading to the Master of Art degree is primarily designed for art educators at the K-12 levels but is open to all qualified applicants holding Bachelor's degrees in the visual arts. The MA degree may be pursued either for personal enrichment or to advance one's professional standings and credentials. Courses for the degree include painting, sculpture, photography, drawing, ceramics, and mixed and multi-media art. Summer course work is specifically designed for professionals whose working schedules preclude full-time enrollment during the fall and spring semesters. Students accepted for graduate study in art are expected to possess a high level of technical competency in their chosen medium or media, as our graduate courses focus on conceptual development rather than technical instruction. In consultation with an advisor, course content and degree plans are individually developed to meet the unique needs of the student. Students intending to pursue the MFA degree upon completion of the MA must apply for admission and undergo a portfolio evaluation to determine whether courses taken previously may be counted towards the degree.

### **Admission**

Admission to the summer MA graduate program in art must be granted by both the Graduate School and the Department of Art. Application procedures for the Graduate School may be obtained by following this link:

<http://www.tamuc.edu/academics/graduateSchool/graduateAdmissions/default.aspx>

or via mail:

The Graduate School  
PO Box 3011, Commerce, TX 75429

As part of the department application, students are required to submit a digital portfolio of their artwork. Because the portfolio represents the breadth and quality of a student's undergraduate work, it is essential that care be taken in the photographic presentation of this work.

The more specialized application to the Department of Art is posted at this link:

<http://sites.tamuc.edu/art/files/2015/02/MA-Studio-Application.pdf>

or via mail:

Graduate Coordinator: Summer MA Program  
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### **Transfer Credit**

The Department of Art may accept graduate transfer credits from accredited institutions totaling no more than 1/3 of the overall semester hours required for a degree (12 semester hours for the summer MA). Courses submitted for transfer credit (1) must be in art; (2) must have received a grade of A or B; (3) and must be supported by works in the student's digital portfolio. Students must complete a Graduate Transfer Course Request Form, available through the Office of Graduate Studies at this link:

<http://www.tamuc.edu/academics/graduateSchool/graduateForms.aspx>

### Requirements of the Master of Arts Degree

Students must fulfill all graduation requirements set forth by the Graduate School as well as those of the Department of Art. These include the minimum of 36-semester hours of course work in the areas designated in the table below.

| Master of Arts with Emphasis in Studio Art                                |                                                                           |                                                                            |
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| Rotation of Courses                                                       |                                                                           |                                                                            |
| FIRST YEAR                                                                | SECOND YEAR                                                               | THIRD YEAR                                                                 |
| Summer I                                                                  | Summer I                                                                  | Summer I                                                                   |
| ARTS 525 (Special Problems: Studio Emphasis, 4sh) or ARTS 524 or ARTS 526 | ARTS 525 (Special Problems: Studio Emphasis, 4sh) or ARTS 524 or ARTS 526 | ARTS 526 (Advanced Problems: Studio Emphasis, 4sh) or ARTS 524 or ARTS 525 |
| ARTS 595 (Research Literature and Techniques, 3sh)                        | ARTS 503 (Graduate Seminar, 3sh)                                          |                                                                            |
| Summer II                                                                 | Summer II                                                                 | Summer II                                                                  |
| ARTS 503 (Graduate Seminar or ARTS 524 or ARTS 526, 3sh)                  | ARTS 524 (Special Problems: Second Area, 4sh) or ARTS 525 or ARTS 526     | ARTS 503 (Graduate Seminar, 3sh)                                           |
|                                                                           | ARTS 503 (Graduate Seminar, 3sh)                                          |                                                                            |
| Fall or Spring Semester                                                   | Fall or Spring Semester                                                   |                                                                            |
| Art History (online): 3sh                                                 | Art History (online): 3sh                                                 |                                                                            |
|                                                                           |                                                                           |                                                                            |
| <b>Total Semester Hours: 13</b>                                           | <b>Total Semester Hours: 17</b>                                           | <b>Total Semester Hours: 7</b>                                             |

### MA Advisory Committee

Once a student is accepted into the summer MA degree, an advisory committee will be formed. The committee will consist of at least three members of the graduate faculty, each of whom is involved as an instructor, observer, or administrator in the summer program. In order for the student to graduate with the summer MA degree, the committee must agree in writing that the student's overall work was satisfactory.

### Permission to include Undergraduate Courses in the MA Degree

With the approval of the Dean of the Graduate School, the Head of the Department of Art, and the instructor of the class, up to two undergraduate courses at the 300 or 400-level may be counted towards a Master's degree. In such cases students must submit an authorization form prior to enrolling in the course and be expected to complete additional work in the class that is commensurate with graduate-level performance.

### Housing

If campus housing is required, MA students have this special option during the summer terms: Summer apartment rates are \$695 per summer term (meal plan is not included since a kitchen is provided).

Housing information can be found at: <http://www.tamuc.edu/campuslife/housing/rates/>

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