MASTER OF FINE ARTS IN THE FIELD OF FINE ARTS

The master of fine arts (MFA) program at GW comprises a two-year commitment for emerging artists who wish to expand the material and intellectual dimensions of their work. The interdisciplinary nature of the program creates an environment where cross-pollination among fields flourishes. Simultaneously, graduate students enter into vibrant communities of peers, faculty, and visiting artists: intensive studio visits and critiques facilitate re-imagining the boundaries of art practice.

The MFA program in the Studio Arts Program is a 60 credit, full-time program. Students register for 15 credits per semester, per the standard recommended for a terminal degree by the College Art Association.

Visit the program website (https://corcoran.gwu.edu/fine-arts/) for additional information.

ADMISSIONS

Admission deadlines:
- Fall – February 1
- Spring – October 1

Standardized Test Scores:
GRE is not required.

The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), the academic International English Language Testing System (IELTS), or the PTE Academic is required of all applicants except those who hold a bachelor’s, master’s, or doctoral degree from a college or university in the United States or from an institution located in a country in which English is the official language, provided English was the language of instruction.

Minimum scores for the program are:
- Academic IELTS: an overall band score of 6.0 with no individual score below 5.0; or
- TOEFL: 550 on paper-based or 80 on Internet-based; or
- PTE Academic: 53

Applicants to the program who do not meet minimum English language requirements may be eligible for our full-time Applied English Language program.

Two (2) recommendations required:

Prerequisite:
A bachelor’s degree in the field of fine arts or related field, and/or a strong portfolio and statement of purpose.

Supporting documents not submitted online should be mailed to:
Columbian College of Arts and Sciences – Graduate Admissions Office
The George Washington University
801 22nd Street NW, Phillips Hall 215
Washington DC 20052

Contact:
askccas@gwu.edu
202-994-6210 (phone)
202-994-6213 (fax)

Hours: 8:30 am to 5:30 pm, Monday through Friday

For additional information on the admissions process visit the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences Frequently Asked Questions (https://columbian.gwu.edu/graduate-admissions-faq/) page.
REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be fulfilled:

The general requirements stated under Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, Graduate Programs (http://bulletin.gwu.edu/arts-sciences/#degreeregulationtext).

60 credits, including 45 credits in required courses, 9 credits in elective courses, and 6 credits in thesis, including a thesis exhibition.

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<td>Thesis Research (taken twice for a total of 6 credits)</td>
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A thesis exhibition consisting of the execution of creative work along with a critical statement about this work must be completed under the supervision of a committee consisting of at least two full-time members of the departmental faculty.

| **Electives** |                                                |         |
|              | 9 credits in studio and seminar electives     |         |

Studio and art history electives should be taken at the 6000 level or above. In consultation with the Director of Graduate Studies, MFA students may elect to take up to 6 credits of upper-level and graduate courses in other academic departments, assuming prerequisites have been met. Students may take one 3000-level course in another academic area with approval.