

Master of Art in Art Degree Program  
Department of Art & Design

**Summary of M.A. in Art Degree Program Steps**

Refer to the **Graduate Guide** for details of program requirements and limitations. Please contact the Graduate Program Coordinator for an initial advising session before beginning graduate coursework.

1. To begin graduate studies at CSUF, apply for admission to the Division of Graduate Studies for the university, online at [www.csufresno.edu/gradstudies/](http://www.csufresno.edu/gradstudies/)
  - Fill out application—indicate M.A. in Art degree program.
  - Pay application fee.
  - Send official undergraduate transcripts to graduate admissions.
  - Take G.R.E. and send scores to graduate admissions.
2. If required, begin any prerequisite coursework such as the *Undergraduate Art Major Equivalency* or the *Undergraduate Equivalency in Interior Design*.
  - Meet with the Graduate Program Coordinator for evaluation of undergraduate transcripts and specific requirements with regard to prerequisite coursework.
  - Note: All students with non-art undergraduate degrees will be required to complete prerequisite coursework equivalent to the major degree requirements in their selected area of study.
3. Successfully complete the Departmental Screening Review in Art & Design to obtain *Classified Standing*.
  - Meet with Area advisor for guidance in creating program of study.
  - Meet with Graduate Coordinator for initial advising on Graduate Program in Art & Design.
  - Finish remaining prerequisite coursework.
4. Begin Graduate Coursework in selected area of study.
  - Within the first or second semester after obtaining Classified Standing, enroll in either Art 230: *Graduate Seminar in Art Theory* or Art 260: *Graduate Seminar in Art History* to satisfy the Graduate Writing Requirement.
  - Finish remaining prerequisite coursework.
5. After completing a minimum of 12 units, including the Graduate Writing Requirement, apply to *Advance to Candidacy*.
  - Complete Advancement to Candidacy Petition.
  - Meet with Advancement to Candidacy Committee for Review.
  - Verify that all prerequisite coursework is completed with Committee.
  - Submit signed Exhibition Clearance Form to Graduate Coordinator.
  - Submit signed Advancement Petition to Graduate Coordinator for approval & signature.
  - Submit Advancement to Candidacy Petition to Division of Graduate Studies for approval.
6. After receiving approval for Advancement from the Division of Graduate Studies, obtain a permission number from the Art & Design secretary and register for Art 298: *Project* or Art 299: *Thesis*.
  - Set up Project or Thesis Committee.
  - Begin work on Culminating Experience.
7. Apply for Graduation at the beginning of the semester you intend to graduate.
  - Complete all requirements for Art 298 or Art 299.
8. Gain approval of Committee for completion of project or thesis requirements
  - Culminating Exhibition/Thesis.
  - Project Report (Art 298) signed and bound and submitted to Graduate Coordinator.
  - Documentation of Exhibition (Art 298) submitted to Graduate Coordinator.
  - Master's Degree Clearance Form signed by Committee Chair and submitted to Graduate Coordinator.

