

ACADEMICS

The University of Akron's Myers School of Art can help you pursue the undergraduate degree program that best supports your academic, personal, career and artistic goals.

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS | BFA

A BFA is a focused program that prepares you for a professional career in the visual arts or for graduate school. This degree is offered in these major areas:

- Ceramics
- Graphic Design
- Metalsmithing & Jewelry
- Painting & Drawing
- Photography
- Printmaking
- Sculpture

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN STUDIO ART | BA

This degree includes coursework from multiple disciplines. Curriculum requirements include 42+ credits in studio art, cultural history, liberal arts and humanities; the option to pursue a minor; and two years of a foreign language or five courses in American Sign Language.

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ART EDUCATION | BA

This degree program prepares you to become a future educator, professional decision-maker and leader in the field of art education. The degree leads to P, K-12 Visual Arts licensure.

MINORS IN 12 AREAS:

- Art History
- Ceramics
- Drawing
- Emerging Technologies
- Illustration
- Metalsmithing
- Painting
- Photography
- Photography for non-art majors
- Professional Photography
- Printmaking
- Sculpture

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

A worthwhile college experience is more than classes, books and exams. Our students are encouraged to experience new, vibrant and meaningful artistic opportunities.

FIELD TRIPS

Students and faculty take regular trips to New York City, Pittsburgh, Toledo, Columbus and other museums and collections of significance throughout the region.

TRAVEL OPPORTUNITIES

We offer donor-funded opportunities for high-performing students to visit and study in Europe or attend the Venice Biennale, a workshop or conference.

VISITING ARTISTS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Our stellar Artist in Residence program, the Campbell Lecture series, Synapse art+science, thINKeditions, Art Bomb Brigade, ArtsLift, and the Collider installation series provide opportunities to learn from and work alongside nationally and internationally recognized artists and designers.

EMILY DAVIS GALLERY

This celebrated gallery in Folk Hall showcases work by faculty and students as well as visiting contemporary artists who are nationally and internationally acclaimed.

ADMISSION

All students begin taking art classes their first semester; a portfolio review is NOT required for admission.

NEW FRESHMAN

If you meet specific requirements you can be directly admitted into the Myers School of Art. Others will apply for admittance into the school after they complete 30 credits and achieve a grade-point average of at least 2.3. Contact the UA Office of Undergraduate Admissions for more information.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Reviews for transfer students are held prior to the first class to determine placement. See uakron.edu/art/admissions/prospective-transfer-students.dot for details.

THE MYERS DIFFERENCE

We are committed to providing an exciting environment where you can acquire the foundation, awareness and skills to achieve your best as a visual artist or designer.

DOCUMENTED EXCELLENCE

The National Association of Schools of Art and Design has fully accredited the Myers School of Art since 1979—a prestigious mark of excellence.

STUDENT SUCCESS

Graduates from our program are working in the world's creative industry or have placed in top graduate schools. Our overall job placement rate is 76%, with Photography at 85% and Graphic Design at 94% within six months of graduation.

OUR FACULTY

At Myers, you will study side-by-side with accomplished faculty members who are dedicated to helping you reach your full potential. Faculty are engaged in the world of art and design nationally and internationally, sharing their expertise with students at the highest and most current levels.

OUR FACILITIES

Each area has dedicated studios with excellent equipment and state-of-the-art technology throughout.

The Makers Corridor provides the opportunity for innovative problem solving. These spaces grant the distinct privilege to work on cutting edge technology curated and operated by our research faculty.

SMALL CLASSES

The 12:1 student/faculty ratio allows for maximum personal attention and guidance.

PORTFOLIO DAY & OPEN HOUSE

This event occurs in both the fall and spring.

This is the only opportunity for incoming UA students to be considered for a scholarship that is based solely on the quality of their portfolio and their academic criteria. Incoming students and transfer students may apply. Visit uakron.edu/art/portfolioday for more information. *Please register on the Myers School of Art website.*