

Masters of Arts in Teaching (MAT) in Art Education

<http://arteducation.gmu.edu>

Admission Requirements:

Applications to the MAT program will be accepted for fall and spring semesters. Admission for the MAT in Art Education is contingent upon completion of a BFA in Art or the equivalent. Eligibility for the MAT program may demand additional coursework to establish proficiency in studies of the visual arts.

Virginia licensure requirements call for completion of an undergraduate major in art with (minimum) 36 hour course distribution:

- Two-dimensional media: 12 semester hours
- Three-dimensional media: 12 semester hours
- History of art, aesthetics, and criticism: 9 semester hours
- Related areas of art: 3 semester hours

Within this requirement, applicants must have taken courses with content equivalent to AVT 472 (Critical Theory in the Visual Arts) and AVT 180 (Computers in the Creative Arts). Other undergraduate courses that must be presented include courses with content equivalent to 5 pre-professional courses offered at George Mason University:

AVT 396 Introduction to Art Teaching and Learning
AVT 493 Teaching Visual Thinking Through Media, PK-12
AVT 494 Teaching Critical Response to Art, PK-12
EDUC 301 Educationally Diverse Populations
EDUC 302 Human Growth and Development

Admission to the MAT program will require a minimum 3.0 cumulative undergraduate GPA. Candidates for the MAT program will be selected by a department committee composed of the Art Education Director and faculty. Meeting minimum criteria does not guarantee admittance to the program.

Each applicant must provide the following materials by April 1st to be considered for fall admission and by November 1st for spring admission:

1. Completed application form
2. Certified copies of all undergraduate transcripts and any graduate transcripts.
3. Three recommendations from faculty members or individuals who have firsthand knowledge of the applicant's academic or professional capabilities.
4. A statement of purpose for entering the field.
5. Resume
6. Proof of passing score on Praxis I or of SAT equivalent
7. Graded writing sample
8. Portfolio CD showing breadth and depth of studio skills, including drawings
9. Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), if required as per Mason policies.

All materials listed above will be sent to the University Office of Admissions. In-person portfolio review, writing sample, and interview, will be scheduled by AVT.

Course Requirements:

The MAT curriculum (see MAT schematic) includes a total of 30 credits, as follows:

AVT 605 Issues and Research in Art Education	3
AVT 615 Technology for Art Teachers	3
AVT 5xx Studio elective	4
AVT 668 3-D Artmaking Across Cultures	4
EDRD 501 Literacy and Curriculum Integration for Specialist Teachers	3
AVT 691 Elementary Art Education (w. practicum)	3
AVT 692 Secondary Art Education (w. practicum)	3
AVT 695 Student Teaching: Internship in Art Education	6
AVT 696 Seminar for Student Teachers	<u>1</u>
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