



School of Visual Arts

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES



Who We Are

The School of Visual Arts is noted for its in-depth studio program which provides an environment committed to artistic development and critical awareness. Students work with a faculty of actively exhibiting artists whose work is shown nationally, regionally, and internationally. A high portion of our graduates are accepted into Masters of Fine Arts and other professional programs across North America.

*the degree
that works*

Why Windsor

The Right Choice

Quality programs. Exceptional faculty members. A friendly, supportive campus. These are just a few of the reasons why Windsor is the right choice for you. We provide "the degree that works," an innovative, student-focused approach that combines learner-centred teaching with practical experiences to prepare its students for the challenges of tomorrow.

Vibrant and Dynamic

Windsor (www.city.windsor.on.ca/home) is a friendly community of 200,000. We're known for our exciting arts and entertainment scene, hundreds of restaurants, and abundant shopping. Outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy our moderate climate, many major waterways and countless parks. And, our strategic, international border location means Michigan is just across the river with concerts, world-class museums and four major league sports teams.

The Windsor advantage

At the School of Visual Arts, traditional media (painting, drawing, sculpture, printmaking, photography) as well as new media (digital video, digital image making, and audio) are offered. Learner-centered teaching and internships with local cultural institutions expand the educational opportunities.

The BFA program at the University of Windsor is one of the oldest and most respected in Canada, awarding its first degrees in 1968. The BFA in Visual Arts is noted for its hands-on, practice-based, individualized program, with high requirements for studio practice. This develops students who are recognized in graduate programs across North America as some of the most advanced and well-prepared. More than 60 per cent of the School's undergraduates proceed to graduate studies.

The School of Visual Arts believes in a strong, comprehensive education that provides the opportunity to develop visual literacy, creativity, and a wide range of skills needed to formulate your ideas and pursue work in your area of study. The studio program integrates art history, contemporary issues, and courses from the Arts, Social Sciences and Sciences, or Languages. This mix helps to inform and stimulate discussions that are needed to reinforce a personalized conceptual foundation in the development of an independent body of work.

We believe that emerging artists need:

- the ability to think creatively
 - the means to produce their art
 - the confidence to realize their vision
- Our program provides students with skills, guidance, theory, and work experience that give you the freedom to explore and break new

artistic ground.

The School of Visual Arts has several unique relationships with other disciplines at the university. The interdisciplinary collaborations with Computer Science, Communication Studies, Labour Studies, the Great Lakes Institute for Environmental Research, and the Humanities are a feature that distinguishes the program.

Strong community connections are also key to our school's philosophy. Since 1986, the School of Visual Arts, the Art Gallery of Windsor and Artcite have offered the "Visitors in The Arts" lecture series, a vibrant community undertaking that now includes more than six community-based organizations as sponsors. Similarly, the School has maintained an Artist in Residence program since 1986, bringing a professional artist into the School each year to create or develop a work of art.

The University of Windsor's School of Visual Arts, its alumni and faculty helped found and continue to lead many significant local cultural organizations.

The city of Windsor is only a few moments from Detroit, Michigan, and only a few hours from Toronto and Chicago. This geographical proximity makes it possible to visit museums, take in exhibitions, and to participate in a vibrant arts community.

Bachelor of Fine Arts (Four years, 40 courses)

This honours BFA program concentrates in studio experience, with courses in art history and contemporary issues to give the students a context in which to understand where and how their artistic practice is positioned. Optional

courses help to round out the program and create a great education for a person considering a career in Visual Arts.

Bachelor of Arts (Three years, 30 courses)

The BA in Visual Arts gives you a strong basis in studio practice with courses that introduce contemporary issues and art history, along with optional courses in Arts, Social Science, Science, or Languages.

The BA in Art History establishes a strong understanding of the breadth of art history while having available major art collections at the Art Gallery of Windsor and the Detroit Institute of Arts for students to explore.

Combined BA Honours Degrees (Four years, 40 courses)

- Visual Arts/Art History
With an equal concentration of studio and art history this program offers the basics of studio practice and the broad scope of world art history.
- Visual Arts/Communications Studies
Integrating the foundations of artistic practise and the analytical exploration of communications theory and media.

Admission Requirements

A portfolio is not required for admission. A positive portfolio evaluation is required after second year to continue in the BFA program. Ontario Secondary School graduates require six Grade 12 U or U/C courses including Grade 12 U English 1.

Visual Arts Degrees

Available at the University of Windsor:

- Bachelor of Fine Arts
- Visual Arts (BA)
- Art History (BA)
- Visual Arts and Art History (BA)
- Visual Arts and Communication Studies (BA)
- Master of Fine Arts (MFA)

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