

ART STUDIO, M.F.A.

Degree Requirements (60 Hours)

The University of South Carolina offers the MFA degree program in Art Studio. The MFA degree provides the opportunity for professional growth and mastery of skills by requiring students pursue major and minor areas of concentration from among the following subject areas: drawing, painting, printmaking, photography, ceramics, and/or sculpture (3-D studies). Completion of the degree primarily affirms a candidate's mastery of studio production in their major and minor areas of concentration. Additionally, through competitively assigned assistantships, candidates may develop professional competency in the teaching of studio art at the college and university level. The MFA degree requires a minimum of 60 hours of graduate level course credit:

- 33 hours art studio-to include 18 hours in the major area of concentration, 9 hours in the minor area of concentration, and 6 hours of Art Studio electives.
- 12 hours from art history, theory, criticism, and/or art education.
- 6 to 9 hours of the MFA Project (ARTS 896 and ARTS 897), including a written proposal and project documentation, and oral defense.
- 6 to 9 hours of graduate electives.

All MFA candidates are also required to complete a first semester critique with the Art Studio faculty. The critique is non-evaluative, allowing for open discussion of the student's work produced during the semester.

MFA candidates must then successfully complete and pass two progress reviews, one each at the completion of the second and third semesters. Each review intends to provide a forum for discussion and evaluation of work produced during the semester, to give students an opportunity for contact with studio faculty and to monitor the candidate's progress. The reviews are equivalent to master's comprehensive exams.

Failure to pass will result in a re-review at the end of the next semester by the entire faculty. Candidates who do not pass re-reviews may not continue in the program. Students will not be allowed to register for ARTS 896 prior to successfully completing the two reviews.