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### **M.F.A. in Art Description**

The M.F.A. is the terminal degree in studio art and is the professional degree preparing students to teach at the university level. Students choose a specialization in ceramics, painting, printmaking, or sculpture.

### **Minimum Total Credit Hours: 60 Course Requirements**

The M.F.A. in art degree requires the successful completion of 6 hours of Art 697 (Thesis); 12 hours of art history, including AH 503 (Art Theory and Criticism); 18 hours of a specific studio specialization (ceramics, painting, printmaking, or sculpture); 15 semester hours from at least two studio areas other than the area of specialization; and 9 hours of electives.

### **Other Academic Requirements**

After completing at least half of the degree requirements, a student may be advanced to candidacy after being reviewed favorably by the graduate faculty in the general review of all students, which takes place each semester. During the last semester in residence, each student is required to register for Art 697 (Thesis) and to install a thesis exhibition with the advice of the student's thesis director. It is required that the candidate successfully pass an oral examination, and a written analytical and critical exposition of the creative thesis. In addition to the illustrative matter accompanying the written thesis, a minimum of five images must be deposited with the Department of Art and Art History for purposes of documentation.

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