

# Arts Education - Visual Arts

UAB's Visual Arts Education program is housed within the Department of Curriculum and Instruction. This program consists of a Master of Arts degree in Arts Education and also an alternative master's degree in Arts Education, with a concentration in Visual Arts. The first purpose of this program in Visual Arts Education is to prepare educators in meeting the evolving needs of learners in grades P-12 within today's rapidly changing society. Its second purpose is to deliver cutting-edge instruction through a standards-based, inquiry-focused approach that prepares educators to use state-of-the-art instructional strategies in their own classrooms. Its third purpose is to ensure that a quality program is available to pre-service and in-service teachers with most of the education courses being offered online.

Prospective students should contact the Program Director, Dr. Susan Spezzini, at [spezzini@uab.edu](mailto:spezzini@uab.edu) (205-934-8357).

For detailed information regarding admission requirements for the School of Education graduate programs, please visit the Admissions Requirements website at <https://www.uab.edu/education/studentservices/admission-requirements>.

## Master of Arts in Education: Arts Education - Visual Arts Fifth Year Alternative Master's Program

The M.A.Ed. requires a minimum of 35-38 hours for the Arts Education Alternative Masters program with a concentration in Visual Arts.

Requirements	Hours
ECY 600 Introduction to Exceptional Learner <sup>1</sup>	3
EDA 534 Methods I: Visual Arts	3
EDA 564 Methods II: Visual Arts	3
EHS 597 Special Problems in Education: Diversity <sup>2</sup>	3
EHS 556 Classroom Mgt in Sec Schools	3
EDR 521 Reading in Content Areas	1
EPR 511 Measurement and Evaluation in Education Secondary Ed (OR)	3
EPR 510 Measurement and Evaluation in Education ECE	
EDA 690 Internship in Art Education N-12	6
EHS 690 Intern Seminar in Sec Edu	1
<b>Advisor-approved 500+ level visual art courses</b>	<b>12</b>
<sup>1</sup> Required if not completed previously. If course was completed prior to unconditional admission to Alt-A program, another approved diversity course is required.	
<sup>2</sup> EHS 597 meets the ALSDE diversity course requirement, and this course is required in this program.	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>38</b>

## Master of Arts in Education: Arts Education - Visual Arts Traditional Master's Program

The M.A.Ed. requires a minimum of 33 hours for the Arts Education program with a concentration in Visual Arts. A GPA of 3.25 is required.

Requirements	Hours
<b>Advisor-approved Visual Arts Courses at the 500+ level</b>	<b>12</b>
EDA 680 Advanced Methods: Visual Arts	3
EDC 606 The Dynamics of Educational Change	3
EDC 651 Innovative Practices in Instruction	3
EDC 655 Curriculum Principles and Practices	3
ECY 600 Introduction to Exceptional Learner <sup>1</sup>	3
<b>ALSDE-approved Course in Diversity</b>	<b>3</b>
EDF 600 Urban Education	
EDF 602 Critical Social Issues in American Education	
EDF 606 Social Movements in Education	
EDF 620 Culture and American Education: Race Class and Gender	
ECT 625 Positive Behavioral Supports	
EESL 613 Teaching ESL in a Multicultural Society	
<b>Research course</b>	<b>3</b>
EPR 594 Introduction to Educational Research Design	
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>33</b>

<sup>1</sup> Not required if previously completed

## Courses

### EDA 534. Methods I: Visual Arts. 3 Hours.

Introduction to teaching visual arts in school settings. Developing basic skills in planning, instruction, and assessment. Admission to Alternative Master's Program required.

### EDA 564. Methods II: Visual Arts. 3 Hours.

Preparation to plan, teach and assess the visual arts in school settings: making informed decisions about context, learners, learner differences, teaching strategies, methodologies, curricula, and assessment.

### EDA 584. Methods of Teaching Art Lab. 1 Hour.

Methods of Teaching Art Lab required.

### EDA 680. Advanced Methods: Visual Arts. 3 Hours.

Advanced methods for teaching the visual arts in grades 6-14. Includes curriculum development, classroom interaction, pedagogical activities, technology applications, source materials, current research, society issues, and cognitive development of students. Current classroom teaching required.

**Prerequisites:** GAC M

### EDA 690. Internship in Art Education N-12. 3-9 Hours.

For Alternative Master's Program students. Observation and student teaching in elementary and secondary schools (15 full weeks in school setting). Approval of internship application required.