

Arts Education - Visual Arts

UAB's Visual Arts Education program is housed within the Department of Curriculum and Instruction (School of Education) and is implemented in collaboration with the Department of Art and Art History (College of Arts and Sciences). This Visual Arts Education program consists of a Master of Arts in Education (MAEd) degree in Arts Education. Also called the Alternative Master's program, this MAEd in Arts Education provides initial teacher certification from the Alabama State Department of Education for teaching the visual arts in grades P-12.

The first purpose of this Visual Arts Education program is to provide a quality program to pre-service teachers across the state of Alabama by making online instruction available for all education courses and several art courses. Its second purpose is to prepare art teachers in meeting the evolving needs of learners in grades P-12 within today's rapidly changing society. Its third 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.

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

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

The Alternative M.A.Ed. in Arts Education for Visual Arts Class Alt A certification requires 35-38 hours. This is an online program.

Requirements	Hours	
ECY 600	Introduction to Exceptional Learner	3
EDA 534	Methods I: Visual Arts	3
EDA 564	Methods II: Visual Arts	3
EHS 597	Teaching and Learning in Diverse Classrooms ²	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
Advisor-approved 500+ level visual art courses		12

¹ Required if not completed previously. If course was completed prior to unconditional admission to Alt-A program, another approved diversity course is required.

² EHS 597 meets the ALSDE diversity course requirement, and this course is required in this program.

Total Hours 38

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

The M.A.Ed. requires a minimum of 30 hours for the Arts Education program with a concentration in Visual Arts. A GPA of 3.25 is required.

Requirements	Hours	
Advisor-approved Visual Arts Courses at the 500+ level	12	
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 ¹	3
ALSDE-approved Course in Diversity	3	
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	
Research course	3	
EPR 594	Introduction to Educational Research Design	
Total Hours	33	

¹ 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.