



# MOUNT MERCY UNIVERSITY ART MAJOR

## YOUR COURSES

### CORE REQUIREMENTS

Drawing I  
Art & Graphic Design Fundamentals  
Introduction to the Studio  
Painting I  
Printmaking I  
Ceramics I  
Sculpture I  
Art Environments  
Drawing II  
Art History I  
Art History II  
Senior Thesis Preparation  
Senior Thesis & Exhibit

### Select one of the following:

History of Non-Western Art  
Contemporary Art & Theory

### Select one of the following:

Photography I  
Visual Technology  
Video on the Computer

## OVERVIEW

Mount Mercy University's art program prepares students to impact the ever-evolving culture around them.

Students cement their foundation in **visual arts concepts, principles, and techniques**. Our art facilities offer **hands-on learning** in sculpture, ceramics, printmaking, painting, drawing, photography, video, and alternative media like installation, fostering **diverse and energetic work** as unique as a fingerprint.

**Networking makes a difference.** Instructed by our **talented faculty** who work in the media they teach, Mount Mercy's **engaging curriculum** is intertwined with guest artists, seminars, exhibitions, field trips, workshops, student-teaching, and internships, and provides students with the opportunity to **study and practice with nationally-known artists** in their areas of interest.

## FAST FACTS

- **Creative Talent Scholarships** are available to students for up to \$3,000 each year.
- Mount Mercy's **Art Club** encourages students to participate in events, exhibit their artwork, and network.
- Students often **display or sell works** at events, including Bohemia's 2x2 exhibit, NewBo Art Fest, Marion Arts Festival, the Lowe Park Arts & Environment Center, and others.
- Art is also **available as a minor**.



## Janalyn Hanson White Gallery

— on campus —

a place for students and nationally known artists to exhibit their work.



"The reason I chose Mount Mercy is because it's smaller. I knew I could go to a professor's office and have a one-on-one conversation. Everything starts with your mentors and who is teaching you. Their skill set and how they teach you matters, and it carries over because at that age—you're so young and you're learning and you're impressionable. I didn't even know I was going to get into the field that I did, but my professors were so generous with their time and energy, with limited resources."

— Jude Smith-Whitman '90  
Art Consultant  
art2uinc.  
Scottsdale, Ariz.

# WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN ART DEGREE?

Art majors often go on to become **museum arts administrators** and staff in various non-profit institutions such as Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois and Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI), **art consultants**, or apply to **graduate school** to follow careers such as college teaching, book illustration, or work in related professional fields.

Mount Mercy graduates have worked for organizations like the Herbert Hoover Museum, Raining Rose, or Groundswell, using their training as an art major to advance their natural talents. Other graduates have become entrepreneurs, company vice presidents, photographers, consultants, teachers, artists, art directors, art professors, and more.



## INTERNSHIPS & EXPERIENCE

Art majors at Mount Mercy are equipped with necessary **artistic and professional skills and knowledge** to enter the workforce. **Internships** are only one way the program assists students in this preparation.

Past internships with international artists such as Anja Kusterer or in art spaces such as Legion Arts have offered students a chance to gain **hands-on experience** in a diverse fine arts environment.

Other students have enjoyed opportunities at **performing service** and **volunteering** in the Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, assisting with art workshops for children or museum fundraisers, or working alongside professional artists at the Ceramics Center.

## YEAR ONE

FALL TERM		WINTER TERM		SPRING TERM	
COURSE	CREDITS	COURSE	CREDITS	COURSE	CREDITS
Drawing I.....	3	Introduction to Art.....	3	Photography I.....	3
Art & Graphic Design Fundamentals				Domain.....	3
or Introduction to the Studio.....	3			Oral Communication.....	3
Writing Competency.....	4			Literature Domain.....	3
Portal Course.....	3			Elective.....	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>		<b>3</b>		<b>15</b>

## OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- All art majors are strongly recommended to take AR 101 Introduction to Art for their core curriculum fine arts requirement.
- Art students are required to select an area of emphasis in two- or three-dimensional studio art.
  - This is done by electing to take three additional courses in either 2-D or 3-D classes.
  - These should be upper-level courses. For example, a student with a 2-D emphasis might elect to take AR 251 Printmaking II, AR 206 Photography II, and Independent Study in Drawing.
- Other recommended courses for art are BK 208 Principles of Marketing, AR 120 Visual Technology, or additional history and art history courses for students interested in museum work and graduate school.
- All art majors must earn a grade of C- and above in all required courses for the major, including two- and three-dimensional emphasis areas.



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