



Visual Arts, A.A.A.

Department: Arts and Humanities
Degree: Associate of Applied Arts (A.A.A.)
Entry time: Fall, Spring, Summer
Length: 2 years (5 semesters including summer)

Program Description

The Associate of Applied Arts in Visual Arts prepares students for successful transfer into a 4-year college or university art program, or entry-level employment in the visual arts field. Students will gain skills to pursue work as an independent entrepreneur through diverse coursework in visual arts, business, and entrepreneurship. This immersive program provides the opportunity for work-based learning in partnerships with local arts organizations, art educators, and art festivals, and will give students experience in the field and exposure to various career paths in visual arts. Students with a degree in visual arts can enter skilled trades in industries centered around pottery manufacturing, stained glass and glassblowing manufacturing, printing and design, tattooing, gallery coordination, and more.

Career Opportunities

Pottery and glassblowing manufacturers
Art gallery coordinators and art directors
Illustrators
Tattoo artists
Printing and design professionals
Art educators
Muralists
Studio artists
Creative strategists
Matting and framing specialists

Sample Classes

2D Design and 3D Design
Painting and Drawing
Digital Arts
Photography
Ceramics
Glass

Facilities and Resources

For 3D arts: The Arts & Theatre Annex (ATA) is a freestanding facility that houses electric, gas, wood, soda, and raku kilns for ceramics production. Also in the ATA, the glass department features state-of-the-art equipment, including new Wet Dog Glass furnaces and a comprehensive cold shop for finishing works. For 2D arts: Nielsen Hall contains a darkroom and commercial photo lighting studio for digital photography. All digital arts classes are equipped with updated Mac computer labs and color printers. Spacious and well-lit painting, drawing, and design studios are conveniently located by faculty offices and classrooms. A beautiful, modern art gallery in Iowa Hall features student, faculty, and professional work throughout the calendar year.

Internship

An internship is required.

Scholarships

Students are eligible to receive a scholarship of up to \$2,000 for the academic year, renewable a second year with faculty approval. Complete **one application** to be eligible. To apply visit www.kirkwood.edu/scholarships.

Program Requirements

Open enrollment, but portfolio submission is required for scholarships.

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