

The School of Art and Design at East Carolina University seeks graduate students for the Master of Fine Arts in Art (MFA).

The MFA at ECU is a 60-hour degree program and typically completed over three years. Concentrations within the MFA in Art at ECU include Ceramics, Graphic Design, Metal Design, Painting, Printmaking, Photography, Sculpture, and Textile Design.

The MFA is the terminal professional degree in visual art and is required to teach art at the university level. Applicants must possess an undergraduate degree in art from an accredited institution. The School of Art and Design Graduate Committee will consider an applicant who does not have an undergraduate degree in art if the applicant has an exceptional portfolio of work and completed an undergraduate degree from an accredited institution.

THE SCHOOL OF ART AND DESIGN

With more than 475 undergraduate and 24 graduate students, and 45+ faculty members, the School of Art and Design at East Carolina University is the most comprehensive art school in North Carolina and one of the largest in the Southeast. Our students come from North Carolina, the east to west coast, and several foreign countries. The ECU School of Art and Design has been an accredited, institutional member of the National Association of Schools of Art and Design since 1962. Over 50 continuous years of specialized accreditation has resulted in a rigorous curriculum with flexibility and practical applications.

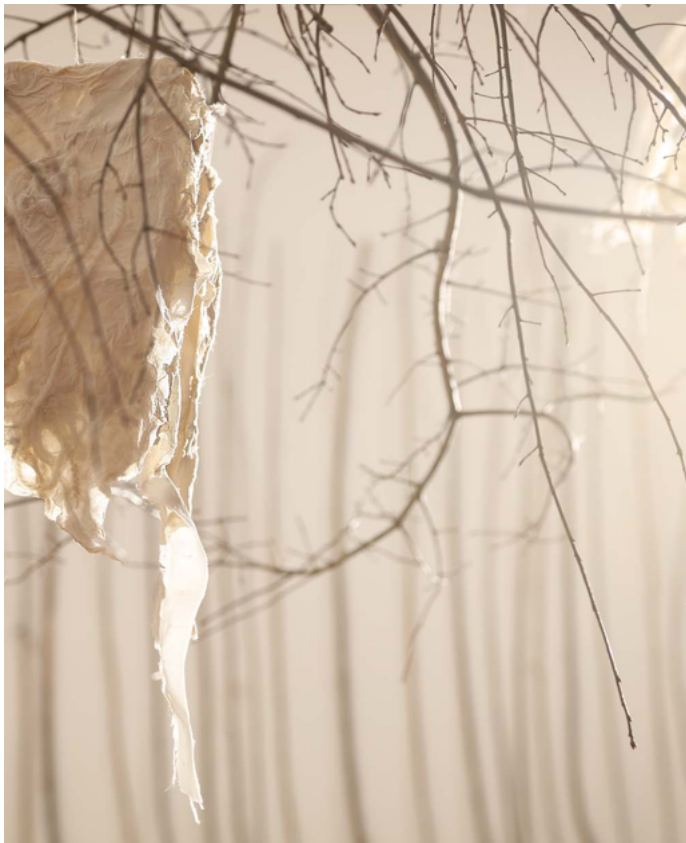


The School houses two undergraduate degrees (BFA in Art / BFA in Art Education) and two graduate degrees (MFA in Art/ MAEd in Art Education). The programs include Animation/ Interactive Design, Art Education, Art Histories, Ceramics, Film and Video production, Graphic Design, Illustration, Metal Design, Painting, Printmaking, Photography, Sculpture, and Textile Design.



The facilities at the Leo W. Jenkins Fine Arts Center include more than eight computer labs, a letterpress shop, a foundry, a wood kiln, the Wellington B. Gray Gallery, (a teaching gallery with a rotating exhibition schedule) and more. Faculty also offer courses in book arts and letterpress. Digital facilities within the School of Art and Design offer various formats for digital printing and scanning in a number of labs, as well as laser cutters, CNC routers, 3D printers, and TC2 digital jacquard loom. A newly established, ECU-run hot-glass studio in nearby Farmville (15 miles west of campus) offers courses in glass art.





FINANCIAL AID

Assistantships are awarded on a competitive basis, in increments of 5-hour assignments up to 20 hours per week, and currently paying \$12,000 per academic year for a full-time assistantship of 20 hours per week. Some students may receive an out-of-state tuition remission (non-resident tuition charges waived), which are awarded based on merit. Remissions are competitive, with minimum 3.0 overall or 3.0 senior year GPA and a meritorious portfolio and application materials required. Additional financial support is also available through the Financial Aid Office.



MFA APPLICATION PROCESS

Admission to the East Carolina University School of Art and Design MFA degree requires acceptance by the Graduate School for study at ECU and by the SoAD MFA in the intended discipline.

Application materials include:

- Online application form ([TargetX](#))
- A statement of purpose (reason for pursuing MFA at ECU)
- Application fee
- 3 letters of recommendation
- Transcripts
- Additional requirement: creative portfolio, list of work, resume, and maker/designer statement must be uploaded using the applicant's Google Drive ([instructions](#))
 - A digital portfolio containing 20 examples of work as individual files
 - A list of works
 - A resume in reverse chronological order
 - A statement of philosophy as a maker/designer

Begin the process at:

<https://gradschool.ecu.edu/apply/>

Completed applications are due **February 1** to be considered for assistantship and scholarship funding.

For more information, contact the Graduate Programs Coordinator, Seo Eo eos@ecu.edu 252 328 6281.

