

ART & DESIGN: DESIGN FOR RESPONSIBLE INNOVATION, MFA

for the degree of Master of Fine Arts in Art and Design, Design for Responsible Innovation Concentration

The University of Illinois offers an MFA in Design for Responsible Innovation that focuses on interdisciplinary making for research and practice. This program prepares students to contribute to the field of design by entering into practice, academia, or both. Students can explore responsible futures through research in traditional print media and emergent technologies including, but not limited to, data visualization, digital interaction, information design, systems thinking, and visual narrative.

The degree offers these specialized tracks of study:

- # Sustainable and regenerative design
- # Urban sociology and critical race design
- # Visual and cultural studies
- # Student-proposed applied research in responsible innovation, social impact, and engagement

Admission

Applications are considered for Fall Semester admissions only. The Art History Program requires Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores. International applicants or applicants who are not native English speakers must present a recent TOEFL score of at least 590 on the paper-based version, 250 score on the Computer-based exam, and a score of 96 on IBT exam. Applications are not currently being accepted for the concentration in Printmaking.

Graduate Teaching Experience

Although teaching is not a general Graduate College requirement, experience in teaching is considered an important part of the graduate experience for master and doctoral students.

Facilities and Resources

Resources for graduate students in art and design include the Krannert Art Museum's excellent permanent collections and changing exhibitions; the Ricker Library of Art and Architecture, one of the largest art and architecture libraries in the nation; the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts; School of Art and Design facilities, which include extensive computer laboratories, digital photography and video editing equipment, wireless networking, ink-printing facilities, ceramic, woodworking, and metal shops, rapid prototyping and laser cutting, black/white and color darkrooms, shooting studios, and a wide selection of production and presentation equipment via reservation and checkout facility. A variety of lectures, symposia, musical programs, dramatic productions, and other cultural events associated with a large and progressive university complement the Art and Design Facilities.

Financial Aid

Fellowships, assistantships, and tuition and service fee waivers are awarded each year on a competitive basis, with consideration given to the applicant's grade point average and, in the case of applicants for the M.F.A. programs, quality of creative work.

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Code	Title	Hours
ARTD 451	Ethics of a Designer in a Global Economy	4
ARTD 551	Design for Responsible Innovation Research Impact	4
ARTD 570	Design for Responsible Innovation Research Methodology	4
ARTD 595	MFA Design for Responsible Innovation Studio	16
ARTD 599	Thesis	8
Electives		16
Elective Courses in the College of Fine and Applied Arts		12
Total Hours		64

Other Requirements

Requirement	Description
Minimum 500-level Hours Required Overall	32
Minimum GPA	2.75

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Graduate Degree Programs in Art & Design

- Majors
 - Art & Design, MFA (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/art-design-mfa/>)
 - concentrations
 - Design for Responsible Innovation (p. 1)
 - Industrial Design (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/art-design-mfa/industrial-design/>)
 - Painting (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/art-design-mfa/painting/>)
 - Photography (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/art-design-mfa/photography/>)
 - Printmaking (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/art-design-mfa/printmaking/>)
 - Sculpture (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/art-design-mfa/sculpture/>)
 - specialization
 - New Media
 - Art Education, EdM (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/art-education-edm/>)
 - Art Education, MA (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/art-education-ma/>)
 - Art Education, PhD (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/art-education-phd/>)
 - Art History, MA (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/art-history-ma/>)
 - Art History, PhD (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/art-history-phd/>)
- Minor
 - Art History (<http://catalog.illinois.edu/graduate/faa/minor/art-history/>)

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School of Art + Design

School of Art + Design (<https://art.illinois.edu/>)

Art + Design Faculty (<https://art.illinois.edu/about/faculty-directory/>)

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College of Fine & Applied Arts

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Admissions

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Graduate College Admissions Requirements (<https://grad.illinois.edu/admissions/apply/>)