ART EDUCATION, PHD

for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Art Education

The PhD program in art education is designed for advanced graduate students who want to pursue scholarly study and research in art education. Doctoral level coursework includes studies in both art education and in relevant disciplines and departments within the university.

In addition to required courses in art education, students may choose electives in studio art, art education or art history, and any other graduate courses offered by the university that complement their studies or professional aspirations. Specific course selection is determined in consultation with the student’s advisor. A dissertation is required for the PhD degree.

Applicants for admission must hold a master’s degree in art education or a related field from an accredited institution. Admission is determined by review of transcripts, letters of recommendation, resume, personal statement, and a writing sample.

Admission
Applications are considered for Fall Semester admissions only. International applicants need to submit a recent English Proficiency test score of 96 (TOEFL) or 6.5 (IELTS), or an exemption, for admissions.

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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For additional details and requirements refer to the department’s graduate studies requirements and the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook/).

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<td>ARTE 599</td>
<td>Thesis Research (Thesis Research min/ max applied toward degree)</td>
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Total Hours 64

Other Requirements

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<td>Masters Degree Required for Admission to PhD?</td>
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The PhD program provides advanced level study for art educators. The program's objectives are to enable participants to:

1. Become fluent with key debates and concepts in art education
2. Develop the capacity to reflect on and to critically analyze their own practices in art education
3. Develop a critical understanding of theoretical perspectives on art education and general education and challenge outdated theories
4. Develop the ability to contribute to scholarly development of policy and practice in arts education and general education
5. Develop a research agenda that benefits diverse communities and/or complex global problems
6. Prepare for scholarly conferences, scholarly publications, and academic positions

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School of Art Design
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