

FINE ARTS, MASTER OF FINE ARTS (M.F.A.) WITH A CONCENTRATION IN SCULPTURE

Program accreditation

National Association of Schools of Art and Design

Program goal

Formal and informal contact with faculty is designed into the program. Along with the Department of Sculpture's faculty, graduate students are exposed to a vigorous visiting artist schedule. Through studio reviews, seminars and research, students are expected to build an awareness of contemporary and historical definitions of art that will influence their creative work. In addition to their own investigations, graduate students participate in and contribute to the undergraduate program.

While the graduate program is generally a two-year, four-semester in-residence program, students are expected to continue studio pursuits either on campus or at an alternative site throughout the calendar year.

Student learning outcomes

1. Define work in relation to history
2. Take full advantage program resources
3. Develop knowledge of equipment and techniques
4. Develop professional practices

VCU Graduate Bulletin, VCU Graduate School and general academic policies and regulations for all graduate students in all graduate programs

The VCU Graduate Bulletin website documents the official admission and academic rules and regulations that govern graduate education for all graduate programs at the university. These policies are established by the graduate faculty of the university through their elected representatives to the University Graduate Council.

It is the responsibility of all graduate students, both on- and off-campus, to be familiar with the VCU Graduate Bulletin as well as the Graduate School website (<http://www.graduate.vcu.edu/>) and academic regulations in individual school and department publications and on program websites. However, in all cases, the official policies and procedures of the University Graduate Council, as published on the VCU Graduate Bulletin and Graduate School websites, take precedence over individual program policies and guidelines.

Visit the **academic regulations section** for additional information on academic regulations for graduate students. (<http://bulletin.vcu.edu/academic-regs/>)

Degree candidacy requirements

A graduate student admitted to a program or concentration requiring a final research project, work of art, thesis or dissertation, must qualify for continuing master's or doctoral status according to the degree candidacy requirements of the student's graduate program. Admission to degree candidacy, if applicable, is a formal statement by the graduate student's

faculty regarding the student's academic achievements and the student's readiness to proceed to the final research phase of the degree program.

Graduate students and program directors should refer to the following degree candidacy policy as published in the VCU Graduate Bulletin for complete information and instructions.

Visit the **academic regulations section** for additional information on degree candidacy requirements. (<http://bulletin.vcu.edu/academic-regs/grad/candidacy/>)

Graduation requirements

As graduate students approach the end of their academic programs and the final semester of matriculation, they must make formal application to graduate. No degrees will be conferred until the application to graduate has been finalized.

Graduate students and program directors should refer to the following graduation requirements as published in the Graduate Bulletin for a complete list of instructions and a graduation checklist.

Visit the **academic regulations section** for additional information on graduation requirements. (<http://bulletin.vcu.edu/academic-regs/grad/graduation-info/>)

Apply online today. (<https://www.vcu.edu/admissions/apply/graduate/>)

Admission requirements

Degree:	Semester(s) of entry:	Deadline dates:	Test requirements:
M.F.A.	Fall	Jan 15	None

Special requirements

- See arts.vcu.edu/admissions/how-to-apply/ (<http://arts.vcu.edu/admissions/how-to-apply/>) for details on the application process.

In addition to the general admission requirements of the VCU Graduate School (<http://bulletin.vcu.edu/graduate/study/admission-graduate-study/admission-requirements/>), applicants must meet the requirements listed on the website above. Additionally,

1. Applicants should hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution.
2. It is expected that applicants will have a 3.0 (B) average on the last 60 semester hours of undergraduate work.
3. A portfolio review is required. A personal interview is encouraged.
4. Applicants must have completed a minimum of 36 credit hours of art at the undergraduate level.

Degree requirements

In addition to general VCU Graduate School graduation requirements (<http://bulletin.vcu.edu/academic-regs/grad/graduation-info/>), the M.F.A. in Fine Arts with a concentration in sculpture requires 60 credit hours and is usually completed in two years of full-time study. Most of these credit hours are in studio areas and are augmented by related courses in specialized academic fields. A graduate seminar meets weekly and addresses topics related to contemporary art and theory. Two required semesters of art and critical theory are presented in a course that surveys the major themes of contemporary art criticism.

Graduate students meet with individual committees composed of three faculty members. Each committee and student conducts an ongoing dialogue and critique. At the end of the second semester, students discuss their work at a candidacy critique comprising their committee and additional faculty members. M.F.A. recipients mount a comprehensive exhibition of their work at the university's Anderson Gallery at the successful conclusion of the program's second year.

The Master of Fine Arts program is based on intensive studio practice at an advanced level in the area of sculpture. The program is highly selective and is presently limited to 15 participants.

Curriculum requirements

Course	Title	Hours
Take 16 credits in the following course:		16
SCPT 500	Graduate Sculpture	
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SCPT 600	Graduate Sculpture	
Take 16 credits in the following course:		16
SCPT 690	Graduate Seminar ¹	
Electives ²		12
Total Hours		60

1

Enrollment in the graduate seminar is mandatory for the duration of the student's study in the program.

2

Students may select any graduate-level course within the university with the approval of their adviser.

The minimum total of graduate credit hours required for this degree is 60.

Typical plan of study

Semester 1		Hours
SCPT 500	Graduate Sculpture	4
SCPT 600	Graduate Sculpture	4
SCPT 690	Graduate Seminar ¹	4
Elective ²		3
Term Hours:		15
Semester 2		Hours
SCPT 500	Graduate Sculpture	4
SCPT 600	Graduate Sculpture	4
SCPT 690	Graduate Seminar ¹	4
Elective ²		3
Term Hours:		15
Semester 3		Hours
SCPT 500	Graduate Sculpture	4
SCPT 600	Graduate Sculpture	4
SCPT 690	Graduate Seminar ¹	4
Elective ²		3
Term Hours:		15
Semester 4		Hours
SCPT 500	Graduate Sculpture	4
SCPT 600	Graduate Sculpture	4

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Elective ²		3
Term Hours:		15
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