This degree is designed for persons currently teaching, or who have fulfilled art teaching certificate requirements. The program emphasizes the four components of discipline-based art education (DBAE): aesthetics, art history, art criticism and art production.

Model

Eastern Michigan University’s advanced professional education programs develop leaders who demonstrate reflective thought and scholarship within the context of a culturally diverse society. In addition, the master of arts in art education program produces educators who are committed to their ongoing professional growth and are aware of the challenges of democracy in our culturally diverse society. These educators will assert leadership and the ability to cultivate abstract thinking skills and analyze visual statements for personal meaning.

Admission Requirements

Applicants should see the Graduate Catalog section on admissions for general admission information and procedure (page 9). Entry requirements are a minimum of 34 hours of art education and studio art with a minimum 2.8 grade point average in these classes. In addition, each applicant is expected to hold a teaching certificate for the teaching of art. An applicant for admission must do the following:

1. Submit GRE test scores with the application;
2. Send a letter of purpose outlining aspirations in graduate work to the Department of Art;
3. Send a portfolio of 10-15 color slides and/or photographs of recent work, presented in a clear-plastic holder, with each slide/picture individually labeled with name, title of work, medium or media, size, and date of completion to the Department of Art. (Applicants in three-dimensional disciplines may submit multiple views of examples); and
4. Portfolios and materials must be submitted to the Art Department during the fall semester for winter admission and during the winter semester for spring, summer and fall admission.

Degree Requirements

The graduate coordinator will meet with each student to construct a program of study. Students should follow closely the Graduate School requirements for “Application for Diploma.” Students whose degree program includes a final exhibition of work must apply for gallery space one semester prior to the proposed exhibition.

Graduate credit in art education (theory and practice) earned more than six years prior to the date on which the degree was granted may not be applied to meet the graduate requirements.

After the student has completed six hours of course work in art education, the graduate coordinator or program adviser will evaluate for approval the selection of a thesis proposal or paper option in an appropriate art education area. A required thesis review will be conducted by a faculty committee.

Course Requirements

The M.A. in art education requires the completion of 30 hours of course work to be distributed among required courses, elective courses and cognate courses as follows:

Art Education Courses ....................................................... 10 hours
Six to eight hours from the following, selected in consultation with an art education faculty member:

- ART504 Aesthetic Education (2 hrs)
- ART505 Curriculum Development (Art Education) (2 hrs)
- *ART506 ARTAG (Art for the Talented and Gifted) (2 hrs)
- *ART507 Studio Connections in Art Education (2 hrs)
- ART508 Research in Art Education (2 hrs)
- ART591 Special Topics (2 hrs)
- ART694 Seminar in Art Education (2 hrs)

Other courses as they become available and approved by the adviser.

Two to four hours from the following:

- *ART691 Thesis (2 hrs)
- *ART698 Independent Study (paper of publishable/distributable quality) (2 hrs)

Art Elective Courses (Studio, Art History, Art Education) ................. 14 hours
Students wishing to have an exhibition in conjunction with their art education studies are subject to a 10-hour review of their studio program.

Cognate Courses .................................................................. 6 hours
Six hours selected from art or other areas in consultation with the adviser.

PROGRAM TOTAL ......................................................... 30 hours

NOTE:
*These courses may be repeated if determined appropriate by the graduate coordinator.