California State University San Bernardino
Master’s of Fine Arts in Studio Art

Application materials must be submitted to both the Department of Art and the University by the deadline date to be considered for admissions. **This is the Department’s application only.**

Apply to the University at: [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu) and choose ‘apply online’, register and then choose the San Bernardino campus. Please review the University’s Graduate Entrance Writing Requirement (see pg. 5) and the Department’s admission requirements. The Department’s application form follows (pg. 4).

Please visit [http://finaid.csusb.edu/](http://finaid.csusb.edu/) for detailed information about your financial aid opportunities.

The application deadline for Fall 2016 admissions is **January 15, 2016.** This is not a postmark deadline- your application must arrive at CSUSB by 5pm that day.

All application materials are confidential, and the decision of the committee is final, with no explanation provided.

If you have any further questions about the M.F.A. in Studio Art program, please contact Graduate Coordinator Katherine Gray at kgray@csusb.edu or (909) 537-5228. If you have not already visited the Visual Arts Center, you can also contact the Graduate Coordinator to arrange a tour of the facilities with an opportunity to meet the faculty.
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Criteria for Admission to the Program

In addition to the general requirements of the university, specific requirements for classified graduate admission to the MFA program in the Department of Art are:

1. A baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution with a minimum of 45 quarter units of upper division art comparable to those required of a major in art at this university. (The Art Department determines which courses are comparable);

2. Completion of a minimum of 20 quarter units of upper division studio art;

3. Completion of a minimum of 20 quarter units in art history; a minimum of eight should be upper division units, and at least one course in Contemporary Art Criticism and Theory (equivalent to our Art 520);

4. A grade-point average of 3.0 ("B") or better in all art courses taken;

5. Completion of the Graduate Entrance Writing Requirement;

6. Admission to the program will additionally be based upon evaluations by the Art Department Graduate Committee of the following items:

   a. A portfolio displaying a comprehensive body of work with strong technical abilities and potential for a clear direction in graduate study. A portfolio consists of 15 images of the applicant's artwork in the form of jpegs on a CD. The portfolio needs to be accompanied by a typed list of artworks with the applicant’s name and then the title, medium, size and date for each artwork.

   b. A two to three page typed “Statement of Purpose” describing the conceptual and technical aspects of the artwork and the applicant’s reason for seeking graduate studies in art. This statement should also demonstrate applicant’s knowledge of historical and contemporary art in relation to their work. This statement should be carefully crafted and will be used to evaluate the student’s writing ability and critical thinking skills.

   c. Three letters of recommendation supporting the student's application. Letters should be from professionals and/or educators in the field able to assess the student's competence and to make relevant comments on the student's likely success in a graduate art program.

   d. One copy of applicant’s curriculum vitae.
Applicants who have satisfied the general requirements for admission, but who have deficiencies in prerequisite preparation which can be met by specified additional preparation may be admitted to the program with conditionally classified standing. Deficiencies must be made up as early in the program as possible, normally within the first 20 units after conditional admission.

Submit all above materials and the application form to:

Prof. Katherine Gray/ Graduate Coordinator
Department of Art
California State University, San Bernardino
5500 University Parkway
San Bernardino, CA 92407
California State University, San Bernardino
Master’s of Fine Arts in Studio Art
Application Form

Name__________________________________________________________

Address_________________________________________________________________

City_________________________________________________________________

State/Province________________________________________________________

Zip/ Postal Code_________________________________________________________________

Country_________________________________________________________________

Phone__________________________

Email_________________________________________________________________
Graduate students will be required to pass (or to have passed) the upper division writing requirement before being fully classified into a graduate program, unless an earlier completion is specified for a particular program. This requirement can be satisfied through one of the following:

1. Completion, with a grade of "B" (3.0) or better, within seven years prior to acceptance into the program of one of the following California State University, San Bernardino courses: EDUC 306, ENG 306, HUM 306, MGMT 306, NSCI 306, or SSCI 306 (all graduate and postbaccalaureate students, regardless of citizenship, whose preparatory education was principally in a language other than English and have a minimum score of 550 on the TOEFL, or a minimum score of 213 on the Computer Based TOEFL, who fail to achieve a grade of "B" (3.0) or higher in one of the 306 courses will be required to retake any 306 class.)

2. Completion, with a grade of "B" (3.0) or better, of an equivalent advanced expository writing course at another college or university within seven years prior to acceptance into the program.

3. Satisfactory completion of the Writing Requirement Exemption Examination (WREE) offered at this university, taken within seven years prior to acceptance into the program. Further information about the WREE examination is available from the Testing Center, University Hall room 368 or at http://www-ugs.csusb.edu/testing/

Contact the Office of the Dean of Graduate Studies for questions about the graduate writing requirement as it relates to postbaccalaureate students. http://gradstudies.csusb.edu/index.htm