

ART AA
Total Credits: 60
Catalog Edition: 2025-2026

Program Description

(R and TP/SS): 618

This is a liberal education degree that focuses on art within the context of a broad educational experience in the arts and humanities, the natural and physical sciences, and the social sciences that make up half of the program requirements. Therefore, it is a suitable degree for students who seek a general liberal arts degree with an art emphasis. This program will prepare students for transfer to a four-year institution to pursue a BA (bachelor of arts) degree, such as University of Maryland, College Park. Montgomery College is an accredited institutional member of the National Associate of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD).

For more information, please visit <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/academics/programs/art/art-aa-degree.html>

Program Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, a student will be able to:

- Create a professional portfolio of artworks.
- Apply principles of visual organization in two and three dimensions.
- Utilize technical skills to achieve visual communication and expression in one or more art media.
- Analyze a work of art within art historical and contemporary context, and apply this awareness to one's own creative investigations.

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Program Advising Guide

An Academic Reference Tool for Students

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Suggested Course Sequence

A suggested course sequence for full-time students follows. All students should review this advising guide and consult an advisor.

First Semester

ENGL 101 - Introduction to College Writing *3 semester hours* *

Mathematics Foundation *3 semester hours (MATF)*

ARTT 100 - Introduction to Drawing *3 semester hours (ARTD)*

ARTT 102 - Introduction to 2D Design *3 semester hours (GEIR)*

ARTT 200 - Art History: Ancient to 1400 *3 semester hours*

Third Semester

ARTT 263 - Professional Practice for the Visual Artist *1 semester hour*

Humanities Distribution *3 semester hours (HUMD) ****

Behavioral and Social Sciences Distribution *3 semester hours (BSSD) ***

Natural Sciences Distribution with Lab *4 semester hours (NSLD)*

Art Elective *3 semester hours †*

Second Semester

ENGL 102 - Critical Reading, Writing, and Research *3 semester hours (ENGF)*

GDES 116 - Digital Tools for the Visual Arts *4 semester hours*

ARTT 204 - Intermediate Drawing *3 semester hours*

OR

ARTT 205 - Figure Drawing I *3 semester hours*

ARTT 103 - Introduction to 3D Design *3 semester hours*

ARTT 201 - Art History: 1400 to Present *3 semester hours*

Fourth Semester

COMM 108 - Foundations of Human Communication *3 semester hours (GEIR)*

OR

COMM 112 - Business and Professional Speech Communication *3 semester hours (GEIR)*

Behavioral and Social Sciences Distribution *3 semester hours (BSSD) ***

Natural Sciences Distribution *3 semester hours (NSD)*

Art Elective *3 semester hours †*

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* ENGL 101/ENGL 101A, if needed for ENGL 102, or art elective.

** Behavioral and social sciences distribution (BSSD) courses must come from different disciplines.

*** A world languages course is strongly recommended.

† Students interested in pursuing advanced study in art should choose 6 credits of ARTT electives. Students interested in pursuing advanced study in art education should choose 6 credits from ARTT 120 or ARTT 211 or one printmaking course from ARTT 225, ARTT 226, ARTT 227, ARTT 228, ARTT 230, or ARTT 233.

‡ Students should consult an advisor regarding the requirements of transfer institutions. A foreign language course is appropriate for students intending to transfer to UMD College Park BA in Art. ARTT 123 or ARTT 221 is appropriate for students interested in pursuing advanced study in art education. ARTT 221 is required for students pursuing MC AA in Art to Salisbury University at Shady Grove's BFA in Graphic Design Articulation Agreement.

Students are required to have at least 12 credits at 200 level.

AA and AS programs require one global and cultural perspectives (GCP) General Education course.

Transfer Opportunities

Montgomery College has partnerships with multiple four-year institutions and the tools to help you transfer. To learn more, please visit <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/transfer> or <http://artsys.usmd.edu> .

Get Involved at MC!

Employers and Transfer Institutions are looking for experience outside the classroom.

MC Student Clubs and Organizations: <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/life-at-mc/student-life/>

Related Careers

Some require a Bachelor's degree.

Art Director, Craft Artist, Multimedia Artist and Animator, Commercial and Industrial Designer, Graphic Designer, Postsecondary Art Teacher.

Career Services

Montgomery College offers a range of services to students and alumni to support the career planning process. To learn more, please visit <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/career> .

Career Coach

A valuable online search tool that will give you the opportunity to explore hundreds of potential careers or job possibilities in Maryland and the Washington D.C. metropolitan area. Get started today on your road to a new future and give it a try. For more information, please visit <https://montgomerycollege.emsicc.com> .

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