

STUDIO ART AFA, STATEWIDE PROGRAM (VISUAL ARTS)

Total Credits: 60

Catalog Edition: 2025-2026

Program Description

This degree is studio intensive with two-thirds of the total credit hours in studio art courses and one-third of the total credit hours in General Education courses. The program will prepare students for transfer to a four-year art institution to pursue a bachelor of fine arts degree.

All students should meet with their advisor to plan their program of study as well as their transfer and career goals.

Montgomery College is an accredited institutional member of the National Associate of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD).

Footnote: The Maryland Higher Education Commission designates some community college programs as statewide programs. A student may enroll in any of these programs at the same rates as in-county residents if his or her particular program is not offered by the local community college or if the student cannot enroll due to an enrollment limit. For more information on statewide programs, please see the College catalog.

Program Outcomes

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

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

Program Advisors

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

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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 (GEEL)

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

Third Semester

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

ARTT 211 - Painting I 3 semester hours

ARTT 221 - Sculpture I 3 semester hours

Printmaking Program Elective 3 semester hours ‡‡

OR

ARTT 152 - Photographic Expression I 3 semester hours

Craft Program Elective 3 semester hours ‡

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

‡ Craft Program Electives: ARTT 120, ARTT 123, ARTT 245, or ARTT 247.

‡‡ Printmaking Program Electives: ARTT 225, ARTT 226, ARTT 227, ARTT 228, ARTT 230, or ARTT 233.

‡‡‡ Art Program Electives: Select any ARTT, GDES 134, GDES 210, or GDES 220.

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 205 - Figure Drawing I 3 semester hours

OR

ARTT 204 - Intermediate Drawing 3 semester hours

ARTT 103 - Introduction to 3D Design 3 semester hours

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

Fourth Semester

[Humanities Distribution](#) 3 semester hours (HUMD)

[Art Program Elective](#) 3 semester hours ‡‡‡

[Behavioral and Social Sciences Distribution](#) 3 semester hours (BSSD)

[Art Program Elective](#) 3 semester hours ‡‡‡

[Natural Sciences Distribution with Lab](#) 4 semester hours (NSLD)

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.

Postsecondary Art Teacher, Curators, Art Director, Craft Artist, Commercial and Industrial Designer, Etchers and Engraver.

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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