

# 2015-2016 Graduate Calendar

The information published in this Graduate Calendar outlines the rules, regulations, curricula, programs and fees for the 2015-2016 academic years, including the Summer Semester 2015, Fall Semester 2015 and the Winter Semester 2016.

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## **Limitations**

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The university encourages applications from women, aboriginal peoples, visible minorities, persons with disabilities, and members of other under-represented groups.

## **Introduction**

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### **Collection, Use and Disclosure of Personal Information**

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### **Statistics Canada - Notification of Disclosure**

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#### **Email Address**

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The University issued email address is considered an official means of communication with the student and will be used for correspondence from the University. Students are responsible for monitoring their University-issued email account regularly.

#### **Home Address**

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Students are responsible for maintaining a current mailing address with the University. Address changes can be made, in writing, through the Office of Graduate Studies.

### **Name Changes**

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The University of Guelph is committed to the integrity of its student records, therefore, each student is required to provide either on application for admission or on personal data forms required for registration, his/her complete, legal name. Any requests to change a name, by means of alteration, deletion, substitution or addition, must be accompanied by appropriate supporting documentation.

### **Student Confidentiality and Release of Student Information Policy Excerpt**

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The University undertakes to protect the privacy of each student and the confidentiality of his or her record. To this end the University shall refuse to disclose personal information to any person other than the individual to whom the information relates where disclosure would constitute an unjustified invasion of the personal privacy of that person or of any other individual. All members of the University community must respect the confidential nature of the student information which they acquire in the course of their work.

Complete policy at <http://www.uoguelph.ca/policies>.



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## Studio Art

The Master of Fine Arts (MFA) Program in Studio Art prepares students for careers as professional contemporary artists and art educators. The program equally supports interdisciplinary and media-specific practices. It promotes risk-taking, commitment, and critical insight as integral components of an integrated art practice. Studio visits, visiting speakers, and lively group seminars in contemporary art theory and pedagogy augment the individual development of artwork. Faculty advisors work closely with students in directing individual artwork and research projects. Students are also provided with opportunities to connect with the broader arts community. As a culminating highlight, each semester concludes with intensive formal critiques involving all graduate faculty members and fellow students, as well as specially invited critically acclaimed artists and art professionals.

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## MFA Program

The Master of Fine Arts Program in Studio Art equally supports interdisciplinary and media specific practices, such as drawing, painting, printmaking, photography, video, performance, sculpture, and alternative practices. Although studio practice is emphasized, the program also includes courses in art theory, criticism, history and pedagogy. A thesis exhibition is also required. The objective of the program is to prepare students as professional artists and art educators.

The MFA program is intended to produce a high level of professional competence and personal originality in the informed practice of a studio discipline. In response to the numerous and divergent approaches to the making of visual art, the MFA program provides an individually oriented education that is primarily concerned with the development of independent studio work while encouraging a critical awareness of the cultural context and its ideological complexities.

In addition to intense involvement with studio practice, students will be required to demonstrate pertinent knowledge and judgement about the visual arts in presentations, discussions, and written papers within the required course work.

### Admission Requirements

Admission to the MFA program in studio art may be granted on the recommendation of the School of Fine Art and Music to the following applicants:

1. Holders of a BFA degree (honours equivalent), or an Honours BA (or its equivalent in fine art or visual arts); or
2. In exceptional cases, holders of a degree in another field who have completed a minimum of six one-semester courses in fine art or visual arts; or
3. Students who have satisfied the requirements for transfer from the provisional-student category.

**Specific Application Materials for Admission. Each applicant must submit the following:**

1. Documentation of artwork: 20 digital images or up to a 10 minutes DVD or a combination of the two. (For formatting and submission information please see the 'How to Apply' section of the School of Fine Art and Music [website at](#) .)
2. A single-page statement that outlines the applicant's interest in art, as well as career objectives and reasons for wishing to study in the University of Guelph's MFA program in studio art.
3. Letters of reference from two studio professors. The applicant must have taken a significant proportion of course work from at least one of the professors. An acceptable alternative to one such letter may be from the department chair on behalf of the department in which the applicant has studied, or from a professional in the field who is familiar with the applicant's abilities.
4. 4.A current curriculum vitae, including education, exhibitions, grants, residencies, and involvement in the art community, including volunteer work.

It is highly recommended that applicants complete at least eight semesters of courses in art history, cultural studies, or related areas prior to applying. Serious interest in, and substantial familiarity with contemporary issues in the visual arts is expected.

### Degree Requirements

The MFA degree at the University of Guelph requires a professional level of studio practice, and a sophisticated awareness of contemporary discourse in visual arts, as well as detailed knowledge of the selected field of specialization. Each degree candidate will complete a thesis. The MFA thesis consists of a solo exhibition, a brief supporting paper, and an oral examination.

The following are some of the specific degree requirements for the MFA degree in studio art (see the Degree Regulations section of this calendar for complete degree regulations):

#### Minimum Duration

The minimum duration is at least four semesters of full-time study.

#### Prescribed Studies

A total of 10.0 credits is required for the completion of this program. In addition to individually oriented studio courses, students are required to complete four MFA seminars; two graduate courses in art theory and criticism courses; and two teaching practicum courses.

A maximum of two courses outside the School of Fine Art and Music may be substituted for courses in art history, theory and criticism. The courses selected must be acceptable to the school and the Assistant VP of Graduate Studies for graduate credit. All 12 "substantive" courses comprise the candidate's prescribed studies, in which the student must obtain an overall average grade of 'B-' or higher.

#### Additional Courses

In addition to the prescribed studies, the student may undertake to achieve satisfactory standings in ancillary courses supportive of the special discipline. These may be undergraduate or graduate level courses.

**Exhibition/Paper**

Each degree candidate must present an exhibition or performance of their studio work, as well as a critical paper between 4,000 and 5,000 words in length that articulates the aesthetic, historical, theoretical, and technical issues pertinent to their artwork. The submitted studio work must demonstrate a professional level of competence and a significant aesthetic investigation, as approved by the candidate's master's examination committee.

**The Master's Examination**

At the time of the exhibition, the MFA candidate will be expected to successfully complete a final oral examination devoted chiefly to the MFA exhibition with reference to the supporting critical paper. This is a school examination identified as the master's examination.

**School Regulations**

In addition to meeting the university's MFA regulations regarding thesis format, the candidate must submit appropriate visual documentation of the MFA exhibition as well as the supporting critical paper, to the director of the School of Fine Art and Music for inclusion in the school's archives.

**Courses****FINA\*6510 Introduction to Graduate Studio F [1.50]**

A qualifying open-studio course to determine the student's interests and level of performance. The student will come in contact with a variety of faculty and may choose to work in a number of areas during this period.

*Department(s):* School of Fine Art and Music

**FINA\*6515 MFA Studio I W [1.50]**

Sustained work at an independent level under the supervision of the chair of the student's advisory committee.

*Prerequisite(s):* FINA\*6510

*Department(s):* School of Fine Art and Music

**FINA\*6530 MFA Teaching Practicum I F [0.50]**

This course will give the MFA student supervised teaching experience in a studio discipline. In addition, a seminar component will consider theoretical and practical issues relevant to the teaching of studio art. *Prerequisite:* admission to the MFA program.

*Department(s):* School of Fine Art and Music

**FINA\*6531 MFA Teaching Practicum II F [0.50]**

Continuation of teaching practicum under the guidance of a faculty member. The practicum seminar will consider theoretical and practical issues relevant to the teaching of studio art such as educational goals, course and curriculum planning, academic evaluation, health and safety policies, and appropriate materials and equipment.

*Prerequisite(s):* FINA\*6530

*Department(s):* School of Fine Art and Music

**FINA\*6540 MFA Seminar I F [0.50]**

Examination of critical issues in the visual arts relevant to studio practice

*Department(s):* School of Fine Art and Music

**FINA\*6545 MFA Seminar II W [0.50]**

Continuation of issues examined in FINA\*6540

*Prerequisite(s):* FINA\*6540

*Department(s):* School of Fine Art and Music

**FINA\*6551 Seminar in Art Theory and Criticism I W [0.50]**

Selected topics in art theory and criticism with particular relevance to studio practice.

*Prerequisite(s):* Admission to MFA program or permission of instructor.

*Department(s):* School of Fine Art and Music

**FINA\*6610 MFA Studio II F [1.50]**

Continuation of FINA\*6515

*Prerequisite(s):* FINA\*6515

*Department(s):* School of Fine Art and Music

**FINA\*6615 MFA Studio III W [1.50]**

Continuation of FINA\*6610

*Prerequisite(s):* FINA\*6610

*Department(s):* School of Fine Art and Music

**FINA\*6640 MFA Seminar III F [0.50]**

Continuation of FINA\*6545

*Prerequisite(s):* FINA\*6545

*Department(s):* School of Fine Art and Music

**FINA\*6641 MFA Seminar IV W [0.50]**

Continuation of FINA\*6640

*Department(s):* School of Fine Art and Music

**FINA\*6652 Individual Study in Art Theory and Criticism W [0.50]**

Students will pursue special study under the guidance of a faculty member with appropriate expertise.

*Prerequisite(s):* Approval of the co-ordinator of the MFA program.

*Department(s):* School of Fine Art and Music

**Additional and Elective Courses****FINA\*6550 Selected Topics in Fine Art U [0.50]**

Seminar in a fine art topic in a subject to be specified by the instructor.

*Prerequisite(s):* Admission to the MFA program.

*Department(s):* School of Fine Art and Music

**FINA\*6552 Seminar in Canadian Art U [0.50]**

Selected topics in Canadian Art

*Prerequisite(s):* Admission to the MFA program and permission of instructor.

*Department(s):* School of Fine Art and Music

**FINA\*6554 Seminar in Nineteenth Century Art U [0.50]**

Selected topics of the period.

*Prerequisite(s):* Admission to the MFA program and permission of instructor.

*Department(s):* School of Fine Art and Music

**FINA\*6555 Seminar in Twentieth Century Art U [0.50]**

Selected topics of the period.

*Prerequisite(s):* Admission to MFA program and permission of instructor.

*Department(s):* School of Fine Art and Music

**FINA\*6650 Individual Study in Art History U [0.50]**

Students will pursue special study under the guidance of a faculty member with appropriate expertise

*Prerequisite(s):* Approval of the co-ordinator of the MFA program.

*Department(s):* School of Fine Art and Music

**FINA\*6651 Individual Study in Contemporary Art U [0.50]**

Students will pursue special study under the guidance of a faculty member with appropriate expertise

*Prerequisite(s):* Approval of the co-ordinator of the MFA program.

*Department(s):* School of Fine Art and Music