Undergraduate programs

The Australian National University School of Art provides a stimulating environment through which to establish a career as a practicing contemporary artist. The School of Art (SoA) offers two degree programs: Visual Arts and Design Arts. These programs provide specialist study within the following range of disciplines: Animation and Video, Ceramics, Furniture, Glass, Gold and Silversmithing, Painting, Photomedia, Printmedia and Drawing, Sculpture, Textiles and Art Theory.

How to apply

Selection for undergraduate degrees is based on interview and viewing a portfolio of an applicant’s own work. This process allows applicants the opportunity to demonstrate their interest in the visual arts. A portfolio needs to show a range of material applicants have made previously either at school or in their own time. A portfolio could include drawings, sketchbooks and/or visual diaries (i.e. notebooks that may consist of drawings, photos, collages, ideas etc.), prints, photographs, videos, animations, sound works, computer graphics, performance based works or 3D works. On the day of the interview applicants can participate in a drawing class with staff from the School. The completed drawings may be presented at the interview if the applicant wishes.

At the interview, the panel will consider the quality of the work presented by the applicant, their motivation and commitment, their ability to articulate ideas in a visual form, and their technical proficiency. 3D areas do not necessarily require examples of work made in specific mediums; however it would be an advantage if applicants applying to these areas were able to show their capacity to think in 3D by including small sculptures, models or technical drawings in their portfolio.

On the day of the interview applicants will have the opportunity to see the facilities at the School and to meet staff and students. This provides an opportunity to ask specific questions about studying at the SoA or more general questions regarding student life at ANU. The SoA Gallery will be hosting the graduating students’ final works – a smorgasbord of exciting contemporary art.

Applications to the SoA are made through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC, www.uac.edu.au). On-time applications are due by the last working day in September. Once this process is complete students will be directed to book an interview on the SoA website (soa.anu.edu.au/how-apply). Interviews take place over three days in early December offering a range of times.

The SoA will appeal to applicants who:

- Want to explore new ways of creating and thinking and be a part of the profound ways in which our world is changing
- Love to create art and objects
- Want to explore new ways of creatively using digital media
- Love to make videos, animations, websites, computer games and graphic programs
- Have a high degree of interest in design wares including furniture, tableware, jewellery, textile production and glass objects
- Have an interest in new computer-aided design technologies
- Want a career within the creative arts sector including being self-employed as an artist; working as a curator; teaching; art management; project management for community arts, galleries or museums; being advisors to government; being involved in cultural production or in the film and media industries; working as a designer and/or maker of limited edition objects; being design managers, technical designers or working in industrial design

The programs

All students have the opportunity to:

- Specialise in a discipline or explore new hybrid contexts
- Deepen their study with elective courses drawn from the SoA and other areas of the university
- Gain experience in professional real-world contexts at Canberra’s national institutions and local arts organisations

Bachelor of Visual Arts

The Bachelor of Visual Arts offers a practical program of study in Art Theory, Animation and Video, Ceramics, Furniture, Glass, Gold and Silversmithing, Painting, Photomedia, Printmedia and Drawing, Sculpture and Textiles.

Visual Arts students will:

- Make creative art works in a variety of mediums
- Gain knowledge and skills within the creative arts
- Learn to adapt specific skills with a visual and/or aesthetic component

Bachelor of Design Arts

The Bachelor of Design Arts offers a practical program of study especially in the areas of professional/commercial design for production and small scale individual craft production. Students specialise in Ceramics, Furniture, Glass, Gold and Silversmithing or Textiles and draw on both hand-built and computer-aided design technologies.

Design Arts students will:

- Make creative design based works in a variety of mediums
- Gain knowledge and skills within the design arts
- Learn to adapt specific design skills to create design wares for small scale production
- Explore new contexts taking advantage of computer-aided design technologies

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Danielle Day, Mycorrhiza No. 2 ring, 2011, 8 x 13.5 x 12 cm, Polyamide (Nylon) plastic. Photograph: Angela Bakker, Johannes Kuhnen.