

ART AND DESIGN

Overview

When you join the Peck School of the Arts Department of Art & Design, you're embracing more than just a classroom experience. You're entering a vibrant community of visionary artists and innovators, where your creativity is nurtured to prepare you for your future.

Our commitment to fostering meaningful connections sets us apart. You'll develop valuable relationships with our artist faculty, dedicated staff, fellow creatives and the wider arts community. These connections are seamlessly integrated into your education, equipping you with a robust network of industry professionals.

Located in Milwaukee, our department grants you unrivaled access to Wisconsin's thriving creative economy. As an Art & Design student, you'll have exclusive opportunities to intern and collaborate with leading arts organizations and innovative agencies in the region. And you'll do it all from a supportive launch pad. Every space within our department feels like home, carefully designed to serve as an incubator for your artistic growth.

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Faculty and Staff

Our inspirational faculty and staff make sure students feel welcome and empowered to think outside the box and explore all possibilities of making art at UWM. Visit the Peck School of the Arts directory (<https://uwm.edu/arts/directory/>) to meet these artists, explore their biographies and engage with recent work.

Scholarships and Aid

Financial constraints shouldn't hinder your artistic dreams. Our comprehensive range of scholarships and aid programs (<https://uwm.edu/arts/students/scholarships-aid/>) is designed to empower and support artists like you.

Study Abroad

We believe that a complete education in the arts should take you beyond the classroom and the local community. By studying abroad, you'll gain more than a change of scenery. You'll embark on a transformative educational experience and bring a global perspective to your field of study. Explore upcoming trips (<https://uwmilwaukee.studioabroad.com/?FuseAction=Programs.AdvancedSearch>) offered in partnership with the Center for International Education.

Mission

The Department of Art & Design develops creative thinkers, art and design professionals, and cultural leaders through a cross-disciplinary curriculum that balances innovation and tradition and is supported by a vital program of creative research. Committed to Milwaukee's diverse urban communities, our practicing artists and scholars foster visual literacy, critical inquiry, and civic engagement for lifelong creative work.

View the Art & Design Student Handbook (https://panthers.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/PSOA-Web/EYZH76FeTVVLpGyxyTHNk04BATQddKfOhFp7KavWalg_Q/)

The Department of Art & Design advances its mission by:

- Providing a curriculum that emphasizes civic engagement, advanced studio practice, and thinking through and with the arts.
- Producing active and ethical artists and scholars that use their work to educate and facilitate social and cultural awareness, both locally and globally.
- Actively contributing to research and philosophy regarding the relationships between tradition and new technologies.
- Providing an active environment that facilitates opportunities to work with materials, tools, and emerging technologies, to forge and reinvent the visual language of art and design.
- Expanding the role of the artist in society through emphasis on collaborative relationships, entrepreneurial spirit, and internationalization.
- Practicing flexibility in quickly changing/advancing professional fields, and encourage innovation, accountability and ethics.
- Supporting, promoting and expanding inter-media and interdisciplinary practices and collaborative research across the university, community and beyond.

The Departmental Mission is directly related to the missions of both the Peck School of the Arts and UW-Milwaukee

- The mission of the Peck School of the Arts is to provide the highest quality education and professional training in the arts at the baccalaureate and master's degree levels. The school is committed to recruiting faculty, staff, and students who reflect the richness and diversity of artmaking in a variety of cultures. As the only school of the arts in Wisconsin in a major urban environment, the Peck School of the Arts encourages collaboration with community arts organizations and artists to provide professional experiences for its students.
- To fulfill its mission as a major urban doctoral university and to meet the diverse needs of Wisconsin's largest metropolitan area, the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee must provide a wide array of degree programs, a balanced program of applied and basic research, and a faculty who are active in public service.

Fulfilling this mission requires the pursuit of these mutually reinforcing academic goals

- To develop and maintain high quality undergraduate, graduate and continuing education programs appropriate to a major urban doctoral university.
- To engage in a sustained research effort which will enhance and fulfill the University's role as a doctoral institution of academic and professional excellence.
- To continue development of a balanced array of high-quality doctoral programs in basic disciplines and professional areas.
- To attract highly qualified students who demonstrate the potential for intellectual development, innovation, and leadership for their communities.
- To further academic and professional opportunities at all levels for women, minority, part-time, and financially or educationally disadvantaged students.
- To establish and maintain productive relationships with appropriate public and private organizations at the local, regional, state, national, and international levels.

- To promote public service and research efforts directed toward meeting the social, economic and cultural needs of the state of Wisconsin and its metropolitan areas.
- To encourage others from institutions in the University of Wisconsin System and from other educational institutions and agencies to seek benefit from the University's research and educational resources such as libraries, special collections, archives, museums, research facilities, and academic programs.
- To provide educational leadership in meeting future social, cultural, and technological challenges.

Programs

Undergraduate Majors

- Art Education, BFA (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/arts-architecture/arts/art-design/art-education-bfa/>)
- Art, BA: Community Arts (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/arts-architecture/arts/art-design/art-community-arts-ba/>)
- Art, BA: Studio Arts (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/arts-architecture/arts/art-design/art-studio-arts-ba/>)
- Design and Visual Communication, BFA (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/arts-architecture/arts/art-design/design-visual-communication-bfa/>)
- Studio Art, BFA: Dual Discipline Focus (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/arts-architecture/arts/art-design/studio-art-bfa-dual-discipline/>)
- Studio Art, BFA: Single Discipline Focus (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/arts-architecture/arts/art-design/studio-art-bfa-single-discipline/>)

Undergraduate Certificates

- Arts Integration and Learning, Undergraduate Certificate (Peck School of the Arts, Department of Art and Design) (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/arts-architecture/arts/art-design/arts-integration-learning-undergraduate-certificate/>)
- Community Arts, Undergraduate Certificate (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/arts-architecture/arts/art-design/community-arts-undergraduate-certificate/>)
- Digital Fabrication and Design, Undergraduate Certificate (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/arts-architecture/arts/art-design/digital-fabrication-design-undergraduate-certificate/>)

- Game Art and Design, Undergraduate Certificate (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/arts-architecture/arts/art-design/game-art-design-undergraduate-certificate/>)
- Illustration, Undergraduate Certificate (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/arts-architecture/arts/art-design/illustration-undergraduate-certificate/>)

Minors

- Art and Design, Minor: Design (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/arts-architecture/arts/art-design/design-minor/>)
- Art and Design, Minor: Photography (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/arts-architecture/arts/art-design/photography-minor/>)
- Art and Design, Minor: Studio Arts (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/arts-architecture/arts/art-design/art-design-studio-minor/>)

Graduate Degrees

- Art, MA: Design Entrepreneurship and Innovation (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/arts-architecture/arts/art-design/art-design-entrepreneurship-innovation-ma/>)
- Art, MA: Studio Art (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/arts-architecture/arts/art-design/art-studio-arts-ma/>)
- Art, MFA (<https://catalog.uwm.edu/arts-architecture/arts/art-design/art-mfa/>)

Undergraduate Advising

Academic advising is a collaborative process that empowers students to realize their maximum educational potential. Students are encouraged to visit the Peck School of the Arts Advising & Student Services page (<https://uwm.edu/arts/students/advising/>) to meet with your advisor prior to each semester's registration period. Advisors provide students with individualized appointments to assist with degree requirements, course selection, campus resources, college success strategies, graduation assessment, academic policies and more.

Graduate Advising

Individual Peck School of the Arts graduate advisors are assigned upon admission. Your advisor will work closely with you during your time here. To connect with your graduate program representative, please visit the Graduate tab on the Peck School of the Arts apply page (<https://uwm.edu/arts/apply/>).

Faculty

Name	Rank	Degree	School	Graduate Faculty	Emeritus Faculty
Kyoung Ae Cho	Professor	MFA	Cranbrook Academy of Art	✓	
Kimberly Cosier	Professor Emeritus	PhD	Indiana University		✓
Robert Grame	Associate Professor	MFA	Kansas State University	✓	
Debra Hardy	Assistant Professor	PhD	The Ohio State University		
Adam Hawk	Associate Professor	MFA	Southern Illinois University	✓	
Cynthia Hayes	Teaching Faculty III	MFA	Michigan State University		
Yevgeniya Kaganovich	Professor	MFA	State University of New York at New Paltz	✓	
Oksana Kryzhanivska	Assistant Professor	PhD	University of Calgary	✓	
Nicolas Lampert	Teaching Faculty II	MFA	California College of the Arts		
Wesley Larsen	Assistant Professor	MFA	Cranbrook Academy of Art	✓	
Katie Martin-Meurer	Teaching Faculty III	MFA	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee		

Erica Meier	Teaching Faculty II	MFA	University of Wisconsin-Madison		
Jessica Meuninck-Ganger	Associate Professor	MFA	Minneapolis College of Art and Design	✓	
Lisa Moline	Professor	MFA	University of Wisconsin-Madison	✓	
Joseph Mougel	Professor, Co-Chair	MFA	University of New Mexico	✓	
Josie Osborne	Teaching Faculty IV	MFA	University of Wisconsin-Madison		
Angela Piehl	Associate Professor	MFA	University of Arizona	✓	
Elizabeth Rex	Teaching Faculty III	PhD	Northern Illinois University	✓	
Nicole Ridgway	Teaching Faculty III	MA; MPhil	New York University; Columbia University	✓	
Nathaniel Stern	Professor	PhD	Trinity College Dublin	✓	
Leslie Vansen	Professor Emeritus	MFA	University of Colorado		✓
Melissa Wagner-Lawler	Teaching Faculty II	MFA	Minneapolis College of Art & Design		
Glenn Williams	Associate Professor, Co-Chair	MFA	University of Northern Iowa	✓	

Contact Information

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