

how to apply

Applicants to the MFA in Studio Arts are expected to have a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree or an approved equivalent with at least a B average. Please refer to the general application guidelines for additional information.

Application form

You must apply online at connect2.concordia.ca

Letter of intent

On one page, indicate your specific interest in the MFA program and how projected graduate studies relate to your personal long-term academic and professional goals.

Portfolio

Portfolio requirements vary depending on the concentration to which you are applying. Please visit www.concordia.ca/finearts/studio-arts/programs/graduate/admission-requirements.

Curriculum vitae

Include your academic background, exhibition record/filmography if applicable, relevant work experience, awards, scholarships, publications, etc.

Transcripts

One official transcript from the institution(s) previously attended.

Letters of Reference and Academic Assessment Forms

Your application should include three letters from qualified referees with a downloadable academic assessment form attached to each one. The reference letters may arrive separately from your application but must be received by the application deadline.

Application deadline: January 20th

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Concordia's Faculty of Fine Arts has a longstanding international reputation for excellence. Our vibrant creative and intellectual culture fosters cutting-edge practice, research and scholarship.

The MFA in Studio Arts is an intensive studio-based program for those wishing to explore creative production in a challenging academic environment. Housed in the Faculty of Fine Arts—one of North America's largest and most respected schools for graduate fine arts study—the MFA program appeals to practicing artists who wish to refine personal content and forms through critical inquiry. Alumni are recognized as multidisciplinary artist-researchers working at the vanguard of their respective practices. You will be encouraged to reflect on tradition, experiment with new materials and technologies, develop interdisciplinary collaborations, and explore shifting modes of exhibition and intervention. Your position as a professional artist will be strengthened in a self-directed process that will also prepare you for the multiple roles in contemporary art practice including teaching, curating, criticism, publishing and research.

concentrations

FIBRES AND MATERIAL PRACTICES

A dynamic environment for the creation of objects, installations, performance and new media work. Extended practices may include writing, curating, socially engaged and collaborative projects.

FILM PRODUCTION

Facilitates all formats of image support, including animation, film and digital-based media, and various forms of exhibition from traditional single-channel projection to installation.

INTERMEDIA (VIDEO, PERFORMANCE AND ELECTRONIC ARTS)

Hybrid in character, this concentration supports diverse practices including performance art, installation, robotics, video, programming, sound and electronics.

PAINTING AND DRAWING

Examines the innovative potential of painting and drawing from traditional approaches to extended practices, process-oriented material explorations, conceptual approaches, and new modes of figuration and abstraction.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Reflects the shifting formal and conceptual concerns of contemporary photographic practices that include digital photography, time-based work, projection and installation.

PRINT MEDIA

Supports traditional and digital print-based processes and an expanding range of new media practices, printstallation, bookworks and multiples.

SCULPTURE

Encourages individual, traditional, discipline-based work as well as collaboration, installation, performance, autonomous objects, readymades, new media and kinetics.

program overview

The 60-credit MFA in Studio Arts is a professional, terminal degree normally completed in three years. The two-year residency allows for concentrated study and focus on individual studio experimentation and theoretical seminars. The third year is devoted exclusively to studio work and professional practice and culminates in the exhibition and defense of your graduating project.

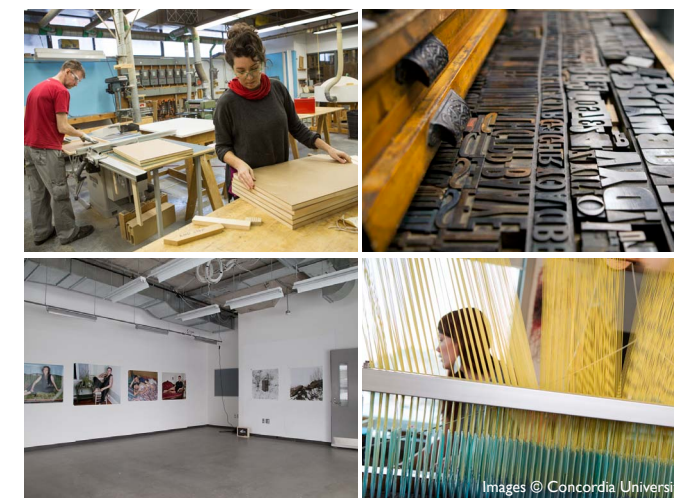
TYPICAL COURSE OF STUDY:

	FALL SEMESTER	WINTER SEMESTER	SUMMER SEMESTER
YEAR 1	STUDIO 610 (6 credits) Two theory seminars (6 credits)	STUDIO 611 (6 credits) Two theory seminars (6 credits)	DISP-615 Interdisciplinary studio course (3 credits)
YEAR 2	STUDIO 612 (6 credits) Two theory seminars (6 credits)	STUDIO 613 (6 credits) One theory seminar	
YEAR 3	PROJ 691* (9 credits) Studio/Film Graduating Project PROJ 692* (3 credits) Exhibition/Screening and Defense *can be completed as soon as 3 months following the successful completion of the final seminar course		

Currently, students are granted Teaching Assistantships in the first two years of study and may also qualify for Research Assistantships. Teaching contracts for a limited number of undergraduate courses are granted to third-year MFA students on a competitive basis.

Image courtesy of Marielle Blanc. MFA student, Sculpture

facilities & resources



In the first two years of study, students have 24-hour access to private and shared studio spaces as well as project rooms. In the third year of study, students develop their final project off campus and have the opportunity to hold their graduating exhibition at the MFA Gallery.

A wide range of facilities and equipment is available for traditional studio as well as digital and media-based production. In addition to the Centre for Digital Arts (CDA) and the Fine Arts Research (FAR) facilities, both of which house digital equipment, students can access the Core Technical Centres, which include metal shops, wood shops, a maquette lab, and a rapid prototyping lab.

Follow these links for more information:

Department facilities: concordia.ca/finearts/studio-arts/facilities

FAR: fa-researchfacilities.concordia.ca

CDA: cda.concordia.ca

CTC: concordia.ca/finearts/facilities/studio-support/core-technical-centres

Milieux: milieux.concordia.ca

expanded curriculum

MFA Program Events

The MFA program collaborates on multiple events and initiatives throughout the year including workshops, masterclasses and monthly Open Crit sessions. Check the MFA student blog for further details.
mfaconcordia.tumblr.com

Conversations in Contemporary Art

The MFA program's bi-weekly public lecture series of visiting artists, writers and curators.
conversationsincontemporaryart.tumblr.com

Drawing Lab Dessin

Concordia's drawing research team hosts artist talks, panel discussions, exhibitions and other collaborations.
drawinglabdessin.tumblr.com

Ignition at the Leonard and Bina Ellen Gallery

Annual exhibition featuring new work by graduate students in Studio Arts or Humanities at Concordia University.
ellengallery.concordia.ca

Milieux: Institute for Digital Arts, Culture and Technology at Concordia

Concordia's new research centre comprised of seven research clusters.
milieux.concordia.ca

the city of montreal

Located in the heart of the vibrant, cosmopolitan city of Montreal, Concordia is one of Canada's most diverse comprehensive universities. Home to numerous artist-run centres and research collections, the city is also host to world-class arts festivals and events.

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