

**Qualifications Necessary for
Admission to the
Master of Fine Arts Degree Program**

Bachelors degree from an accredited college or university.

A minimum of 60 credits in studio arts, 12 credits in art history or art criticism including at least 3 credits in contemporary or twentieth century art.

Those applicants who do not have such experience may be required to take undergraduate or graduate courses before formally beginning the graduate degree. In certain cases where an applicant has a number of years of professional art activity, admission can be granted by the committee based on the qualitative evaluation of the work and the sponsorship of a faculty member.

A cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.

In addition to application to the Office of Graduate Admissions, each applicant must submit a portfolio application packet directly to the Art Department. See portfolio requirements below.

Applicants for Graduate admission into the MFA program are accepted based on their educational background and the quality of their support materials. Applicants should have a minimum of five semesters of undergraduate work in their area of concentration. Applicants with course deficiencies or non-traditional educational experience may be accepted on a provisional basis with professional recommendations and a graduate professor's sponsorship. A faculty committee will evaluate all applications and accept students based on their qualifications.

For more information concerning the Master of Fine Arts Program contact the Graduate Arts Program Office at 973-720-3284 or email gradart@wpunj.edu.