Undergraduate
Art Education

Degrees Available at SIUE
• Bachelor of Science, Art Education Specialization

Art Education at SIUE
The art education program at SIUE is a K-12 teacher licensure program in visual arts education for the state of Illinois. The program is built on an understanding and application of skills in the fields of art studio, art history, and the role and function of art to general education and to the culture it serves. Our program is grounded in the School of Education, Health and Human Behavior knowledge base, which promotes the “Teacher as an Inquirer-Professional.” The program is based on the initial level for teacher preparation in the areas of knowledge application and development, instructional process, context and foundations of education, learners and learning, interpersonal relation skills, and professional relationships. At SIUE, our students are engaged in inquiry and reflection, which are necessary components in the development of successful learning environments in various contexts. Our students observe and interact with a wide variety of art education professionals in diverse art program settings in order to understand the role of each program to the needs of their future students and instructional objectives.

The art education program at SIUE stresses the development of the student as an artist-teacher, the student as a professional teacher and the development of the student’s teaching skills in school. Students at SIUE have access to excellent facilities and a variety of equipment for creating art. These facilities and equipment allow students to obtain hands-on experience in creating art, presenting lessons and writing curriculum. Our students are prepared for their future careers as artist-teachers with a broad, general background in intermediate-level courses in studio art, art history, art education and professional education. To complete the art education program, students participate in intensive student teaching for one semester in two school settings at K-12 public schools throughout Illinois.

Career Opportunities
Graduates of the art education program at SIUE are prepared to successfully compete for career and graduate education opportunities. Our students pursue advanced Master of Fine Arts (MFA) and Master of Arts (MA) degrees in visual arts education and studio art, and gain employment with area public and private schools, teaching in K-12 classrooms.

Hands-On Learning
Art education students gain valuable hands-on experience as teachers through various internship opportunities. The most prominent opportunities are the Saturday Studio Program and the Summer Arts Program, both run by the Department of Art and Design. These programs serve primary, intermediate and advanced students in grades K-12.

Faculty
Jane Barrow, MFA
1990, Indiana University Bloomington

Ivy Cooper, PhD
1997, University of Pittsburgh

John DenHouter, MFA
1994, Eastern Michigan University

Brigham Dimick, MFA (Chair)
1991, Indiana University Bloomington

Thad Duhigg, MFA
1989, Syracuse University

Jayashree George, DA, ATR-BC, LMFT
2000, New York University

E.M. Goebl-Parker, MS
2004, Washington University

Abby Hepner
2016, University of New Mexico

Ryan Horvath, MFA
2012, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Aimee Howard-Clinger, MFA
2009, University of Kansas

Barbara JK Nwacha, MFA
1998, The University of Iowa

Sangsook Park, EdD
1993, University of Washington
2004, University of Illinois

Katherine Poole-Jones, PhD
2007, Rutgers University

Megan Robb, MA

Carly Slade, MFA
2016, San Jose State University

Laura Strand, MFA
1993, University of Kansas

Rodrick Whetstone, MFA
2012, The University of Iowa

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Hands-On Learning, Cont.
The close proximity of SIUE to the St. Louis metropolitan area allows the opportunity for our students to study original works of art with easy access to numerous museums and cultural institutions. St. Louis is home to the Saint Louis Art Museum (SLAM), the Pulitzer Foundation for the Arts, the Contemporary Art Museum St. Louis (CAM), the Laumeier Sculpture Park, Cahokia Mounds and many others.

Students at SIUE also have the opportunity to participate in the student chapter of the National Art Education Association. The chapter at SIUE is an active and visible organization on campus, providing networking and professional development opportunities for members. Students participate in service-learning experiences where classroom learning can be applied. Chapter members have represented the art education program via local, state and national platforms, including the Illinois Art Education Association Conference and the National Art Education Association Conference.

Admission Requirements
To be admitted to the Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Arts program, students must:

- Complete all academic development courses required by the University
- Complete any courses required to address high school deficiencies
- Attain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale)

Deadline for submission: November 1 or April 1

Graduation Requirements
- Complete all general education and specific program requirements
- Complete Senior Assignment
  - Art Studio: ART 405 and a final digital portfolio
  - Art and Design: ART 405 and ART 499
- File an Application for Graduation by the first day of the term in which you plan to graduate
- BFA: A minimum of one year must be completed as a BFA before graduation

Contact Information
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Transfer Students: Transfer students should contact the department for a review of credentials and placement at least 30 days before the beginning of the term for which entry is desired. Visit siue.edu/transfer to find course equivalency guides.

NOTES: Students must select 15 hours from ART 202A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H or I. Speak with an art advisor about specific state licensure requirements.

This information is concurrent with the 2020-2021 Academic Catalog. Courses are subject to change at any time.