

Fine Art (Visual Art)

As a Fine Art (Visual Art) student at Queen's, you'll be part of a small group of 30 students benefiting from intensive training in painting, printmaking, sculpture, and new media/installation. Our courses are taught by instructors active in their fields, and supported through insight into the practices of visiting artists from across the country. Along with an internationally renowned artist in residence and courses in art history and the liberal arts, our program provides a broad spectrum of approaches and experiences. It isn't all about classrooms or studios: Fine Art students make relevant field trips to exhibitions and workshops, including an annual trip to New York.

TOP 5 Reasons to study Fine Art (Visual Art)

- 1 Small class sizes and dedicated studio spaces encourage a sense of community.
- 2 Low instructor-to-student ratio and dedicated technical support personnel.
- 3 Gain transferable skills in visual languages, critical thinking, and problem solving.
- 4 Field trips to relevant exhibitions and workshops, including an annual trip to New York City.
- 5 Numerous opportunities to gain professional experience through on campus involvement.

Alumni Story

"The faculty was incredibly motivating, providing essential instruction in materials, methods and conceptual approaches to art making"

- E.K Smith BFA '06

AT A GLANCE

The Fine Art (Visual Art) Program offers a three-year General BFA and a four-year Honours BFA degree, and a five-year concurrent BFA Honours/Education degree (BFAH/B.Ed.) with the option of earning a minor in a variety of subjects. Students can expect to learn the following:

1 YEAR Two-Dimensional Fundamentals
Drawing and Painting
Three-Dimensional Fundamentals
Technical Skills

2 YEAR Print Media
Sculpture
Painting
Drawing

3 YEAR Students choose two disciplines (Paint Media, Sculpture/New Media, or Print Media).

4 YEAR Self-directed Honours year culminating in a graduating student exhibition.

Add a Certificate

Data Analytics

Disability and Physical Activity

Employment Relations

Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Creativity

French for Professionals

Geographic Information Science

Global Action and Engagement

Indigenous Languages and Cultures

International Studies

Media Studies

Sexual and Gender Diversity

Urban Planning Studies

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OUR galleries

On campus we have two extraordinary Art Galleries: **The Agnes Etherington Art Centre** and the **Union Gallery**.

The Agnes Etherington Art Centre is well known for its innovative exhibitions and prominent shows.

The Union Gallery is committed to the professional presentation of student art. The Union Gallery is administered by a managing director and an operating board made up of Fine Art (Visual Art) students, among others. This gallery provides students with experience in showing art publicly and is a valuable training ground in the skills of gallery management.

Acquire Skills. Gain Experience. Go Global.

That is a degree from Queen's.

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Fine Art (Visual Art) MAJOR MAP

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What will I learn?
A degree in Fine Art (Visual Art) can equip you with:

- Artistic skills and command of the basic vocabularies, materials, traditional and technology-based tools, techniques and thinking processes belonging to drawing, print, paint, sculpture and new media
- Knowledge of expressive, intuitive, intellectual, and structural aspects of visual art
- Ability to think critically, analytically, and conceptually about works of art
- Oral and written communication to communicate your thoughts effectively in speech and writing
- Experience in a studio environment to work confidently and independently by employing safe, effective, and respectful working practices
- Problem solving to understand a variety of approaches to the making of art and identify and solve aesthetic, formal and conceptual problems in their discipline areas

Where can I go?
A degree in Fine Art (Visual Art) can take your career in many directions. Many students choose to continue their academic inquiry with a Master's. Our students are equipped with a strong foundation for careers in:

- Animation artist
- Art consultant
- Book illustrator
- Exhibit and display design
- Gallery owner
- Graphic art
- Museum and gallery curator
- Professional artist

Taking time to explore career options, build experience and network can help you have a smooth transition to the world of work after graduation.

How to use this map
Use the 5 rows of the map to explore possibilities and plan for success in the five overlapping areas of career and academics. The map just offers suggestions – you don't have to do it all! To make your own custom map, use the My [Major Map](#) tool.

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Get started thinking about the future now – where do you want to go after your degree? Having tentative goals (like careers or grad school) while working through your degree can help with short-term decisions about courses and experiences, but also help you keep motivated for success.

Get the help you need

Queen's provides you with a broad range of support services from your first point of contact with the university through to graduation. At Queen's, you are never alone. We have many offices dedicated to helping you learn, think and do.

Ranging from help with academics and careers, to physical, emotional, or spiritual resources – our welcoming living and learning environment offers the programs and services you need to be successful, both academically and personally. Queen's wants you to succeed! Check out the [Student Affairs website](#) for available resources.



Why study in Kingston?

For 175 years, our community has been more than a collection of bright minds – Queen's has attracted students with an ambitious spirit. Queen's has the highest retention rates, the highest graduation rates, and one of the highest employment rates among recent graduates. We are a research intensive university focused on the undergraduate experience. The BBC has identified Kingston as one of the GREATEST UNIVERSITY TOWNS in the world – and it is often awarded the safest city in Canada. It is a university city at the core; just a quick drive to Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and even New York. A university with more clubs per capita than any other university in Canada, and a city with more restaurants per capita than any other city in North America – you will have the experience of a lifetime at Queen's – and graduate with a degree that is globally recognized among the best.

We're closer than you think.



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