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.

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

### AT A GLANCE

1. **YEAR**
   - Two-Dimensional Fundamentals
   - Drawing and Painting
   - Three-Dimensional Fundamentals

2. **YEAR**
   - Technical Skills
   - 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.

### 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.

**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.

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

-E.K Smith BFA ’06

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**Acquire Skills. Gain Experience. Go Global.**

That is a degree from Queen’s.
In first year you will have the chance to explore the foundations of Fine Art (Visual Art) along with some electives.

Start going deeper into the discipline of Fine Art (Visual Art), while considering a minor and/or certificate such as Media Studies. Attend Degree + in the Fall term to learn more about Certificates and Internship options.

Want to make sure your academics are where you want them to be? Visit SASS (Student Academic Support Services) and the Writing Centre for some help.

Meet with an Academic Advisor to make sure you are on track and have planned out your courses for next year.

Join teams or clubs on campus such as Ultraviolet Magazine. Volunteer at the Queen’s Archives, the Union Gallery, Expressions Visual Arts Club, Comic Book Legion or Muse Magazine.

Look into summer jobs by talking to the department or Career Services about work through SWEP or Work-Study.

Take more responsibility within different clubs or extracurriculars. Consider entrepreneurial opportunities at programs like the Queen’s Innovation Connector Summer Initiative (QICSI).

Volunteer on or off-campus with different community organizations, such as the Modern Fuel Artist Run Centre and the Tett Centre for Creativity and Learning.

Get involved with the Fine Art (Visual Art) Program Student Council (DSC).

Do targeted networking with alumni working in careers of interest by joining the LinkedIn group Queen’s Connects.

Prepare for work or studies in a multi-cultural environment by taking QUIC’s Intercultural Competency Certificate, and research possible immigration regulations.

Is an exchange in your future? Start thinking about where you would like to study abroad. Apply in January for a third year exchange through the International Programs Office.

Grappling with program decisions? Go to Majors Night or get some help wondering about career options from Career Services.

Explore different careers of interest by reading books in the Career Services Career Advising and Resource Area, such as Careers in Art. For more information check out Career Cruising or by finding and connecting with alumni on LinkedIn.

Visit careers.queensu.ca/majormaps for the online version with links!
Meet with an Academic Advisor to make sure you are on track and have planned out your courses for next year.

In fourth year you will have the chance to participate in research-based courses that can lead to Graduate School or to your future career path. Make sure to finish up all your courses for your major and your optional minor and/or certificate(s).

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.

* This map is intended to provide suggestions for activities and careers, but everyone’s abilities, experiences, and constraints are different. Build your own Major Map using our online My Major Map tool.
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.

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.

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.

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.