

ART, BFA

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ART DEPARTMENT ADVISING

Students declared in the BS–Art or BFA–Art major (including graphic design named options), as well as potential transfers into art, will meet with Undergraduate Art Program Advisor Matthew Mauk, mmauk@wisc.edu, or through artadvising@education.wisc.edu.

Prospective freshmen and art studio/graphic design certificate students will meet with Prospective Student and Certificate Advisor Mercedes Brandt, mercedes.brandt@wisc.edu, or through artadvising@education.wisc.edu.

Advisors are located at 6241 Humanities Building, 455 North Park Street.

Current Art majors can schedule an appointment with Matthew online through the Starfish app (<https://advising.wisc.edu/facstaff/starfish/starfish-student-resources/>) in MyUW. Certificate students can also use the Starfish app (<https://wisc.starfishsolutions.com/starfish-ops/dl/instructor/serviceCatalog.html?bookmark=connection/109896>) to schedule an appointment with Mercedes. Appointments can also be made via email or, by calling 608-262-1660. Students are also strongly encouraged to confer with an advisor in the School of Education Student Services office on a regular basis, see below.

Academic Advising in the School of Education

Dedicated to supporting and promoting student success, academic advisors (<https://education.wisc.edu/academics/undergrad-majors/academic-advising/>) are here to assist students with the adjustment to college, understanding their degree and career goals, and connecting them to resources. Advisors support prospective and current School of Education students in all programs through:

- Course selection
- Mentoring and advocacy for underrepresented and international students
- Understanding degree requirements and progression
- Interpreting academic policies
- Helping students recognize their strengths and suggesting ways to expand their skills
- Expanding learning through activities such as study abroad, volunteering/work/internship, and by assuming leadership roles

To schedule an appointment: Current students can schedule an appointment online through the Starfish app (<https://advising.wisc.edu/facstaff/starfish/starfish-student-resources/>) in MyUW. Appointments can also be made through email at studentservices@education.wisc.edu, by calling 608-262-1651, or in person.

Career Advising in the School of Education

Through individual appointments, events, courses, and online resources, the Career Center provides students and alumni with the tools needed to be successful in their career development.

Career and Internship Advisors are prepared to help students with:

- Exploration of career and academic pathways (<https://careercenter.education.wisc.edu/explore-career/>)
- Resumes
- Cover letters
- Job/Internship search
- Interview preparation
- Mock interviews
- Graduate school search, applications and decisions
- Negotiating job or internship offers
- Professional networking
- Connecting with employers

Students are encouraged to meet with their Career and Internship Advisor early in their college experience to take full advantage of the resources and support available.

To make an appointment: log into Starfish (<https://wisc.starfishsolutions.com/starfish-ops/>) from the MyUW dashboard.

For more information, visit the School of Education Career Center website (<https://careercenter.education.wisc.edu/>) or reach out at career-center@education.wisc.edu.

Potential careers for Art majors include animation, ceramics, glassblowing, metal fabrication, graphic and multimedia design, illustration, videography, photography, teaching, and gallery art. Our graduates also work as community arts organizers, user experience designers, medical imagists, technical assistants for major film companies, jewelry designers and fabricators, book designers, and more.

Students develop important skills that employers look for, including:

- Diverse forms of communication, personal expression and connection
- Collaboration
- Creative problem solving
- Adaptability, agility, and the ability to learn new skills quickly
- Resilience
- Passion for their craft
- Empathy

Applied experiences, including paid internships, apprenticeship programs, career treks, and professional networking events, are available to UW Art students.