Art education is a perfect choice for students who thrive in creative, collaborative environments. People who choose this meaningful career path love viewing, discussing, and making works of art/design and are passionate about engaging others in the artistic process. Art educators help children and adults discover their own creative capacities and the countless contributions visual artists make to our communities each day.

UW–Madison’s art education program provides essential preparation for a variety of careers in art education. Students work directly with children and adolescents in both school and community-based field placements in every semester of the program. They study with outstanding art and education faculty in a range of rigorous and engaging studio, art history, curriculum and instruction, educational psychology, and educational policy studies courses, while also connecting with Madison’s vibrant arts community through field trips and service learning.

Graduates of our program earn a Bachelor of Science degree, a career-ready Wisconsin teaching license in PK–12 art education, and gain the skills, knowledge, and confidence to teach the visual arts in public and private schools, at the elementary and secondary levels, in the United States and internationally, and in community settings such as art museums, maker spaces, and senior centers.

Consult the departmental website (https://art.wisc.edu/undergraduate/undergraduate-degrees/) for additional information about art education. Students intending to teach in Wisconsin may be eligible for the Teacher Pledge (https://tec.education.wisc.edu/teacher-pledge/), an opt-in loan forgiveness program for teacher education students.