

Fine Arts



Why Fine Arts?

The Fine Arts degree program at MCC invites you to explore the potential of a creative life. Those enrolled in the program will receive the mentorship, vocabulary and skills necessary to succeed within the creative economy and its countless configurations, contexts and careers.

The Fine Arts degree focuses on creative practice, problem setting, tangential research, play, articulation and exhibition. Students who champion these tenets of a creative practice will be prepared to offer considerable contributions to their industries, cultures and contexts.

Degree & Certificate Options

The Fine Arts program has the following degree and certificate options:

- Fine Arts Associate of Arts (A.A.)
- Fine Arts Associate of Arts (A.A.) – Illustration Pathway
- Graphic Illustration Certificate

Program Goals

The Fine Arts program has been carefully planned and designed to provide you with the essential skills you would typically learn in the first two years of a 4-year degree program. As a diligent Fine Arts student, upon graduating you will be able to transfer into other degree programs and succeed with distinction having been armed with a strong arts foundation. If you are on the Illustration pathway, you will receive the education you'll need to successfully transfer into 4-year bachelor degree programs in Illustration or Animation.

Either way, if you are planning to transfer to another school or intend to build a studio-based career upon graduation, the Fine Arts degree and Illustration pathway will provide you with the skills, techniques and vocabulary that are essential for aspiring artists to succeed. When you complete the program you will also be equipped with a portfolio that will demonstrate your rigorous engagement with artistic mediums and creative problems.

Program Modality

Students have the option to complete the degree fully on campus, fully online or using a hybrid of both.

Admissions Requirements

In addition to college-wide admissions requirements, students must have:

- an interview with the Fine Arts Program Coordinator prior to admission to the program
- an Adobe Creative Cloud subscription
- a computer/laptop that supports Creative Cloud system requirements

Potential Jobs

- Art Teacher
- Art Consultant
- Freelance Artist
- Gallery Curator
- Illustrator
- Studio Artist

Potential Salary*

There is a wide range of jobs in the fine arts industry. See below for the average annual salary range in NH for a gallery **Curator**.

ENTRY LEVEL	MID-RANGE	EXPERIENCED
\$38,329	\$58,544	\$89,108

*Career Coach 2024, mccnh.lightcastcc.com

Transfer Opportunities

- Lesley University
- Massachusetts College of Art
- Maine College of Art
- The Institute of Art & Design at New England College
- University of New Hampshire
- ...and many more!

According to the non-profit organization, Americans for the Arts, the arts and culture industry creates about 5.7 million full-time jobs every year, nationwide!



Degree & Certificate Requirements

Fine Arts Degree

Degree Program - First Year

First Year	Fall Semester	TH	LAB	CR
ARTS105M	Introduction to Creative Practice	2	3	3
ARTS120M	Digital Photography	2	3	3
ARTS123M	Drawing I	2	3	3
ENGL110XM or ENGL110M	College Composition I with Corequisite or College Composition I	4	0	4
FYE100M	MCC Essentials	1	0	1
	Mathematics Elective	3	0	3
Total		14	9	17

First Year	Spring Semester	TH	LAB	CR
ARTS108M	Visual Language	2	3	3
ARTS210M	Painting I	2	3	3
ARTS117M	Art History I	3	0	3
	Social Science Elective (<i>ANTH, ECON, GEOG, HIST, POLS, PSYC, SOC</i>)	3	0	3
	English Elective	3	0	3
Total		13	6	15

Degree Program - Second Year

Second Year	Fall Semester	TH	LAB	CR
ARTS107M	Digital Tools for the Artist	2	3	3
	Art/Design Elective (ARTS or GDES)*	2	3	3
ARTS217M	Art History II	3	0	3
	Mathematics Elective	3	0	3
	Physical Lab Science Elective	3	3	4
Total		13	9	16

Second Year	Spring Semester	TH	LAB	CR
ARTS226M	Portfolio Prep for Fine Arts	2	3	3
ARTS207M	Professional Practice for Fine Arts and Illustration	3	0	3
	Art/Design Elective (ARTS or GDES)*	2	3	3
	Art/Design Elective (ARTS or GDES)*	2	3	3
	Physical Lab Science Elective	3	3	4
Total		12	12	16
Total Credits - 64				

*Students wishing to pursue Illustration should take ARTS100M, ARTS216M and either ARTS205M or ARTS208M as electives

NOTE: Students have the option to complete Fine Arts classes fully on campus, fully online or using a hybrid of both!

Illustration Pathway

MCC now offers an option for students wishing to explore the discipline of illustration. The suite of courses designed within this pathway equip students with the skills essential for visual storytelling, world building, character design, and more. The pathway prepares students to take on commercial projects, while also giving them the education needed to successfully transfer to other bachelors-level illustration degree programs.

Students in the Illustration Pathway must take the following courses instead of the Fine Arts Elective options within the Fine Arts Degree Program:

First Year	Spring Semester	TH	LAB	CR
ARTS100M	Introduction to Illustration	2	3	3

Second Year	Fall Semester	TH	LAB	CR
Choose One	ARTS205M - Comics and Graphic Novels or ARTS208M - Digital Illustration	2	3	3

Second Year	Spring Semester	TH	LAB	CR
ARTS216M	Illustration Avenues	2	3	3

Graphic Illustration Certificate

This program allows students interested in illustration to complete a certificate program in one year. Students will receive a balanced education that both reinforces the fundamentals of visual storytelling, while preparing students for a freelance career.

Co/prerequisite requirements for courses listed in the certificate will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

In addition to college-wide admissions requirements, students in the Graphic Illustration Certificate program must meet the Fine Arts admissions requirements outlined on the front page of this document.

		TH	LAB	CR
ARTS100M	Introduction to Illustration	2	3	3
ARTS105M	Introduction to Creative Practice	2	3	3
ARTS107M	Digital Tools for the Artist	2	3	3
ARTS120M	Digital Photography	2	3	3
ARTS123M	Drawing I	2	3	3
ARTS205M	Digital Illustration	2	3	3
ARTS207M	Professional Practice for Fine Arts and Illustration	3	0	3
ARTS208M	Comics and Graphic Novels	2	3	3
ARTS210M	Painting I	2	3	3
ARTS216M	Illustration Avenues	2	3	3
ARTS223M	Drawing II	2	3	3
Total		23	30	33
Total Credits - 33				

All courses and degree requirements are subject to change. For the most current information on MCC programs, [see mccnh.edu/programs](http://mccnh.edu/programs).

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