

Department of Art

Mission

The mission of the Azusa Pacific University Department of Art (<https://www.apu.edu/vpa/art/>) is to prepare art students for a lifetime of artistic expression and to cultivate individual creativity through the study of history, technique, presentation, and social engagement as reflectors of the creative and transformative nature of God, the ultimate Creator.

Faculty hold the belief that art is a socially responsible calling that empowers students to act as transformers in the world. In human history, artists have been the vessels and vehicles for spiritual, social, political, and psychological definition and change. Therefore, art is presented as a professional occupation and an essential part of a liberal arts education. APU students train to continue in that artistic tradition.

Department Policies

The following policies apply to all art major and BFA students:

- Students must successfully complete a portfolio Review of Artistic Competencies (RAC) before progressing to upper-division courses. The review dates are announced every term and are available in the Department of Art.
- Students must submit a portfolio application to be admitted into the BFA program. The application due dates are announced every term and are available in the Department of Art.
- BFA majors must install a capstone exhibition and create a final portfolio at the conclusion of their coursework to prove proficiency in their selected emphasis or concentration.

Accreditation

- Azusa Pacific University is accredited by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) (<https://www.wscuc.org/>).
- The Department of Art programs are accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD) (<https://nasad.arts-accredit.org/>).