



The Department of Art
BFA Application

Application Deadline and info: Applications accepted throughout the year on rolling basis. Students may apply before coming to the SUNY Brockport, or while attending the College, although it is advised that students apply by their Sophomore year, or before entry to the College for interested transfer students who have already earned an Associates Degree.

Art - Studio Major / Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) Program

Description and Application Guidelines:

The BFA (Bachelor of Fine Arts) degree program is intended for students who plan to pursue a professional career in art or to prepare for specialized graduate study. This degree requires 78 credits in art, art history, and approved electives in related disciplines. Students in the BFA program, admitted by required portfolio review, are required to complete at least one course in each major studio area, participate in faculty/student reviews each semester, obtain an 18-credit concentration, and successfully complete ART401 BFA Senior Thesis Exhibition.

BFA candidates must meet the following criteria to fulfill BFA degree requirements:

- 1) Maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 in ALL COURSES IN THE MAJOR, including a minimum grade of C in all art and art history courses.
- 2) Maintain a cumulative Brockport GPA of 2.5.
- 3) Complete a total of 78 credits in Art and Art History (or other courses through advisement).
- 4) Complete at least 18 credits in an area of concentration.
- 5) Participate in the BFA Group Review each semester.
- 6) Present a thesis exhibition during the final semester in the program.

BFA candidates are expected to:

- 1) Meet as a group with the Chair of the Department and/or BFA coordinator at start of each semester for an informational session to review criteria and expectations.
- 2) Commit significant time and energy to work outside of class time.
- 3) Be an active part of the arts community at Brockport and in the Rochester community at large.
- 4) Help mentor other art students and be a good role model for the Tower Fine Arts community.
- 5) Seek out constructive criticism from faculty and peers.
- 6) Complete assignments according to expectations set by faculty.

Submission of Application Materials:

Submit the materials listed below. (For any clarifications or questions related to the submission process, contact Chris Carson, Art Department Chair at ccarson@brockport.edu.)

1. Submit **10-15 examples of work** in JPG or PDF format.
 - JPEGs should be 72 dpi and no larger than 1240 pixels in any dimension and no larger than 1MB.
 - Please make sure the images are clear and files are labeled. Any images that are illegible will not be reviewed.
 - Select work that best demonstrates technical, conceptual and aesthetic proficiency. Including some work created from observation is highly encouraged. Give yourself enough time to properly photograph your work. Make sure digital images have excellent focus, lighting, and are cropped to exclude unnecessary information. Good work that is poorly documented equals unacceptable work in a review process.
2. Submit a separate **image checklist** that indicates title, medium, size, and date for each work submitted. For works that require an explanation, you may include a brief narrative after the information for that particular piece.
3. Submit a well-written, grammatically correct, concise **one-page statement** addressing the following points:
 - A. Your reasons for applying to the BFA program.
 - B. Your past experiences in art. How have these experiences influenced your decision to pursue a BFA degree?
 - C. Who has inspired you as an artist and why?
4. **Academic Record:** Submit an official transcript or a copy of your current Degree Audit.
5. Two **letters of recommendation**.
6. Complete and submit the attached "Application and Application Checklist"

Submission Information:

Use one of the following methods to submit your application:

- 1) Zip documents, photographs, and scans and email single zip file to the Art Dept Chair at ccarson@brockport.edu
- 2) Combine all documents, photographs, and scans into 1-2 MB complete PDF file and email to the Art Dept Chair at ccarson@brockport.edu
- 3) Send files to Art Dept Chair at ccarson@brockport.edu using file-transfer tool such as Dropbox, WeTransfer, Box, Sendspace, etc.

BFA Studio Art Program Application

Name: _____

Current Address: _____

City _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Home Phone Number _____

Cell Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Proposed Area of Concentration:

Ceramics

Drawing

Painting

Photography

Sculpture

Are you a Transfer Student? Yes No

If yes, School, City, and State (if more than one list most recent):

Major: _____ GPA: _____

Are you currently attending Brockport? Yes No

If no, when do you plan to attend SUNY Brockport? _____

Have you applied to the BFA Program before? Yes No

High School Name, City and State (if more than one list school you graduated from):

GPA: _____

Application Checklist:

Application Form

Transcripts or Brockport Degree Audit

10-15 Images

Corresponding Image Checklist in DOC or PDF format

Written Statement of Intent

Two letters of recommendation

Please check all that apply:

I am waiting to see if I am accepted into the BFA program before applying to the College.

I have applied to the College and am waiting for notification.

I have already been accepted to the College.

I have applied to the BFA Studio Art program before, this is my ____ attempt.