



# The Department

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## Masters of Fine Arts

### College of Graduate & Extended Education

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### The University

Radford University is located in the foothills of the scenic Blue Ridge Mountains in southwest Virginia. Radford University is a public institution with an enrollment of over 9,000 students.

### Master of Fine Arts

The Master of Fine Arts degree is a terminal studio degree program to pursue professional activities as a practicing visual artist or for entry into college teaching. The degree consists of 60 semester hours of course work, a thesis, and an M.F.A. exhibition. Students elect an area of concentration and work closely with the graduate faculty to plan their program of study. The written thesis requirement of the M.F.A. program insures that students display verbal as well as visual abilities.

### Facilities

Powell Hall houses studios for drawing, painting, graphic design, photography, and jewelry/metalsmithing. It also contains art education and art history facilities, an art computer lab with video and animation capabilities, a slide room, and departmental offices. Studio facilities in the art annex are dedicated to sculpture and ceramics. Graduate students manage and share their own studio space on the second floor of the Bondurant Center for the Arts in downtown Radford, a short walk from campus. Graduate Teaching Assistants share an office for appointments with students, email, and computer access. The Radford University Art Museum provides modern display space for faculty, students, and visiting exhibits.

### Admission Requirements

- Minimum grade point average of 2.75 overall and in the major
- Two letters of reference
- Statement of philosophy, overall goals and synopsis of work
- B.F.A. or commensurate collegiate course work
- Evidence of artistic competence is required, as demonstrated by 20 slides or CD of recent work.

Acceptance is competitive.

### Financial Aid

The Art Department currently offers several Graduate Assistantships with stipends of approximately \$8000 each for the first year, with a small increment for the second year. Tuition waivers are also possible. These positions become available when a vacancy occurs, but seldom are there more than two or three openings available each year. Duties of Graduate Assistants vary under the supervision of our Graduate faculty. Graduate Assistants are normally assigned to teach courses after completion of 18 hours of graduate credits. To apply for a Graduate Assistantship, applicants must submit a letter of intent directly to the Art Department Chairperson.

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