

# MASTER OF FINE ARTS IN ART AND SOCIAL PRACTICE

The Master of Fine Arts in Art and Social Practice is a 60-hour terminal degree. The program consists of graduate courses in the Department of Art that provide strong theoretical framework as well as courses that develop the students' creative work. The program is designed to provide support for the development of a professional creative practice of art making that engages audiences in community-based projects.

Students wishing to pursue an MFA in Art and Social Practice must meet the following requirements and submit all documents to the Office of Graduate Admissions.

1. Graduate Admissions Application (submitted online through ApplyTexas (<http://www.shsu.edu/admissions/apply-texas.html>))
2. Application Fee
3. A bachelor's degree in Art with a 3.0 GPA\* in undergraduate Art coursework
4. An official transcript from your baccalaureate degree granting institution
5. A digital portfolio of the applicant's artwork
6. A statement of intent
7. Three letters of reference
8. A Resume

**\*Note:** Exceptions to the 3.0 GPA requirement may be made in instances of outstanding portfolios and letters of recommendation that provide evidence that the student can be successful in a graduate program.

Requirements include public exhibitions, and community engaged art projects. An exhibition is required at the conclusion of the first year, and a review of the student's work by the graduate faculty occurs at the conclusion of the second year. The thesis/exhibition project includes a publication collaboratively designed and written by students in their third year.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Master of Fine Arts in Art and Social Practice</b>		
<b>Required Courses</b>		
ARTS 5311	Studio Critique <sup>1</sup>	9
ARTS 5312	Studio Seminar <sup>1</sup>	9
ARTS 5313	Teaching Seminar in Art	3
ARTS 5315	Professional & Social Practice	3
ARTS 5381	Socially Engaged Art	3
ARTS 5385	Contemporary Art and Theory	3
ARTS 6311	Collaborative Studio <sup>1</sup>	9
ARTS 6312	Community Seminar <sup>2</sup>	6
ARTS 6381	Research Methods in Art	3
ARTS 6385	Seminar in Art History <sup>2</sup>	6
ARTS 6398	Thesis Project I	3
ARTS 6399	Thesis Project II	3
Total Hours		60

<sup>1</sup> Taken three times.

<sup>2</sup> Taken two times.