

DEPARTMENT OF ART & DESIGN

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Department of Art & Design Mission Statement

To complement the mission of the University, the Department of Art & Design dedicates its efforts toward the following mission: *The WKU Department of Art & Design offers paths to explore, experience, and expand the possibilities of artistic expression, an indispensable part of human society.* It seeks to accomplish this mission through creativity, research, and effective use of its multiple resources.

The Department of Art & Design offers four undergraduate degree programs: the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Visual Arts with concentrations in Studio, Graphic Design, Animation, and UX Design; the Bachelor of Arts in Visual Studies with either a concentration in Art Education or a Studio concentration; a Bachelor of Arts in Art History; and an interdisciplinary Bachelor of Science in User Experience, in partnership with the Computer Science program. In addition, the department offers undergraduate minors in Art History, Computer Animation, Graphic Design, and Studio Art; and Certificates in Graphic Design, Game Design, and User Experience. WKU is a NASAD (National Association of Schools of Art and Design) accredited institution.

Individuals or groups interested in touring the department's facilities may make an appointment through the Department of Art & Design (270) 745-3944. Please visit the department's website, www.wku.edu/art (<http://www.wku.edu/art/>), for further details.

Through the University Gallery, the department presents exhibitions, lectures, and workshops by nationally recognized artists designed to enhance the education of art & design students while serving the entire university and larger community. Juried student shows, and graduating senior exhibitions are scheduled annually.

Degrees

- Art History, Bachelor of Arts (613) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/arts-letters/art/art-history-ba/>)
- User Experience, Bachelor of Science (5017) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/arts-letters/art/user-experience-bs/>)
- Visual Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts (514P, 514) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/arts-letters/art/visual-arts-bfa/>)
- Visual Studies, Bachelor of Arts (509) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/arts-letters/art/visual-studies-ba/>)

Minors

- Art History, Minor (316) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/arts-letters/art/art-history-minor/>)
- Computer Animation, Minor (352) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/arts-letters/art/computer-animation-minor/>)

- Graphic Design, Minor (385) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/arts-letters/art/graphic-design-advertising-majors-minor/>)
- Studio Art, Minor (312) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/arts-letters/art/studio-art-minor/>)

Certificate

- Game Design, Certificate (1761) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/arts-letters/art/game-design-certificate/>)
- Graphic Design, Certificate (1762) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/arts-letters/art/graphic-design-certificate/>)
- User Experience, Certificate (1747) (<http://catalog.wku.edu/undergraduate/arts-letters/art/user-experience-certificate/>)

Faculty

Professor

Kristina E. Arnold MFA (Art, Painting), University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 2003
Michael A. Nichols MFA (Fine Arts, Painting), Fontbonne College, 2000
Yvonne Petkus MFA (Art, Painting), University of Washington, 1996
Joon G. Sung MFA (Computer Graphics), Syracuse University Main Campus, 2001
Matthew L. Tullis MFA (Visual Design), Temple University, 1991

Associate Professor

Ingrid A. Cartwright PhD (Art History), University of Maryland College Park, 2007
Guy D. Jordan PhD (Art History), University of Maryland College Park, 2007
Marilee D. Salvator MFA (Art Studio), University of New Mexico Main Campus, 2004
William M. Simpson MA (Art), Marshall University, 1982
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Assistant Professor

Kara E. Glenn MFA (Fine Arts), Full Sail Real World Education, 2019
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Instructor I

Kelley K. Coppinger BFA (Advertising Art, French), University of North Texas, 1989
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