



University Profile

The University of Saint Francis was founded in 1890 and has a rich heritage of offering quality education. Rooted in the Catholic and Franciscan traditions of Faith and Reason, the University of Saint Francis engages a diverse community in learning, leadership and service.

The campus has 74 acres of rolling lawns and trees with 19 buildings and four residence halls that surround beautiful Mirror Lake.

Personal attention to students is what makes a USF education so meaningful and enriching to its approximately 2,000 students.

The School of Creative Arts

The School of Creative Arts at the University of Saint Francis is a creative, collaborative learning environment providing a personalized education for emerging artists, communicators and scholars.

You will study with distinguished faculty who are also award winning, published and exhibited artists, communicators and scholars.

We invite you to join an academic program that is recognized and accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD). USF is one of the 260 art schools accredited in the United States and one of only seven in the state of Indiana.

The School of Creative Arts at the University of Saint Francis provides students with a solid education in the arts which encompasses both traditionally and technologically advanced methods of art education. It facilitates learning and professional development for a diverse student body.

Franciscan values are promoted in the coursework and learning experience to provide for the personal growth of each student. The Associate Degree in Communication Arts and Graphic Design provides students with working knowledge in a specific concentration. The various Bachelor of Art degrees complement the liberal arts tradition of the university and educate students in programs which specifically promote the areas of studio art, communication arts and graphic design, computer art, art education, communication, and music technology. The School of Creative Arts offers coursework in music, dance and theater.

The Master of Art program builds upon a baccalaureate foundation to provide a student with expertise in a specific major and minor; a graduate certificate in arts administration is also offered.

The School of Creative Arts is known for graduating exceptionally talented students. Students work closely with faculty in small classes, resulting in tremendous artistic growth. The department has a student/faculty ratio of 15 to 1, which allows students to express themselves and reach their full potential. The faculty are dedicated, practicing professionals in their fields.

Opportunities for Art Education Students

In addition to the challenging classes in the School of Creative Arts, students are able to take advantage of opportunities that promote and support leadership skills, organizational skills and service, including:

- Campus clubs such as the Art Education Society
- Access to SOCA's studio art areas and facilities 24/7
- Opportunities to apply for private student studio space
- Hands-on training using state-of-the-art equipment and technology
- Sophomore and Senior reviews with SOCA faculty
- Internship opportunities both locally and nationally
- Assignments and projects that develop a strong art portfolio
- Relationships with area businesses, museums, fine art studios, galleries, and non-profit organizations
- Lecture programs both on and off campus
- Annual Student Art Exhibition
- Many opportunities for students to exhibit within the community
- Travel abroad opportunities with the Global classroom
- Opportunities with the campus newspaper *Paw Print*

- Internships, global classes, exhibitions, and on-campus employment allow students to:

- Become more knowledgeable and gain insight into the art profession
- Expose themselves to as much art as possible
- Obtain hands-on experience within the field of study
- Gain confidence both on paper and in person
- Develop networking contacts
- Create an effective artist's résumé

Major in Visual Arts Education

The Bachelor of Science in Art Education has two programs of study:

- The All-Grade Visual Arts Education program leads to a license to teach art in grades K-12. It has a total of 131 credit hours.
- The Secondary Visual Arts Education program leads to a license to teach art in grades 6-12. It has a total of 128 credit hours.

All Grade Visual Arts Education Professional Education Core (31 hours)

Introduction to Teaching
 Introduction to Exceptionality
 Practicum in Teacher Education
 Education Psychology and Measurement
 Advanced Practicum in
 Teacher Education
 Lab Teaching with Children
 Seminar in Student Teaching
 Student Teaching

All Grade Visual Arts Education Program Specific Core (53 hours)

Collaboration and Communication in
 Exceptional Needs
 Special Methods in the Visual Arts
 Behavior/Classroom Management
 2/D Composition
 Drawing
 3/D Composition
 Fundamentals of Art I and II
 Sculpture
 Senior Project

History of Art I
 Contemporary Art History
 6 elective hours of art history courses
 13 elective hours of studio art courses

All Grade Visual Arts Education Additional Studio Art Electives

9 credit hours

Secondary Visual Arts Education Professional Education Core (27 hours)

Introduction to Teacher Education
 Introduction to Exceptionality
 Practicum in Teacher Education
 Education Psychology and Measurement
 Advanced Practicum in
 Teacher Education
 Seminar in Student Teaching
 Student Teaching

Secondary Visual Arts Education Program Specific Core (53 hours)

Collaboration and Communication in
 Exceptional Needs
 Special Methods in the Visual Arts
 Behavior/Classroom Management
 2/D Composition
 Drawing
 3/D Composition
 Sculpture
 Lab Art Teaching with Children
 Senior Project
 History of Art I
 Contemporary Art History
 6 elective hours of art history courses
 13 elective hours of studio art courses

Secondary Visual Arts Education Additional Studio Art Electives

12 credit hours

Leadership Opportunities

The Art Education Society is the student chapter of the National Art Education Association. The purpose of this chapter is to:

- Provide an effective transition from art education preparation to professional practice.
- Maintain a high standard of quality art education on campus and in the community.

- Gain greater insight and perspective about the teaching of art and contemporary concepts in art education.
- Sponsor service projects such as speaker, symposia, exhibitions, etc.
- Promote an exchange of ideas in substantive art education.
- Promote art education and all areas of the visual arts as a career choice.

Student Financial Aid

Financial Aid is available in the form of scholarships, grants, loans, and work study.

Competitive scholarships are open to any high school senior or junior or transfer student seeking admission, are accepted as students, and comply with all guidelines. A High School Workshop and a Talent Day are held in the fall and spring of each year. Any student attending may present a portfolio for review and be considered for a scholarship or try out for Choir, Pep Band or Jazz Ensemble. Scholarships for Music Technology are also available. Students may contact the School of Creative Arts and make portfolio appointments at alternative times if necessary.

More than 95 percent of undergraduate students receive some form of financial assistance; most receive more than one type of aid. Early estimated packages are available online at www.sf.edu for any student who has been admitted to the university for fall admission.

All students are encouraged to complete the free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Priority deadline is no later than March 10.

For More Information

Call the Office of Admissions at 260-434-3279 or 1-800-729-4732, or visit our website at www.sf.edu.