

# UWG Department of Art Mission Statement

The Department of Art seeks to provide undergraduate students with opportunities for intellectual, creative, personal, and technical development through quality teaching, scholarly inquiry, creative endeavor, and service for the public good. As such, the department's mission is clearly part of and supports the overall institutional missions of the School of the Arts, College of Arts & Humanities, the University of West Georgia and the University System of Georgia.

## UWG Department of Art Goals, Learning Outcomes & Assessment

The department is dedicated to fostering an atmosphere wherein creative practice is developed and implemented with high expectations for the success of its graduates. The department is committed to graduating students with a formal understanding of the language of visual communication with the assumption that their education will be furthered through employment or graduate study. At this time in our culture, visual communication is a vital and marketable skill. Beyond the immediate applicability of the art degree, critical and creative thinking skills acquired through the conceptual and practical aspects of visual literacy are essential for innovation and advancement in many fields such as medicine, business, and law. Also, the Arts are often a vehicle for learning and appreciating the traditions of other cultures. Especially through art history and art education programs, the department seeks to present students and the community with a variety of multicultural experiences.

## The UWG Department of Art's goals and objectives are as follows:

The Department of Art will maintain high-quality undergraduate programs that impart broad-based and/or in-depth knowledge while fostering creative and intellectual growth, critical thinking, skill-sets development, and personal/social responsibilities.

The department will be composed of professors who engage in scholarly inquiry, creative production and public service in the fields of Art Education, Art History, Studio Arts, and Graphic Design; and as such, they will be good role models as professional artists, scholars, designers, and teachers.

The department will maintain up-to-date studios, classrooms and equipment that comply with national health and safety standards.

As part of its curricular offerings, the Department of Art will provide yearly opportunities for travel, both domestic and international, for the purpose of viewing works of art and

architecture within their context. Moreover, study abroad constitutes an important aspect of the department's mission, in that study abroad provides students with an important cultural perspective that fosters tolerance and appreciation for cultural diversity.

The Department of Art will seek to provide varied services to the citizens of the State of Georgia. In addition to fulfilling the mission to serve the region's educational needs, the department provides professional assistance such as: service as jurors in regional art competitions; presentations as guest speakers & lecturers in public and private schools as well as local civic groups; exhibition of artwork in local businesses; cooperation with the Carrollton Cultural Arts Center; and creation of commissioned works of art. Outreach has even been provided to law enforcement and medical entities.

The Department of Art will seek to provide financial aid and assistance to those students who are in need, in order that they will be able to continue and complete their studies. The Department of Art awards over \$10,000.00 in financial aid based upon the review of applicants' portfolios. Freshmen compete separately for these awards. Also, the Department of Art is among the top five departments in the University for the number of available endowed scholarships.

## Scholarships available are:

Art Scholarship Endowment  
Art Study Award  
Bessie Curran Kepp  
Betty Andre Memorial  
Cooper Bell Memorial Scholarship  
David Dugan Jr. Art Scholarship  
Dorothy & C.J. Colevins Art Award  
Gloria Covert Memorial Art Scholarship  
Grace Richards Scholarship  
Helen Hunt Whatley Scholarship  
James and Marie Hingerton Scholarship  
Joyce Entrekin Harris Scholarship  
Marianne Bobick Memorial  
Mittie Brooks Johnson Memorial Scholarship  
P.J. Younglove Hovey Live Art Scholarship  
Roush Family Scholarship  
Susan & Alex Roush Art Scholarship  
W. Steve Worthy Presidential Scholarship  
Art Foundation Award  
Henry Setter Memorial Scholarship  
Art Department Student Study Abroad Fund