Studio Art

Introduction

The Studio Art program at Delaware State strikes a balance between artistry and academics — and between creativity and career development. Working with accomplished artists in a professional environment, our students develop advanced studio skills along with the discipline, work habits, and intellectual depth necessary for success. Because our program improves the mind as well as the eye and the hand, our graduates thrive in a broad range of careers, including advertising, design, and digital multimedia. In addition, many of our students go on to graduate school.

Delaware State boasts state-of-the-art facilities (including a darkroom and computer lab), plus an outstanding gallery in which students and faculty members exhibit their work alongside nationally renowned artists. The program operates on the philosophy that artists are essential to civilization, and we prepare our graduates to perform in that role.

Professional Prep

Many of our graduates go on to careers as independent, studio-based fine artists in various media (including painting, sculpture, and photography). Others go into commercial art, working in industries such as advertising, design, publishing, or digital media.

Students in the program develop advanced skills in all major media, including

- computer graphics and digital art
- painting
- drawing
- sculpture
- ceramics
- photography
- printmaking
- 2-D and 3-D design

Faculty

All of Delaware State’s art faculty are successful practicing artists and dedicated teachers. The various members exhibit their art internationally, lead workshops and lectures, serve as judges, and participate in national conferences. Taken together, these activities provide the Delaware State art program with a wide network of contacts and a national reputation.

The faculty’s broad range of experience enhances their ability to function as mentors, helping young artists to carve out satisfying professional and creative niches. The department has a family-like atmosphere, in which instructors and students help each other meet the challenges of creative growth and career development.

Research and Experience

During the senior year, Studio Art majors create a body of work and present a show in the gallery. They also complete a thesis

paper and slide registry, and make an oral presentation before the department faculty.

The art department sponsors lectures, workshops, and other cultural and artistic events on campus. It also operates the on-campus Arts Center/Gallery, an exhibition space that displays art by Delaware State students and faculty, as well as regional and national artists. The Arts Center/Gallery sponsors lectures, receptions, seminars, and interactive arts events, while hosting the annual Regional Scholastic Art Awards.

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