

**The University of Alabama  
Department of Art & Art History  
Bachelor of Fine Art (BFA) Degree Application**

**Frequently Asked Questions:**

**WHAT IS THE BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS (BFA) DEGREE?**

The BFA degree is the professional degree for the artist; it is also the foundation for the master's program in studio art. The BFA degree program permits a student to take a greater number of concentrations in studio art and art history. The program incorporates both a major and minor in the field of art. Students who wish to fulfill the requirements for the BFA in eight semesters must enter the program at the beginning of the freshman year; full admission to the program is granted only upon successful completion of the BFA application review.

**WHAT IS A CANDIDATE STATEMENT?**

It is an opportunity for you to articulate *why* you want to be a BFA in a particular media area (ceramics, digital media, drawing, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture). Try to pinpoint what you love about the arts or a particular media area and when you first became interested. Additionally, it is always helpful to discuss what you hope to achieve with a professional Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from The University of Alabama.

**WHEN SHOULD I APPLY?**

Currently, the Department of Art and Art History would like applicants to apply before they reach 30 credit hours of Art and Art History coursework. Please see your advisor or primary media area professor if you are concerned that you have too few or too many credits. We want to support you, so it doesn't hurt to ask!

**DO I NEED TO SUBMIT IMAGES OF MY WORK OR PRESENT MY WORK TO FACULTY?**

The Department of Art & Art History has implemented a procedural change to the BFA Review process and students will NOT need to submit images of their work or present it to the faculty at this time.