Fibers and Materials Studies, M.F.A.

Center for the Arts / TYLER SCHOOL OF ART (http://www.temple.edu/tyler)

About the Program

The graduate program in Fibers and Materials Studies is a two-year, 60-credit program leading to the Master of Fine Arts degree. Our nationally recognized faculty, who bring to the program a reputation for excellence in teaching with a wide range of attitudes and philosophical positions, are complemented by an extensive schedule of visiting artists and critics. Students can also draw from the cultural resources of Philadelphia and the nearby art centers of New York and Washington, DC.

Time Limit for Degree Completion: 4 years

Campus Location: Main

Full-Time/Part-Time Status: Full-time status is required.

Interdisciplinary Study: The focus in Fibers and Materials Studies is augmented and balanced by specially designed graduate-level Art History courses and seminars; a required interdisciplinary seminar; and studio electives that ensure cross-disciplinary contact among students.

Study Abroad: The Crafts area participates in faculty and student exchange programs with the Glasgow School of Art in Scotland.

Accreditation: This degree program is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design.

Areas of Specialization: In the Fibers area, equipment is available for traditional and contemporary techniques, including new technologies that allow the development of surface imagery with photographic stencils, as well as the creation of weave structures on a computer AVL loom. Students are encouraged to experiment with the materials, techniques, and concepts previously developed in their work.

Job Prospects: The M.F.A. program prepares graduates for careers as professional artists, craftspersons, designers, and educators.

Non-Matriculated Student Policy: M.F.A. courses are restricted to matriculated students.

Financing Opportunities: The principal duties of a Teaching Assistant (TA) or Academic Intern (AI) include assisting faculty members in preparing apparatus or materials for demonstrations and maintenance and/or monitoring of studio and exhibition areas and equipment.

Admission Requirements and Deadlines

Application Deadline:

Fall: January 15

All applications are evaluated together after the deadline date.

APPLY ONLINE to this graduate program.

Letters of Reference:

Number Required: 3

From Whom: Letters of recommendation should be obtained from college/university faculty members, gallery directors, and/or curators familiar with the applicant's academic and artistic competence.

Coursework Required for Admission Consideration: 40 undergraduate studio credits and 12 art history credits are required.

Bachelor's Degree in Discipline/Related Discipline: A baccalaureate degree and a portfolio specific to Fibers and Materials Studies are required.

Statement of Goals: Approximately 500-1,000 words include your specific interest in Tyler's program, your research goals, your future career goals, and your academic and artistic achievements.

Standardized Test Scores:

TOEFL: 79 iBT or 550 PBT minimum

Portfolio: As a Master of Fine Arts applicant, you must submit a portfolio that consists of 20 images representative of the immediate direction of your work. Portfolios are to be uploaded at https://temple.slideroom.com/ , as instructed at the website. SlideRoom requires an additional fee for this service. Original work, slides, CD-ROMs, catalogs, photographs, books, and/or binders are not acceptable substitutes for the SlideRoom portfolio and will not be reviewed or returned.
Resume: Current resume required.

Transfer Credit: Upon approval of the Department Coordinator, the student’s advisor, and the Vice Dean, up to 9 credits of graduate work completed at Temple University within a five-year period may be transferred into the program. Up to 6 credits of graduate coursework taken at other accredited institutions within the prior five years before matriculation may be considered for transfer into the program after the student has enrolled. No decisions are made until students have successfully completed 15 matriculated credits at Tyler. The maximum number of credits a student may transfer is 9.

Program Requirements

General Program Requirements:
Number of Credits Required to Earn the Degree: 60

Required Courses:

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Art History Courses 2

Studio Electives 3

Total Credit Hours 60

1 Courses are sequenced to be taken in the Fall and Spring terms. The sequence is repeated a second year for a total of four courses taken over four terms.

2 Of the four required courses, two must be Art History Seminar classes chosen from a range of graduate offerings (5000 to 5800 or 8000 to 9980).

3 Course descriptions can be viewed on the Class Schedule (http://www.temple.edu/apply/common/cdcheck.asp). Please note that taking any course under the 5000 level for graduate credit requires prior approval from the studio area head.

Culminating Events:

Thesis Exhibition:
An approved thesis exhibition, written statement of working philosophy, and slide and/or CD portfolio are required at the final review in order to meet the M.F.A. requirements. The thesis exhibition should be the fruit of the two years’ studio research and practice in which the student engaged. The student defends her/his thesis exhibition to the review committee. The committee then evaluates the exhibition as pass with distinction, pass, or fail.

Contacts

Program Web Address:
http://tyler.temple.edu/programs/fibers-material-studies

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Submission Address for Application Materials:
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Mailing Address for Official Transcripts:
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Courses

CRFT 8183. Graduate Projects, Ceramics. 3 to 6 Credit Hours.
Creative studies in ceramics for the master's degree candidate. Note: This course can only be taken twice for credit.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
College Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Colleges: Art, Tyler School
Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

CRFT 8184. Graduate Projects, Ceramics II. 3 to 6 Credit Hours.
Creative studies in ceramics for the master's degree candidate. Note: This course can only be taken twice for credit.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
College Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Colleges: Art, Tyler School
Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

CRFT 8201. Graduate Seminar, Ceramics/Glass/Fibers. 3 Credit Hours.
Creative studies and discussions related to career concerns in these fields. Note: This course can only be taken twice for credit.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
Degree Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Degrees: Master of Fine Arts
College Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Colleges: Art, Tyler School
Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

CRFT 8202. Graduate Seminar, Ceramics/Glass/Fibers II. 3 Credit Hours.
Creative studies and discussions related to career concerns in these fields. Note: This course can only be taken twice for credit.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
Degree Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Degrees: Master of Fine Arts
College Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Colleges: Art, Tyler School
Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

CRFT 8283. Graduate Projects, Glass. 3 to 6 Credit Hours.
Creative studies in glass for the master's degree candidate. Note: This course can only be taken twice for credit.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
College Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Colleges: Art, Tyler School
Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

CRFT 8284. Graduate Projects, Glass II. 3 to 6 Credit Hours.
Creative studies in glass for the master's degree candidate. Note: This course can only be taken twice for credit.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
College Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Colleges: Art, Tyler School
Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

CRFT 8383. Graduate Projects, Fibers. 3 to 6 Credit Hours.
Creative studies in fibers for the master's degree candidate. Note: This course can only be taken twice for credit.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
College Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Colleges: Art, Tyler School
Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

CRFT 8384. Graduate Projects, Fibers II. 3 to 6 Credit Hours.
Creative studies in fibers for the master's degree candidate. Note: This course can only be taken twice for credit.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
College Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Colleges: Art, Tyler School
Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

CRFT 8401. Graduate Seminar, Metals. 1 to 3 Credit Hour.
A study of the work of internationally recognized metalsmiths leads to discussions of the philosophical bases of contemporary metalwork. Note: This course can only be taken twice for credit.

Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
College Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Colleges: Art, Tyler School
Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.
CRFT 8402. Metals Workshop. 3 Credit Hours.
A study of the work of internationally recognized metalsmiths leads to discussions of the philosophical bases of contemporary metalwork.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
College Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Colleges: Art, Tyler School
Repeatability: This course may not be repeated for additional credits.

CRFT 8403. Graduate Seminar, Metals II. 1 to 3 Credit Hour.
A study of the work of internationally recognized metalsmiths leads to discussions of the philosophical bases of contemporary metalwork. Note: This course can only be taken twice for credit.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
College Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Colleges: Art, Tyler School
Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

CRFT 8483. Graduate Projects, Metals. 3 Credit Hours.
Creative studies in the areas of Metals, Jewelry and CAD/CAM for the master's degree candidate. Note: This course can only be taken twice for credit.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
College Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Colleges: Art, Tyler School
Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

CRFT 8484. Graduate Projects, Metals II. 3 Credit Hours.
Creative studies in the areas of Metals, Jewelry and CAD/CAM for the master's degree candidate. Note: This course can only be taken twice for credit.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
College Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Colleges: Art, Tyler School
Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

CRFT 9182. Graduate Independent Study. 1 to 3 Credit Hour.
Self-directed study and research developed in conjunction with, and supervised by, a senior faculty member in the major area of the student.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
College Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Colleges: Art, Tyler School
Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

CRFT 9184. Graduate Thesis Exhibition: Clay. 3 Credit Hours.
The culminating visual presentation of the candidates' creative research.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
College Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Colleges: Art, Tyler School
Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

CRFT 9189. Tyler Art Workshop/Scotland. 3 Credit Hours.
A four-week summer studio art program in Scotland, including an introductory week in London visiting museums and galleries. Students live and work in studio facilities in Scotland. Artists from the Glasgow School of Art and Tyler School of Art staff conduct intensive workshops in a variety of media. The students' travel and research experiences in Great Britain will be utilized as a source of inspiration for the development of their artwork.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
College Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Colleges: Art, Tyler School
Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

CRFT 9284. Graduate Thesis Exhibition: Glass. 3 Credit Hours.
The culminating visual presentation of the candidates' creative research.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
College Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Colleges: Art, Tyler School
Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

CRFT 9285. Graduate Thesis Research: Ceramics and Glass. 3 Credit Hours.
Research projects in the areas of teaching or technology are developed in consultation with the candidates' professor and advisor.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
Degree Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Degrees: Master of Fine Arts
College Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Colleges: Art, Tyler School
Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

CRFT 9384. Graduate Thesis Exhibition: Fibers. 3 Credit Hours.
For graduate students in the Fibers area, working toward their M.F.A. degree. This course is required in the fourth semester of their residency. The work in this course is to culminate in the thesis exhibition.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
College Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Colleges: Art, Tyler School
Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

Pre-requisites:
CRFT 9395| Required Courses:2|Minimum Grade of B|May not be taken concurrently.
CRFT 9395. Graduate Thesis Research: Fibers. 3 Credit Hours.
Research projects in the areas of teaching or technology are developed in consultation with the candidates’ professor and advisor.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
College Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Colleges: Art, Tyler School
Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

CRFT 9484. Graduate Thesis Exhibition: Metals. 1 to 3 Credit Hour.
The culminating visual presentation of the candidates’ creative research.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
College Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Colleges: Art, Tyler School
Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.

CRFT 9495. Graduate Thesis Research: Metals. 3 Credit Hours.
Research projects in the areas of teaching, history, or technology are developed in consultation with the candidates’ professor and advisor.
Level Registration Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Levels: Graduate
Degree Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Degrees: Master of Fine Arts
College Restrictions: Must be enrolled in one of the following Colleges: Art, Tyler School
Repeatability: This course may be repeated for additional credit.