



ART DEPARTMENT

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ACADEMIC OUTCOME ASSESSMENT PLAN

UAF Art Department, BA Degree Program

Mission of the Art Department:

To encourage independent, original, creative/critical thinking skills, and to prepare students for a career in art.

Goal of Assessment:

To determine if UAF Art Department students have received a quality, undergraduate education that has prepared them to be contributing reflective members of society.

Intended outcomes of assessment:

- (1) Students will develop critical thinking skills.
- (2) Students will develop written and oral skills
- (3) Students will develop skills in their area of concentration

Assessment Criteria and Implementation Procedures

Entry Level Assessment:

- (1) Students must be accepted to the university.

Exit Level Assessment:

- (1) Students must complete the general university requirements.
- (2) Students must complete the BA degree requirements.

- (3) Students must complete a minimum of 39 art credits.

Timeline:

The Art Department will be implementing these requirements with the Fall 2002 semester.

ACADEMIC OUTCOME ASSESSMENT PLAN **UAF Art Department, BFA Degree Program**

Mission of Art Department: To encourage independent, original, creative/critical thinking skills, and to prepare students for a career in art.

Goal of Assessment: To determine if UAF Art Department students have received a quality, undergraduate, art education that has prepared them to be contributing, reflective members of society capable of functioning as working artists.

Intended outcomes of assessment:

- (1) Students will develop critical thinking skills.
- (2) Students will develop written and oral skills
- (3) Students will develop and enhance skills in their area of concentration—ceramics, computer art, drawing, fiber arts, metalsmithing, Native Arts, painting, photography, printmaking, and sculpture.

Assessment Criteria and Implementation Procedures

Entry Level Assessment:

- (1) Students must be accepted to the university.
- (2) Students must complete general university requirements for a liberal arts degree.
- (2) Students must apply and be accepted into the Art Department's BFA program (this usually occurs during students' junior year).
- (3) Students must submit a letter of intent, three references, and a portfolio with a minimum of three pieces of artwork done in any medium, and/or color slides.

Exit Level Assessment

- (1) Students must maintain a 2.5 GPA in general art courses.

- (2) Students must maintain a 3.00 GPA in their major/minor areas of concentration.
- (3) Students must mount a solo thesis exhibit in the UAF Art Department gallery.
- (4) Students have a maximum of three years to complete the BFA degree requirements.

Timeline:

The Art Department will be implementing these requirements with the Fall 2002 semester.

ACADEMIC OUTCOME ASSESSMENT PLAN

UAF Art Department, MFA Degree Program

Mission of Art Department: To encourage independent, original, creative/critical thinking skills, and to prepare students for a career in art.

Goal of Assessment: To determine if UAF Art Department students have received a quality, undergraduate, art education that has prepared them to be contributing, reflective members of society capable of functioning as working artists.

MFA graduates typically choose these career paths: College art instructors, Museum and Gallery positions, Independent curators, Arts Administrators, Elementary and Secondary Teachers, Workshops and Residences, Graphic Designers/Computer Graphic Artists, Art Therapy, and Artists.

We will send questionnaires to employers of our graduates after they are placed to assess the type of education they received to determine where our strengths and weaknesses are in the program. Specific data from the information received will be analyzed for curricular improvement.

We supply the necessary background for students to participate in state, national, and international art competitions and exhibitions. This can be evaluated by the criteria outlined in our own unit criteria that state the level of professional standard for each type of exhibition. These criteria are also the standard outlined by the College Art Association.

We will provide access and overall site maintenance for a departmental web site that will help track our graduates. This web site will provide a means to check on employment and progression of their careers.

We will send questionnaires to all graduates after completion of the program requesting information assessing the program impact on the students' lives and on the advancement of their careers.

Intended outcomes of assessment:

- (1) Students will develop critical thinking skills.
- (2) Students will develop written and oral skills.
- (3) Students will develop and enhance skills in their area of concentration—ceramics, computer art, drawing, fiber arts, metalsmithing, Native Arts, painting, photography, printmaking, and sculpture.

Assessment Criteria and Implementation Procedures

Entry Level Assessment:

- (1) Students must be accepted to the university graduate school.
- (2) Students must apply and be accepted into the Art Department's MFA program.
- (3) Students must submit a letter of intent, three references, and a portfolio that includes 20 slides of artwork done in any medium, or the appropriate equivalent.
- (4) Students must select an area of concentration: ceramics, computer art, drawing, fiber arts, metalsmithing, Native Arts, painting, photography, printmaking, and sculpture.

Exit Level Assessment:

- (1) Students must show an ability to synthesize and integrate ideas and concepts in their work.
- (2) Students must show an ability to use materials, tools, and/or various technologies in a studio setting.
- (3) Students must be able to display a high degree of aesthetic appreciation in their chosen field.
- (4) Students must display a clearly developing personal style as an artist.
- (5) Students must mount a solo gallery exhibit.

Timeline:

The Art Department will be implementing these requirements with the Fall 2002 semester.