

**Fast-Track to Becoming a Certified Art Teacher: For Those with an Earned Visual Art BFA**  
 Post-Baccalaureate Recommended Course Sequence



EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
**School of Art & Design**

Thank you for your interest in Visual Art Education. Right now, as you may know, there is a nationwide teacher shortage. This shortage includes art. There are many jobs available, especially for those willing to travel to a new location for employment.

Below we have listed the courses you will need to take to earn your Michigan teaching certificate. Since you have already earned a BFA in Visual Art you will mostly need to take courses in Visual Art Education, as well as a series of learning courses offered in the College of Education. As you start the process you will first meet with Molly Thornbladh at the EMU College of Education. Molly will be your advisor through the certification process. She will review your college transcript(s) to make sure that you have all the studio and art history classes needed for certification. Occasionally a student will need to take more 3-D studio courses, or they may need to take Non-Western Art History. The Michigan Department of Education requires that art teachers be balanced in their knowledge of 2-D and 3-D studio processes.

Please reach out if you have further questions. We are here to help you achieve your goal of becoming an art teacher! -Dr. Cam McComb

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Recommended Course Sequence Beginning Fall Semester  
 Post-Baccalaureate with Earned Visual Art BFA

YEAR 1		YEAR 2	
Fall	Winter	Fall	Winter
ARTE 357 Introduction to VAE	ARTE 358* Curriculum & Assessment in VAE	ARTE 460* Approaches to Teaching VAE	EDUC 496 Student Teaching
ARTE 355* Interpreting Art in VAE	ARTE 359* Practicum in VAE	ARTE 360* Technology in VAE	EDUC 497 Student Teaching
EDPS 222 Human Development & Learning	SFCE 328W Schools for a Diverse & Democratic Society	Reading 311 Teaching Reading in the Secondary Schools	-Working or taking classes during student teaching is NOT recommended. Student teaching will be a full-time job experience.
SPGN 251 Education of Students with Exceptionalities	Art History (if needed)	PRCT 311 Field Experience III: Secondary	
Studio Elective (if needed)	Studio Elective (if needed)		
3-D	3-D	MTTC Subject Area Test Student Teaching Application Due 6/15	Graduation Application

\*It is critical that you take ARTE classes as recommended as these classes are only offered once a year. Starting fall semester is the best way to ensure the shortest time-to-completion.