

# Interdisciplinary Studies (Interdisciplinary Arts and Performance), MA

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Experience the freedom to integrate aesthetic investigation across many artistic pursuits, including visual, audio, performance, game design, film and digital arts. Gain a deeper understanding of art concepts that will enable you to produce transformative creations.

## Program description

### **Degree awarded: MA Interdisciplinary Studies (Interdisciplinary Arts and Performance)**

The MA degree in interdisciplinary studies is an innovative program in which students learn how to use two or more disciplines in an integrative method that leads to new discoveries. The concentration in interdisciplinary arts and performance enables students to engage the study of interdisciplinary art practices and theories from a perspective developed over decades of the New College's undergraduate interdisciplinary arts and performance major.

Throughout the curriculum, interdisciplinary arts are outwardly and continually inclusive, expanding, evolving and innovative, empowering students to shape and direct their creative pathways. Students engage in a deeper collaborative investigation of multiple artistic disciplines, interacting with theoretically advanced studies in visual, sonic and performance arts to become versatile artists and art scholars, preparing them for the complex and changing world through current approaches to aesthetic innovation.

The program gives students access to faculty members who are active practitioners of interdisciplinary inquiry. Students work with the faculty to define their own areas of artistic practices.

## At a glance

- **College/School:** [New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences](#)
- **Location:** [West Valley](#)

## Accelerated program options

This program allows students to obtain both a bachelor's and master's degree in as little as five years. It is offered as an **accelerated bachelor's plus master's degree** with:

### Interdisciplinary Arts and Performance, BA

Acceptance to the graduate program requires a separate application. Students typically receive approval to pursue the accelerated master's during the junior year of their bachelor's degree program. Interested students can learn about eligibility requirements and [how to apply](#).

## Degree requirements

30 credit hours including the required capstone course (MAS 585)

### **Required Core (9 credit hours)**

MAS 501 Methods for Interdisciplinary Inquiry (3)

MAS 502 Perspectives in Interdisciplinary Studies (3)

MAS 505 Theories of Change, Culture and Mind (3)

### **Concentration (6 credit hours)**

IAP 560 Composition: Process, Technique and Style (3)

IAP 570 Language, Culture and Performance (3)

### **Other Requirements (3 credit hours)**

IAP 598 Topic: Media Technologies and the Arts (3)

### **Electives (9 credit hours)**

### **Culminating Experience (3 credit hours)**

MAS 585 Capstone Course (3)

## Admission requirements

Applicants must fulfill the requirements of both the Graduate College and the New College of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences. Applicants are eligible to apply to the program if they have earned a bachelor's or master's degree in any field from a regionally accredited institution. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in the last 60 hours of their first bachelor's degree program, or applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in an applicable master's degree program.

Applicants are required to submit:

1. graduate admissions application and application fee
2. official transcripts
3. personal statement
4. two letters of recommendation
5. art portfolio
6. proof of English proficiency

### **Additional Application Information**

An applicant whose native language is not English must provide [proof of English proficiency](#) regardless of their current residency.

The art portfolio could include digital examples of work created or links to digital archives of work performed or exhibited.

The personal statement should describe the educational background; artistic studies and experience; artistic and scholarly interests; and the aesthetic, academic and professional goals of the applicant.

It is preferred that the letters of recommendation are from faculty members who know the applicant's work well, but if faculty are not available, then from individuals in supervisory or professional roles is acceptable.

## **Tuition information**

When it comes to paying for higher education, everyone's situation is different. Students can learn about [ASU tuition and financial aid](#) options to find out which will work best for them.

## **Career opportunities**

The skills and knowledge graduates possess can be directed toward doctoral study or professional goals in any enterprise that engages in research or education. They may enter many different career fields, including:

- arts administrator
- arts educator (community college, K-12)
- arts writer, scholar and critic
- composer and sound artist
- digital designer
- film and video editor
- performance and theatre artist
- recording artist
- video and board game designer
- visual artist in multiple mediums

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Admission deadlines