

# How to Apply for the Master of Fine Arts Degree

## Application Process – Part I: Application to the University

Graduate application forms and a graduate course catalog may be obtained by contacting the Office of Graduate Admissions at 973-720-2237. Completed applications must include:

- A one-time application fee of \$50.00
- All official undergraduate transcripts
- Two letters of recommendation
- Copy of Artist's Statement describing your interest (see below)

*The deadline for the Graduate School Application for fall admissions to the MFA program:*

- **Early Decision application deadline, February 1<sup>st</sup>, Regular Decision application deadline, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

## Application Process – Part II:

### Application to the Art Department, the Portfolio Packet

- **Portfolio:** Applicants for a Masters of Fine Arts in Visual Art are required to submit a digital portfolio of twenty image files uploaded to Dropbox and shared with [gradart@wpunj.edu](mailto:gradart@wpunj.edu), along with a written description of each image with the title, medium, date, size (where appropriate) and name of the applicant.
- **Artist's Statement:** In addition to the portfolio requirements, all applicants must submit a Artist's Statement of 500 words describing your interest in obtaining a Master of Fine Arts Degree. In the statement of intent you are to include:
  - Your specific artistic interests
  - Describe your historical and contemporary art influences
  - Indicate your professional plans and career goals
- **Resume:** This documents the chronology of your educational and work experience including art experience, grants, honors, awards, exhibitions, and publications.
- **Art Department Information Form:** This completed form, along with all others listed above should be submitted as part of the portfolio upload packet to a Dropbox link to [gradart@wpunj.edu](mailto:gradart@wpunj.edu).

\*NOTE: GREs, MATs, or GMATs are not required for acceptance to the Master of Arts Visual Art Program. **Students with English as a second language must provide documentation for TOEFL exam scores of at least 550 that are no more than two years old.**

### Online Application to the University

<http://wpunj.edu/grad-apply> Required documents can be uploaded at link above or emailed to [graduate@wpunj.edu](mailto:graduate@wpunj.edu)

### Application to Department of Art Portfolio Packet and Documents

please upload all image files and support materials described above to a Dropbox link to [gradart@wpunj.edu](mailto:gradart@wpunj.edu)

Supplemental documentation should be mailed to:

**Office of Graduate Admissions and Enrollment Services  
Morrison Hall 102  
William Paterson University  
300 Pompton Road  
Wayne, NJ 07470**

Address for supplemental documents:

**Graduate MFA Arts Program,  
Power Arts 124  
William Paterson University  
300 Pompton Road  
Wayne, NJ 07470  
973 720 3284**