Applying to the MFA Program at Azusa Pacific University

ADMISSION PROCESS
Applicants to the Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Visual Art program must submit the following: a university application, a letter of intent, $45 application fee, résumé, two letters of recommendation from professors and/or artists, artist’s statement, portfolio of representative work, and official transcripts.

Please collect and send the application materials listed below to:
Graduate Center: Admissions, Azusa Pacific University
PO Box 7000, Azusa, CA 91702-7000

☐ COMPLETED APPLICATION FOR GRADUATE ADMISSION
(Visit www.apu.edu/apply to submit your application online or to download the application as a PDF)

☐ $45 NONREFUNDABLE APPLICATION FEE

☐ CURRENT RÉSUMÉ

☐ TWO LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

☐ TRANSCRIPTS
Request that official transcripts be sent to APU’s Graduate Center for all degrees, certificates, and credentials earned prior to application to APU.

Please send the materials listed below directly to the Department of Art and Design:
Department of Art and Design, Azusa Pacific University,
PO Box 7000, Azusa, CA 91702-7000

☐ ARTIST’S STATEMENT
Include a brief narrative that describes your body of work, its context, and its meanings. This should be a verbal expression of your artistic vision.

LETTER OF INTENT
In addition to completing the university application and submitting the specified portfolio, applicants must also submit a letter of intent (not to exceed two pages, double spaced) which answers the following questions:
1. During the past five years, identify some of the most significant events of your artistic development. What are your principal interests and concerns in making art?
2. What types of materials (books, magazines, films, exhibitions, etc.) do you review on art, spirituality, and/or culture? If your reading materials minimally impact your art, explain what exerts maximum impact.
3. Explain how your spiritual/religious perspective informs your art.
4. What are your strengths and limitations as an artist? (Comment specifically on how this impacts your academic research and writing ability.)
5. What do you hope to achieve in the MFA program? How does this coincide with your goals as an artist?

PORTFOLIO
The portfolio must consist of either:
1. Fifteen clearly labeled digital images of work accompanied by an inventory list: include the title, year, dimensions, and material.

or

2. A clearly labeled two-and-one-half to three-minute video tape or DVD indicative of work, portions of works, and/or details of works (performance art and video art applicants only)

NOTE: All video portfolios must include self-addressed, stamped envelopes for return. Portfolios should be submitted directly to the Department of Art and Design.

UNIVERSITY FINANCIAL AID
Higher education is one of the most important investments an individual can make. That’s why we’re committed to helping you understand the expenses involved and the financial aid opportunities available to you.

Azusa Pacific University’s Graduate Center is comprised of Graduate Admissions, Graduate Student Financial Services, and the Graduate Registrar. Graduate Student Financial Services assists students in answering questions related to financial aid and student accounts.

For the most current financial aid information, please contact the Office of Graduate Student Financial Services at (626) 815-4570 or visit www.apu.edu/graduatecenter/.