



Visual & Performing Arts

Jewelry & Metal Arts

2
Years

TO DEGREE

8
Classes

TO CERTIFICATE

146%

ANNUAL GROWTH

On etsy.com

22

AVERAGE

Class Size

Program Overview

Jewelry makers and metal workers practice transformation. Silver, gold, gemstones, iron, and steel become works of art, tools, and much more. Students in MPC's Jewelry and Metal Arts program learn a wide range of historical and modern skills, including stone setting, enameling, metal casting, soldering, chain making, and tin smithing. Projects involve artistic design and expression, technical and manual skill building, and problem solving. Students graduate with a well-rounded body of work demonstrating readiness for an array of commercial pursuits.

Job Outlook

Program graduates often enter careers requiring creative problem-solving, an eye for design, and detailed hand skill mastery. Some go on to design and sell their own goods; others work in repair, conservation, or appraisal. Some graduates have used the practical skills and aesthetic sensibilities honed through their coursework as a foundation from which to start their own businesses in other fields.

CAREERS

Craft Artists

\$24,770 - \$77,270

Jewelers

\$26,530 - \$62,750

Welder/Cutters

\$29,230 - \$71,360

Museum Tech/Conservators

\$27,940 - \$75,010

* Fashion Designers

\$39,030 - \$164,870

* Requires additional training
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
(CA data)

spotlight

related degree program

MPC graduates can pursue a Jewelry & Metal Arts BFA at California College of the Arts, whose leading program was founded in 1912.



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Suggested Course Sequence

Associate in
Arts Degree
MPC GE Pattern

YEAR

1

Total Units:
29

FALL

	Units
ENGL 1A	3
MPC Elective	2
ENGL 101A rec.	
LIBR 50	1
ARTD 40A	3
Area F	3
ETNC 4 or 5 rec.	
MPC Elective	1
PERS 10 rec.	
Total Fall Units	13

SPRING

	Units
Area A2	4
Math 10 rec.	
ARTD 41A	3
ARTD 42A	3
MPC Elective	3
ENGL 2 rec.	
MPC Elective	3
Total Spring Units	16

YEAR

2

Total Units:
31

FALL

	Units
Jewelry Emphasis	9
<i>Choose 3 from the following:</i>	
ARTD 40B-D, 41B-D, 43A-C, 44A-B, 45, 47A-B, 53, 55, or 57	
Area B & Lab	4
CHEM 10 or PHYS 10 rec.	
Area E2	3
ARTS 10A, 12A, 40A, 41A, 60 or 62A rec.	
Total Fall Units	16

SPRING

	Units
Jewelry Emphasis	6
<i>Choose 2 from the following:</i>	
ARTD 40B-D, 41B-D, 43A-C, 44A-B, 45, 47A-B, 53, 55, or 57	
Area D:	3
POLS 1, 10, 16, or 18 rec.	
MPC Elective	3
SPCH 1, 2, or 3 rec.	
MPC Elective	3
Total Spring Units	15

This is a suggested sequence of coursework and is one pathway for students to earn their degree/certificate. This is not an official educational plan. A counselor is able to assist you with creating a personalized education plan based on your academic, career, and personal goals. For more information about counseling and up-to-date program requirements, please visit www.mpc.edu/counseling.



I didn't know anything about metalworking when I enrolled in MPC's jewelry program. Taking jewelry classes was a life changing decision for me. I learned the basic jewelry skills and fell in love with jewelry making. I've continued learning and making jewelry; it's my career. I'm a successful jewelry artist now.

Olga Sitnik

Monterey Peninsula College (MPC) is a fully accredited California public community college. The college is known for the excellence of its academic programs and student support services.

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Online

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