



Visual & Performing Arts

Painting



2

Years

TO DEGREE

24

Units

TO CERTIFICATE

15%

JOB GROWTH

Fine Artists/Painters

\$57K

AVERAGE STARTING SALARY

Visual Arts BA Degree

Program Overview

The study of painting provides an opportunity for artists to connect to others and develop their own expressive voice using a range of traditional and alternative materials. Core classes include painting, two-dimensional design and drawing, and composition, while electives range from watercolors to creative digital media. The program is committed to training in a variety of painting techniques and expressive means. Graduates will be prepared to pursue further study and careers in studio arts.

Job Outlook

The Monterey Peninsula and the San Francisco Bay Area are home to myriad galleries and fine arts institutions, giving Painting graduates opportunities to both exhibit their work and pursue supporting roles as restorationists, curators, and administrative staff. Painters can also apply their knowledge of color and materials to interior design, work as muralists on large-scale building commissions, or go digital in graphic arts roles.

CAREERS

Gallery Assistants

\$23,966 - \$45,741

Painters

\$39,820 - \$176,460

*Graphic Designers

\$34,070 - \$99,510

*Art Directors

\$64,100 - \$208,000+

*K-12 Art Teachers

\$53,399 - \$107,760

* Requires additional training
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics
(CA data) and Salary.com

spotlight

related degree programs

Founded in 1871, the San Francisco Art Institute has played an important role in modern West Coast painting and offers a BFA in Painting.



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Suggested Course Sequence

Associate in
Arts Degree
MPC GE Pattern

YEAR

1

Total Units:
29

FALL		SPRING	
	Units		Units
ENGL 1A	3	Area A2	4
MPC Electives	2	Math 10 rec.	
ENGL 101A rec.		ARTB 4	3
LIBR 50	1	ARTS 40B	3
ARTB 2	3	MPC Elective	3
ARTS 10A	3	ENGL 2 rec.	
ARTS 40A	3	MPC Elective	1
		PERS 10 rec.	
Total Fall Units	15	Total Spring Units	14

YEAR

2

Total Units:
31

FALL		SPRING	
	Units		Units
ARTH 4, ARTH 14; ARTS 9A, 16, 30A, 30B, 31, 32, 41A-C, 42, 51, or 54	3	Take 2 from the following: ARTH 4, ARTH 14, ARTS 9A, 16, 30A, 30B, 31,32, 41A-C, 42, 51, or 54	6
Area B & Lab	4	Area D	3
Area F	3	HIST 4 or 5 rec.	
ETNC 4 or 5 rec.		MPC Elective	3
MPC Elective: ARTS 40C rec.	3	ARTS 40D rec.	
MPC Elective	3	MPC Elective	3
SPCH 1, 2, 3 rec.			
Total Spring Units	16	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 have tried to take at least one studio art class per semester since 2017 to build my creative/artistic skills and allow for more confident exploration. I will continue using the resources at MPC in my personal artistic journey and can hardly wait for the thrill of “wow” moments when we share completed works with classmates.

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