JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY

Visual Arts Master of Fine Arts

GRADUATE STUDENT HANDBOOK

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The policies stated in this handbook are consistent with University policies but are set forth in more specific terms so the students in the MFA program will have a concise statement of expectations. These policies are reviewed, revised, and adopted by the Jacksonville University Linda Berry Stein College of Fine Arts Graduate Faculty and Director.

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Introduction: Mission and Philosophy

The Linda Berry Stein College of Fine Arts mission, philosophy and program outcomes are congruent with those of Jacksonville University and consistent with the professional Visual Arts standards and guidelines for the preparation of arts professionals.

Mission of the Linda Berry Stein College of Fine Arts
The College values the diverse backgrounds and experiences of its students and emphasizes the importance of, scholarly inquiry, engaged learning opportunities and clinical application in the professional socialization and development of art students.

The MFA degree in Visual Arts offers students the opportunity to explore art history, theory, pedagogy and criticism in depth along with a hands-on studio practice. This combination of theoretical study with studio experience gives students a holistic understanding of research and studio practice.

Program or Degree Title: Master of Fine Arts in Visual Arts
The MFA degree is a low-residency R U Q R U H 60-credit plan of study emphasizing visual arts and the creative process of generating new works that are grounded in theory.
The MFA at JU nurtures the development of more rigorous and refined relationships between theory, pedagogy and the studio practice.

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Thesis Research:

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Section 3: Policies and Procedures

JU Academic Honesty Policy:

Since Jacksonville University students are expected to adhere to the highest standard of academic honesty,

full credit. Correct grammar, punctuation, word usage, and spelling are required in all written assignments. Credit will be deducted for errors in these areas.

Communication:

All faculty and student email communication conducted must use the Jacksonville University email system.

Grade Policies :

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Grade Appeal:

Most questions on grades can easily be answered through consultation with the instructor. In the event that a student feels he/she has been treated unfairly, in that an instructor has deviated from his/her prescribed formula for grading in an arbitrary or punitive manner, the student may appeal the grade.

Blackboard:

The courses that are conducted Online, use online classroom software.

The Jacksonville University Information
Technology Help Desk can be reached at
904.256.7200 or helpdesk.ju.edu

Please contact the help desk for any Blackboard, internet or computer issues.

To access Blackboard go to:
https://blackboard.ju.edu/webapps/login/

Student support services and IT information can be found on the web site:
http://www.ju.edu/IT/Pages/default.aspx