About the Program

The Slippery Rock University art department is accredited through the National Association of Schools of Art and Design. New studios and renovated gallery facilities combined with small class sizes provide the best possible student-to-faculty relationships. Instruction is individualized to meet each student’s needs and interests. Foundation courses prepare students with technical skills and explorations; with mentoring, a portfolio review leads to advanced course work. Upper level students attend weekly conferences with one of their art professors. The bachelor of fine Arts candidates culminate their interdisciplinary experience with a senior project, including the staging of an exhibition. The art department has an excellent and dedicated faculty. Members hold advanced degrees from prestigious institutions and maintain active exhibition and scholarly careers.

Educational Travel

The SRU art department provides students with many opportunities for educational travel. Each semester, domestic trips are planned for students to experience the culture and surroundings of a major metropolitan area. Past trips include: New York City, Chicago, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., Cleveland and Detroit. Faculty and students also engage in national conferences, such as SOFA, NCECA, SPE and the Pennsylvania Art Educators Conference. Overseas travel opportunities are available in conjunction with semester-long art history courses traveling to Italy, France, England, Greece and Peru over spring break, as well as semester exchange programs for individual students in Poland and Slovakia.

Professional Development

The SRU art department has an invigorating visiting artist program. Artists visit from all over the world to lecture and conduct hands-on workshops. Upper-level students are required to take “Art Seminar”, a structured professional development course that prepares students for a range of career paths. The department encourages students to become involved in the community by exhibiting as professional artists in group, juried and invitational shows. Scholarships, internships, collaborative projects and service learning are a few of the opportunities available to students beyond the classroom. The Martha Gault Art Society is a student-run organization that implements art exhibits, trips to museums and galleries, and campus art-related events for all SRU students. The Slippery Rock University Potter’s Guild promotes the ceramic arts on campus and in the community.

Majors/Concentrations

- Art (BA)
- Art (BFA)
- Graphic Design
- K-12 Art Teacher Preparation

Certificates

- Art: Design
- Art: Digital Media
- Art: Graphic Design
- Art: Photography

Minors

- Art: General Art
- Art: Graphic Design
  (Communication Majors only)
- Art History
- Communication: Graphic Design
  (Art Majors only)
Career Opportunities

An undergraduate degree in art from Slippery Rock University can put you on the path to many exciting career opportunities. (Some of the following may require additional certification or advanced degrees):

- Art education: K-12 art educator, higher education
- Art gallery: director/owner/operator auction galleries
- Art historian: curator, educator
- Art museums: museum director, conservator and restorer
- Architecture and environmental design, fashion design and product design
- Crafts: ceramist, clothing or jewelry designer
- Film, TV, and multimedia: digital designer/multimedia; graphic artist, film artist, film animation artist
- Electronic game designer: development of visual gaming components
- Fine art: fiber artist, painter; photographer, sculptor, printmaker, video artist
- Graphic design: advertising agency, freelance, designer, graphic designer, logo design and corporate identity, package designer, type designer
- Photography: fashion photographer, photojournalist, product and food photographer
- Theatre and stage design: costume designer; exhibition designer, scenic