Portfolio Review Guidelines and Application for the BFA Degree Program

DEPARTMENT OF ART & ART HISTORY | UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT TYLER

All students declaring studio art as a major at the University of Texas at Tyler are subject to the portfolio review process if a Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) Degree is desired.

B.F.A. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:
Students wanting to pursue the B.F.A. degree program of study must, within the first nine (9) hours of studio course work at UT Tyler, submit a portfolio to the Faculty Review Committee. Upon approval from the Faculty Review Committee, students will be admitted and may complete a B.F.A. degree plan with an undergraduate art advisor. If the student is denied entry into the B.F.A. degree program, they will be put on probationary status and may submit another portfolio the following semester. The Faculty Review Committee upon request from the student may waive the review process. If, after two portfolio reviews, the student is not admitted to the B.F.A. degree program, course work done after the eighteen (18) hour review will not apply towards the B.F.A. in Art degree. At this point, the student will need to change his or her major within the University of Texas at Tyler.

TRANSFER STUDENTS:
Students with six accepted credit hours of studio art courses and want to pursue the B.F.A. degree program of study must, within the first 6-9 hours of studio work at UT Tyler, submit a portfolio review to the Faculty Review Committee. Upon approval from the Faculty Review Committee, students will be admitted and may complete a B.F.A. degree plan with an undergraduate art advisor. If the student is denied entry into the B.F.A. degree program, they will be put on probationary status and may submit another portfolio the following semester. The Faculty Review Committee upon request from the student may waive the review process. If, after two portfolio reviews, the student is not admitted to the B.F.A. degree program, course work done after the eighteen (18) hour review will not apply towards the B.F.A. in Art degree. At this point, the student will need to change his or her major within the University of Texas at Tyler.

PLEASE NOTE:
Students who do not participate in the portfolio review within the allotted time frame listed above will automatically be put on probationary status-it will be an automatic failure for the first portfolio review. If the second review is missed within the allotted time frame the student will be denied admittance to the B.F.A. degree program.

If you are confused about when to go up for portfolio review, it is essential that you contact Professor Serio for your status. Contact information is listed on the application form.

IMPORTANT DATES:

• Portfolio reviews take place each fall and spring. Specific dates for portfolio drop-off and pick-up will be announced at the beginning of each fall/spring semester.

• All applications must be turned into the Dept of Art and Art History Office, ARC 122.

• Notice of BFA status (acceptance, probation, rejection) will be sent in the mail.
PORTFOLIO REVIEW APPLICATION FORM
(To be turned in with your portfolio to the Art and Art History Office, ARC 122)

CONTACT:
For questions regarding portfolio process, please contact:
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PLEASE NOTE:
The Portfolio Review process is your opportunity to present materials independent of faculty input. It is essential that students do not request assistance from faculty in the editing process of their BFA portfolio.

Applicant’s Name __________________________________________ Date __________

Student ID# __________ Phone: ________________________________

Address: ___________________________________________________

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UT Tyler Email: ______________________________________________

Statement of interest (typed or printed): With the space provided below, please discuss your reasons for pursuing a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree.

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Portfolio Checklist:

Please include the following in your portfolio application, to be turned in to the Art and Art History Office, ARC 122:

1) _____A minimum of 5 and a maximum of 8 pieces of work from the most recent studio courses taken at UT Tyler, labeled according to directions below

2) _____A 2-3 page writing sample from an art history course taken at UT Tyler (formal/content analysis or a research paper)

3) _____Completed application form with your portfolio (attached)

4) _____Image Inventory list

Portfolio Presentation and Guidelines:

1) All portfolios must be presented in an 8x10 (or the like) binder format

2) Use good quality color 8x10 images of each piece

3) Each art image must be presented on the right side of a binder page, with the following coordinating information labeled on the left side of the binder page.
   a) Name and number #1 etc. (number should correlate with separate inventory list)
   b) Course name, Date of course
   c) Medium, Dimensions

5) Artworks may be of diverse materials and subject matter, but MUST be completed during coursework at UT Tyler.

6) Copies of photographs, magazines, or other artists are not acceptable portfolio material.

7) Artworks must demonstrate the following: grasp of space, form, composition, value, color theory, creativity etc.

PLEASE NOTE:
The BFA degree is a highly specialized degree in which the degree candidate should expect, after graduation, to continue on as a professional artist. In addition to the materials presented in the portfolio review, your studio and art history GPA, class participation, attendance, attitude, and perceived dedication to art as a future career are all taken into account during faculty review process.