BFA in Art, Art Education Guidelines

The first step to become an art teacher in the State of Georgia is to complete the **BFA in Art, Art Education concentration** at Kennesaw State University (KSU) which is a 120-hour program. This degree is a shared program between the School of Art and Design, the Bagwell College of Education (BCOE), and is approved by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC). See the BFA in Art, Art Education Program Map for complete list of required courses.

**How do I get started?**
First, get admitted to KSU and the School of Art and Design which requires submission of your portfolio. On the School of Art and Design homepage (https://arts.kennesaw.edu/visual-arts/) click on Apply and Submit Portfolio for complete instructions: https://arts.kennesaw.edu/visual-arts/admissions_portfolio.php

**How do I become an art education major?**
In the fall of your second year, you apply for admission to Teacher Education in the Bagwell College of Education which serves as admission to the art education concentration. Complete instructions can be found in the KSU 2021-2022 Undergraduate Catalog, or you can contact COTA Advisors or the Art Education Program Coordinator for complete information.

**What’s required for admission to BCOE Teacher Education?**
- Complete 32-36 hours of course work including ENGL 1101 and ENGL 1102 and EDUC 2110 with a “C” or higher. Overall, you need a minimum, adjusted GPA of 2.75 to stay in the program.
- Register with the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC) to obtain a MyPSC account and PSC identification number.
- Pass or exempt* the GACE Program Admission Assessment Tests See https://bagwell.kennesaw.edu/units/ess/resources/gace.php for complete information.
- Complete the Georgia Educator Ethics Assessment (test code 360)

**What happens after I am admitted to Teacher Education?**
Once admitted to Teacher Education you have a GaPSC Pre-Service Certificate and can complete the studio courses, upper division art education courses, field placements, and Yearlong Clinical Education I & II (YCE I & II). Your final project is your Senior Seminar and Portfolio. When you graduate with the **BFA in Art, Art Education concentration**, you can apply for teaching positions in the state of Georgia. See the Georgia Professional Standards Commission website for complete information: https://www.gapsc.com/Certification/TieredCertification/tieredCertification.aspx

**What Distribution and Art History courses do I take?**
- **ART 3160: Painting I: Distribution 1**
- **ART 3300: Sculpture I: Distribution 2**
- **ART 3500: Printmaking I: Distribution 3**
- **ART 3120: Ceramics I: Distribution 4**
- **ARH 3850: Art Since 1900: Art History Elective 1**
- **ARED 3304: Teaching Art History, Criticism, & Aesthetics: Art history Elective 2**

**If I have a question, or need help, where do I go?**
The COTA advisors can help you (see https://arts.kennesaw.edu/student-resources.php) or make an appointment with the Art Education Program Coordinator, Dr. Diana Gregory at dgregory@kennesaw.edu