Art Education

A bachelor’s degree in art with a concentration in K-12 teacher education is a perfect blend for artists who wish to explore their creative boundaries and help the next generations of artists discover theirs.

Art education students are artists in their own right and are always encouraged to express themselves in a wide variety of visual arts methods, media, and techniques. Teaching, then, is not only a practical way for an artist to “make a living” - but also a way for work to be fulfilling. Our art education grads are well-prepared and highly sought, for AU has a long history—and earned a solid reputation—for providing schools with successful art teachers. In the studio and the classroom, future art teachers gain valuable experience as both artist and instructor.
CURRICULUM
In addition to the wide variety of studio art and art history courses required of all art majors, art education students maintain significant ties to AU’s College of Education. As they sculpt, draw, paint, and create, they also work hard to earn their teaching credentials and learn what it means to become an educator. Students are taught the practical methods art teachers use in elementary and secondary education classrooms.

SERVING OTHERS THROUGH ART
A career in art education is ideal for Christians eager to serve others. Teaching is a calling, and teaching art enables graduates to coach others in developing their ideas and exploring the world of art. Our art education grads are making a real difference in schools, with several having earned recognition as district teachers of the year. They also inspire their students to always learn by continuing their own formal studies in art and education.

A career in art education that begins at Anderson University enables students to grow as artists while teaching them to nurture the artistic gifts in others. For more information about studying art education, contact Jo Carol Mitchell-Rogers, The South Carolina School of the Arts Art and Design chair at SCSchoolOfTheArts@andersonuniversity.edu or (800) 542-3594

Always check the current course catalog found on the Anderson University website for the most up-to-date program information.
TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID, PLEASE SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING:
For consideration of federal and state funds, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). FAFSA information is listed below. All online students receive a tuition discount, which makes them ineligible for institutional scholarships. The information below shows the various types of funds available to online students. For information visit andersonuniversity.edu/admission/freshmen/financial-aid.

FAFSA INFORMATION
PIN website: www.pin.ed.gov
FAFSA website: http://www.fafsa.ed.gov
Anderson school code: 003418

VETERANS BENEFITS:
Anderson University is proud to partner with the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs in assisting our military veterans in obtaining their education. Check out our Veterans Benefits flier to learn how the process works. You can also contact our VA Certifying Official at: veteranaffairs@andersonuniversity.edu or 864-231-5742.
HISTORY
Anderson University traces its origins back to 1911, when it was chartered as a four-year college for women. Public minded citizens of Anderson, South Carolina wanted a college to be established in the growing area since a previous institution, The Johnson Female University had closed during the Civil War. With a donation of land and money from area citizens, the South Carolina Baptist Convention agreed to partner with those who wanted an institution of higher learning in Anderson, and the school opened its doors in 1912.

What we know as Anderson University has throughout its history adapted to the educational needs of South Carolinians and those outside the State seeking a great education in a Christian environment. In 2005, the school officially became Anderson University as it added graduate programs and reorganized into colleges. The University is in the midst of the biggest period of growth in its history, having nearly doubled in enrollment over the past 7 years. Today, 2,908 students enjoy a high-quality education in some 53 fields of study.

AU’s scenic campus, located in the historic district of Anderson, South Carolina, benefits from its proximity to the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains and the vibrant city of Greenville, South Carolina. Anderson’s campus has recently grown from its original 68 acres to more than 270 acres, including four new major building projects that have been completed within the past four years.
Anderson University has received numerous accolades and national recognition as an intentionally Christian university offering exceptional academics.

Recent recognitions include:
- Top Tier University #20 on 2014 ranking of Regional Colleges (South) - *U.S. News & World Report*
- One of “America’s 100 Best College Buys”
- One of “49 Up-and-Coming” universities to watch, for progress and innovation, for the past five years in a row - *U.S. News & World Report*
- 138 Best Southeastern Colleges - The Princeton Review
- The #2 Regional College in the South for “Excellence in Teaching” - *U.S. News & World Report*
- A Best Christian College - Institutional Research & Evaluation