How to Apply for the 
Master of Fine Arts Degree

Application Process – Part I: Application to the University
Graduate application forms and a graduate course catalog may be obtained by contacting the Office of Graduate Admissions at 973-720-2237. Completed applications must include:

- A one-time application fee of $50.00
- All official undergraduate transcripts
- Two letters of recommendation
- Copy of Artist’s Statement describing your interest (see below)

The deadline for the Graduate School Application for fall admissions to the MFA program:
- Early Decision application deadline, February 1st, Regular Decision application deadline, April 1st

Application Process – Part II:
Application to the Art Department, the Portfolio Packet

- **Portfolio:** Applicants for a Masters of Fine Arts in Visual Art are required to submit a digital portfolio of twenty image files uploaded to Dropbox and shared with gradart@wpunj.edu, along with a written description of each image with the title, medium, date, size (where appropriate) and name of the applicant.

- **Artist’s Statement:** In addition to the portfolio requirements, all applicants must submit a Artist's Statement of 500 words describing your interest in obtaining a Master of Fine Arts Degree. In the statement of intent you are to include:
  - Your specific artistic interests
  - Describe your historical and contemporary art influences
  - Indicate your professional plans and career goals

- **Resume:** This documents the chronology of your educational and work experience including art experience, grants, honors, awards, exhibitions, and publications.

- **Art Department Information Form:** This completed form, along with all others listed above should be submitted as part of the portfolio upload packet to a Dropbox link to gradart@wpunj.edu.

*NOTE: GREs, MATs, or GMATs are not required for acceptance to the Master of Arts Visual Art Program. Students with English as a second language must provide documentation for TOEFL exam scores of at least 550 that are no more than two years old.

Online Application to the University
https://wpunjgrad.org/apply/ Required documents can be uploaded at link above or emailed to graduate@wpunj.edu

Supplemental documentation should be mailed to:
Office of Graduate Admissions and Enrollment Services
Morrison Hall 102
William Paterson University
300 Pompton Road
Wayne, NJ 07470

Application to Department of Art Portfolio Packet and Documents please upload all image files and support materials described above to a Dropbox link to gradart@wpunj.edu

Address for supplemental documents:
Graduate MFA Arts Program,
Power Arts 124
William Paterson University
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973 720 3284