

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR
College of Liberal Arts
Art Department**

STRENGTHS:

- Program is unique in UA system due to focus on northern peoples (concentration in Native Art)
- Only graduate Art program in UA system
- Delivers quality programs with consistent enrollment
- Community partnerships – Fairbanks food bank; Native Art Center
- Development of online courses (both minors are fully online)
- Department supports several GER course options; plus courses for Alaska Native themed requirement
- Graduates from MFA program teach at accredited colleges & universities
- Native Art Center specializes in collaborations with Native artists
- MFA program is one of only a few in the country with a concentration in Native arts
- Have been successful in securing external funding
- Faculty engaged in national and international creative activities, conferences and publications
- Graduates exhibit and teach throughout Alaska, nationally and internationally

WEAKNESSES:

- Budget reductions; including 41% reduction in non-labor budget
- Inability to replace faculty lost through attrition
- Reduction in number of adjuncts hired
- Lack of funds for replacement and upgrades of studio equipment that cannot be covered by lab fees; lack of flexibility of UAF budget structure compounds the situation
- Department has halted pursuit of National Association of Schools of Art and Design accreditation due to inability to present a sustainable program in the current economic environment

OPPORTUNITIES:

- Renovation of Native Art Center
- Working on a low residency MFA – course work online; local artist mentor
- Have proposed online certificate in Design, and Associate of Arts in Design
- Will pursue NASAD accreditation when UAF can illustrate a sustainable model
- Art/Science collaborations through UAF Arts, Humanities, STEM integration group
- Cross-listing and collaboration with other UAF programs

THREATS:

- Inability to replace faculty due to budget reductions
- COVID-19 – cannot offer lab/studio sections online
- Loss of revenue from lab fees as more courses go completely online (currently about 30% of course offerings).

CENTRALITY TO MISSION:

- Central to UAF's mission to educate and prepare Alaskans for creative artistic endeavors (teachers & professional artists)
- Connections via the Native Art Center and programs in Native Art.

INDICATORS OF QUALITY:

- The program demonstrates unique programs and offerings, community partnerships, and success of graduates.

COST-EFFECTIVENESS:**SCH**

Metric	Detail	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
SCH	ART - Lower	2366	2476	2218	1920	2292
SCH	ART - Upper	1007	964	1129	981	1052
SCH	ART - Grad	138	96	192	152	194
SCH	ART - External	870	677	615	471	483

Majors

Metric	Detail	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
Majors	BA Art	116	103	91	103	87
Majors	BFA Art	17	19	21	20	13
Majors	BI Premajor - Art	11	10	3	2	0
Majors	MFA Art	9	7	10	9	10

Degrees

Metric	Detail	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
Degrees	BA Art	11	9	9	16	4
Degrees	BFA Art	3	5	7	7	5
Degrees	MFA Art	2	4	1	2	1

FTEs

Metric	Detail	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
FTEs	Adjunct FTEs	3.8	3	2.9	2.2	1.9
FTEs	Faculty FTEs	5.5	5.1	5.2	4.9	5.2
FTEs	Staff FTEs	1.2	1.3	1	1.2	0.7
FTEs	Student FTEs	4.5	2.8	3.5	3	2.7

Expenditures

Metric	Program	Detail	FY20
Instructional Expenditures	CLA Art	Unrestricted	964502.4

Salaries and Benefits	CLA Art	Unrestricted	914581.3
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Art BA

RECOMMENDATION:	ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	DATE FOR FOLLOW-UP:
Continuation: 1 vote		
Continuation w/ improvement plan: 7 votes	Setting of milestones; better tracking of student progress; perhaps explore art education track for teachers.	Report in one year.

Art BFA

RECOMMENDATION:	ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	DATE FOR FOLLOW-UP:
Continuation: 8 votes		

Art MFA

RECOMMENDATION:	ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:	DATE FOR FOLLOW-UP:
Continuation: 7 votes		
Continuation w/ improvement plan: 1 vote		