We are artists, creators, scholars, makers, innovators, and teachers. We encourage intellectual curiosity, critical thinking, problem solving, and the unleashing of radical imaginations. Chicago’s dynamic art, culture, and architecture communities provide the ideal setting for the study of art and education in an urban environment. The College includes the Jane Addams Hull-House Museum, a National Historic Landmark and museum committed to social justice, and Gallery 400, a dynamic, cutting-edge contemporary art gallery as part of its resources.

The Art Education program provides the requirements for Illinois State teacher certification and the experiences needed for students to become effective teachers/artists/researchers at the high school level including Chicago’s diverse public schools and communities. The program cultivates the study and making of art in a variety of ways that are rooted in local cultures and histories of activism and democratic participation in the public sphere. Student teachers will develop their own artistic practice and consider how a rigorous process of art making can be shared with their students.
Why Study Art Education at UIC?

The Art Education curriculum is based in the understanding that an engaged and engaging art education links students’ life experiences to experiences of traditional and contemporary art, media, and cultural forms. In addition to studio courses, seminars on the practice and theory of art education foster an awareness of collaborative strategies of teaching, learning, and artmaking. Student teachers gain rich experience and mentorship working with licensed art teachers in Chicago Public Schools. UIC’s Art Education program is committed to creating models of art education curriculum that address inequality and open pathways for students to analyze and participate in making contemporary culture.

Art Faculty include:

- Dianna Frid
- Beate Geissler
- Doug Ischar
- Silvia Malagrino
- Matthew Metzger
- Dan Peterman
- Sabrina Raaf
- Jennifer Reeder
- Laurie Jo Reynolds
- Karyn Sandlos
- Deborah Stratman
- Nate Young

Additional courses taught by faculty in the College of Education.

Art Education offerings are subject to program approval.