

The Art Students League Certificate Program

Helping You Discover Your Focus in Fine Art

TWO- OR FOUR-YEAR CERTIFICATE PROGRAM SUMMARY

In the Two- or Four-Year Certificate Program, students concentrate in one of the following fine arts disciplines: Painting, Printmaking, Sculpture, Mixed Media or Drawing.² Students in the program fulfill core requirements that consist of a primary class in their discipline, plus a secondary class in any discipline. Students select their core classes from the League's schedule of classes. Additionally, students may elect to take supplemental League workshops, lectures, and sequential courses, as part of their Certificate Program. In any Certificate Program, students enroll in a minimum of 22 hours of class time per week. Students accepted into the two-year program must have at least two years of previous fine art study (see eligibility and requirements).

Academic Calendar

January 7 – May 26, 2019

WINTER BREAK

February 18 – 24

SPRING BREAK

April 1 – 7



The League's intensive Certificate Program¹ is designed to cultivate growth of the individual's talent within the League's renowned atelier system. The Certificate Program consists of a prescribed course of study leading to a Certificate of Completion. The prescribed course of study is a dedicated two- or four-year plan of intensive study, tailored to meet professional and personal artistic interests. This semester-based program allows for two starting periods: September and January.

Students in the Certificate Program benefit from:

- Ongoing educational and professional development support from the League Student Affairs Department.
- An official certificate authenticating successful completion of a formalized art curriculum.
- A gallery exhibition with all students completing the Certificate Program that year.
- A wealth of other programs at the League: intensive workshops; goal focused "sequential" classes; exhibition and public art opportunities; and free art history lectures, artist talks, and critiques.

Core Requirements for a Certificate of Completion

Four-Year Certificate of Completion

- 8 semesters of 1 primary class in chosen major discipline.
 - Major Disciplines: Painting, Printmaking, Sculpture, Drawing or Mixed Media.
 - Must be a Monday to Friday class offered in the AM, PM, or EVE session.
- 8 semesters of secondary class in any discipline.
 - Selected from any full time or part time class from the League schedule of classes.
- Satisfactory progress reports from class instructors each semester over the 4 years.
- Satisfactory attendance reports each semester over the 4 years.

Two-Year Certificate of Completion

- 4 semesters of 1 primary class in chosen major discipline.
 - Major Disciplines: Painting, Printmaking, Sculpture, Drawing or Mixed Media.
 - Must be a Monday to Friday class offered in the AM, PM, or EVE session.
- 4 semesters of secondary class in any discipline.
 - Selected from any full time or part time class from the League schedule of classes.
- Satisfactory progress reports from class instructors each semester over the 2 years.
- Satisfactory attendance reports each semester over the 2 years.

Tuition

Tuition is a calculation of your primary and secondary core requirements and varies based on your class selection. Tuition does not include non-refundable school fees. Both tuition and school fees are subject to increase. Students are responsible to register and pay tuition at the start of each semester.

I-20 Eligibility

Please note that for I-20 eligibility, students must be accepted into the Four-Year Certificate Program for the following disciplines only: Painting, Printmaking, or Sculpture. The Two-Year Certificate Program will not satisfy I-20 requirements.

Eligibility & Requirements

In order to be eligible for the League's Certificate Programs you must fulfill these requirements:

Statement of Intent and C.V.

- A Statement of Intent describes your reason for pursuing a Certificate of Completion with the Art Students League. You are encouraged to include information about yourself, your objectives, and your interests that may not be immediately apparent from a review of your portfolio and application.

Artwork Submission

- Online artwork submission of 6–10 jpg images should be included in the application. It is advised that applicants choose work appropriate to their chosen program.

Transcripts

- An official transcript is required to show your previous studies in the fine arts. A degree or diploma is not necessary. Official Transcripts from the Art Students League are accepted.
- Applicants to the two-year Certificate Program must demonstrate a minimum of 2 academic school year's study from a post-secondary Fine Arts Program.
- Applicants to the four-year Certificate Program must demonstrate previous fine arts study from studio classes in drawing, painting, sculpture, printmaking or mixed media.

Application Fee

- A non-refundable application fee of \$50 is required.

International Student Language Proficiency

If you are an international student, a good working knowledge of English is required.

Applying to the Certificate Program

Please see the Certificate Program webpage for detailed information and to apply: www.theartstudentsleague.org/special-programs/fine-arts-certificate-programs.



Policies

Attendance Policy

The Certificate Program is full time. Full time is defined as 22 hours or more of class per week. Student attendance is mandatory and tracked. Students are expected to maintain 85% attendance. Attendance reports are reviewed quarterly. Students are notified of any discrepancies in attendance, which may result in academic probation. *VA student enrollment and international F-1 student status may be terminated if a student has absences which exceed 15% of clock hours within a semester.*³

Registration Policy

Students must be registered for their core classes before the start of each semester. September 30 and January 31 are the last days a student can make a change to their core classes. At that time tuition and fees for the entire semester are due in full. Students can elect to register for additional workshops, lectures, sequential classes or a monthly class during the semester (for additional costs) as long as it does not conflict with their core classes. Otherwise, they must first get approval from their academic adviser. All of the classes and workshops a student registers for will adhere to the attendance policy.

Refund Policy⁴

A full refund (100%) is possible up until two business days prior to the start of the semester. A 75% refund is possible if cancelled during the first month of classes (i.e. by September 30 or January 31). No refunds will be issued as of October 1 and February 1 of each session.

1: The Certificate of Completion is not a degree or a diploma.

2: International Students and Veterans who use their VA Educational Benefits must be enrolled in the Four-Year Certificate Program in either Painting, Printmaking, or Sculpture. The VA or SEVP does not accept the Four-Year Certificate Program in Mixed Media or Drawing. It also does not accept the Two-Year Certificate Program.

3: The Art Students League of New York is approved by New York State Division of Veterans' Affairs to accept students who wish to use their Veterans Education Benefits. The League is authorized under federal law to enroll non-immigrant, alien students.

4: VA students are subject to the specific refund policies of the Department of Veterans Affairs regulation [38 CFR 21.4255].