

**Lewis & Clark Graduate School of Education and Counseling**  
**Master of Arts in Teaching: Secondary**

**Content Knowledge Essay: ART**

A degree in art from an accredited institution is accepted as evidence for sufficient foundational knowledge in your discipline for admissions purposes. For those applicants with a degree in a related field, or a minor in art, additional information is often needed to insure that sufficient foundation knowledge has been attained. In either case, our MAT program will build on and enhance the content knowledge you bring to the work of teaching.

To assist us in this endeavor, **all Art applicants** need to briefly address how the work you have done in your college coursework as well as your experiences beyond the classroom have supported your art content knowledge. We are not asking you to restate your transcript and resume, but rather to highlight experiences that will add detail to your transcript and resume.

**Please address the following content areas:**

- a) Background in basic skills (drawing, painting, design).
- b) Background in 3-dimensional process (ceramics, sculpture, relief, crafts).
- c) Technical knowledge (digital, photography, video/filmmaking).
- d) Knowledge of visual literacy (language of aesthetics and art criticism).
- e) Knowledge of art history (western, eastern, diverse cultures).

Please submit your content knowledge essay, along with all other required essays and admissions materials to:

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