



VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

College of the Arts
Department of Art & Design
Department Head



Valdosta State University's College of the Arts seeks applications for **Head of the Department of Art & Design**. This is an administrative/academic twelve-month, tenured faculty position (rank of Associate or Full Professor) scheduled to begin July 1, 2019. To carry out our comprehensive mission, we seek applicants with the desire and ability to successfully engage students as they launch and progress through their intellectual journey.

The Department Head is the administrative officer of the Department of Art & Design and reports directly to the Dean of the College of the Arts. The ideal candidate will:

- Demonstrate outstanding verbal, written, interpersonal communication skills;
- Be committed to student engagement, promoting an open and positive learning environment;
- Provide a creative and innovative vision along with long-range planning to lead dynamic programs to excellence including regional and national recognition;
- Possess an understanding of how technology informs, affects and responds to the evolving art and design disciplines, and impacts visual/design communication on a national and global scale;
- Collaborate effectively with diverse groups and individuals in a wide range of environments;
- Foster a culture of transparent, clear and consistent communication with faculty and staff in the department, as well as with university and community partners;
- Promote an environment of collegiality, shared governance, and an openness to engage faculty in strategic planning and decision-making;
- Mentor and develop faculty teachers and scholars as part of their ongoing engagement with our global, diverse, and technological society;
- Collaborate with faculty, administration, and community stakeholders in recruitment and retention initiatives and program development;
- Connect and engage with local, regional, and national civic arts and community organizations;

Responsibilities include:

- Course instruction related to own area of specialization;
- Overall preparation and management of the departmental budget;
- Strategic planning, program assessment, and review;
- Program reporting to internal and external reviewers, and maintenance of program accreditation;
- Leadership in sustaining and developing community relationships supporting the visual arts.
- Annual evaluation of faculty and staff, and participation in the tenure and promotion processes.
- Departmental course scheduling and facilities management within three facilities across campus;
- Utilization of various technologies to interface with students, faculty, and administration in support of student registration and academic progress, enrollment and retention data, budgeting, etc.

Minimum required qualifications:

- Appropriate terminal degree in an area directly related to Art/Studio, Design/New/Digital Media, Interior Design, Art Education, or Art History;
- Demonstrated teaching excellence commensurate with tenure and appointment to the rank of Associate or Full Professor;
- Participation in professional arts organizations at the state and national levels;
- Evidence of a professional record of scholarship;
- Ability to develop the department academic programs, making curricular revisions, and complete assessment/accreditation requirements;
- Experience with recruitment and retention;
- Demonstrated commitment to excellence in teaching and learning, as well as scholarship;
- Commitment to diversity and inclusion.



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Preferred qualifications:

- Experience with preparation and management of the departmental budgets;
- Experience with strategic planning, program assessment, and review;
- Experience with program accreditation agencies;
- Experience with sustaining and developing community relationships supporting the visual arts.

The Department of Art & Design offers four comprehensive undergraduate degree programs and opportunities designed to prepare students for professional involvement in a 21st-century environment. In addition to traditional studio programs such as Drawing, Painting, Ceramics and Sculpture, the Department also offers instruction in Photography (traditional and digital), Art Education, Interior Design, Art History, and electronic media such as Animation, Graphic Design and Web Design. Fifteen full-time dedicated art faculty-mentors provide a dynamic and challenging learning experience to approximately 200 undergraduate major. Studio facilities, equipment and technologies are constantly upgraded, affording our students the most current experiences in the classroom and studio environment. Gallery facilities include the Dedo Maranville Fine Arts Gallery featuring professional and external juried exhibitions, and the Martha G. Smart Gallery, a dedicated exhibition space for students in the department. VSU is an accredited institutional member of the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD). <https://www.valdosta.edu/art>

The VSU College of the Arts includes the Department of Art & Design, the Department of Music, and the Department of Communication Arts (Communication, Emergent Media, Mass Media, Public Relations, Theatre & Dance). The College of the Arts is also home to the award-winning Valdosta Symphony Orchestra and the Peach State Summer Theatre, designated as the Official Musical Theatre of the State of Georgia. VSU is accredited by NASAD, NASM, and NAST. With nearly 90 faculty members and approximately 1,000 students, the College offers a comprehensive range of undergraduate and graduate degree programs. For more information, <https://www.valdosta.edu/coa>

Valdosta State University, founded in 1906, VSU is a comprehensive university with a student enrollment of approximately 11,500. The city of Valdosta is located just north of the Florida state line on Interstate 75, is served by a regional airport, and is within a two-hour drive of Jacksonville and Tallahassee, Florida. For more information visit <https://www.valdosta.edu> and for more information about the community visit <http://www.valdostachamber.com>.

Apply online at <https://valdosta.peopleadmin.com/postings/17783>

Application Deadline: Posting closes January 7, 2019.

Valdosta State University is an Equal Opportunity educational institution and has a strong institutional commitment to diversity. In that spirit, we are particularly interested in receiving applications from a broad spectrum of people, including, but not limited to, minorities, and individuals with disabilities. Valdosta State University has a non-discrimination policy that includes sex, race, color, sexual orientation, religion, age, marital status, national origin, disability, and veteran status.

For more information contact: Michael Schmidt, Professor and Associate Dean of the College of the Arts and Search Chair via email mschmidt@valdosta.edu

