Stanford believes that CREATIVITY IS AT THE HEART OF A 21ST-CENTURY EDUCATION—and we invest significant energy and resources in our unparalleled artistic community.

OVERVIEW

Stanford welcomes the participation of all students in the arts. The Arts Portfolio is optional, and if you submit one, you are not required to major in the arts. If you do not submit one, you may still study or participate in the arts, and we encourage you to do so. Please submit a portfolio in the area that best represents your strength in the arts and the art form you are most likely to pursue in college. Arts Portfolios will be reviewed at the discretion of the admission office and the fine arts faculty.

DEADLINES FOR ARTS APPLICANTS

Restrictive Early Action
Application .................................. Oct 15
Arts Portfolio .............................. Oct 20

Regular Decision
Application .................................. Dec 1
Arts Portfolio .............................. Dec 6

Transfer
Application .................................. Mar 15
Arts Portfolio .............................. Mar 20

STANDARD DEADLINES

Oct 15
Dec 6
Mar 15

CHECKLIST FOR ARTS APPLICANTS

Submit online by the advanced application deadline:
✓ Coalition or Common Application
✓ $90 nonrefundable application fee or fee waiver request

Submit online by the arts portfolio deadline:
✓ Stanford Arts Portfolio Form (including Arts Résumé)
✓ Arts Materials

Submit online by the standard deadline:
✓ Self-reported Testing (not required for 2020-2021)
✓ Official Transcript(s)
✓ Two Teacher Evaluations
✓ School Report and Counselor Recommendation (freshman applicants only)
✓ College Report (transfer applicants only)

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

1 Select “Yes” to the application question, “Do you intend to submit an Arts Portfolio?”

2 Submit your Coalition Application or Common Application by the applicable early deadline. After Stanford receives your application, we will email you (within 48 hours) with instructions on how to access your Stanford portal.

3 Log in to your Stanford portal and submit the Arts Portfolio form, which will generate an upload link.

4 Use the link to upload your Arts Portfolio materials by the applicable early deadline.

We encourage you to begin gathering the materials for your Arts Portfolio prior to submitting your Coalition or Common Application. We are unable to extend the portfolio deadline for late submissions.
Art Practice: Required Portfolio Elements

Students may submit one Fine Art portfolio in the following media: Painting, Drawing & Printmaking, Photography, Sculpture, and Video, Digital Media & Electronic Art.

- Students submitting a portfolio in Art Practice must include an artist’s statement of no more than 250 words describing concepts, formal issues, process and influences.
- Images must be arranged chronologically and captioned as follows: title, year, media, dimensions.

PAINTING, DRAWING & PRINTMAKING

- Submit exactly 10 slides of two-dimensional work demonstrating strong ideas and skills or a background in visual art practice beyond class assignments (inventive personal imagery, abstractions, difficult narratives, etc.). Work must be independently completed by the applicant.
- Academic landscapes or figurative studies may be included but should not be the majority of submissions.
- Drawings, prints and paintings can be submitted as one portfolio not to exceed ten images.

PHOTOGRAPHY

- Submit 10 fine art images from the past two years.
- Photographs will be evaluated based on aesthetic and technical merit, and must demonstrate both a meaningful connection with the subject(s) and the commitment to exploring and developing an individual vision as an artist.

SCULPTURE

- Submit no more than 10 images of three-dimensional works in any or all of the following: mixed media, wood, metal, clay, installation or found objects.
- We do not accept portfolios that are not sculpture-based (functional ceramic dishware, architecture or product design).

EXPERIMENTAL MEDIA: SOUND, VIDEO, INTERACTIVE, ART & SCIENCE

- Submit no more than 10 files in total. This may include up to three excerpts of no more than two minutes each for time-based works, and images as appropriate.
- If the work is collaborative, please list the team credits and your role in it.
- If your work is interactive (website, installation, electronic), please submit a video showing it in action.

NOTE: Mixed media portfolios are permitted but not recommended. The following types of work will not be evaluated: video games and apps which are not intended as artworks, educational or promotional videos, architecture, ceramics, graphic design, product design, website design, advertising posters, PSAs.

For questions, contact the Art Department: artdepartment@stanford.edu