Contemporary artists need strong practical technical proficiency so they can convey conceptual ideas through visual material reality. The Fine Arts program emphasizes the important aesthetic correlation of appropriate media manipulation with manifestation of a desired affective outcome. The program offers hands-on creative experience with a variety of media applications to visual problem solving including: bronze casting, fabrication with a variety of materials, carving, drawing and painting. There is an equal emphasis upon student development of appropriate technical manipulation, individual creative initiative and conceptual awareness and intent.

Bronze sculpture has a strong tradition in Mesalands’ foundry; however, other media options are strongly pursued. Exploration in combining several media is encouraged.

**Program Objectives**

Upon successful completion of the Fine Arts Degree Program:

1. The student will demonstrate the ability to produce fine art by demonstration of technical skills in 2D and/or 3D medium.
2. The student will demonstrate the ability to defend projects using fine art criteria.
3. The student will demonstrate the ability to produce an idiosyncratic body of work for self promotion.

**Program Objectives Assessment Plan**

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**General Education Competencies**

Upon completion of the Fine Arts Degree Program and in addition to the above mentioned program objectives:

1. Students will read, write, listen and use verbal skills to organize and communicate information and ideas in personal and group settings (Communication).
2. Students will demonstrate mathematical principles and scientific reasoning by applying appropriate methods to the inquiry process (Mathematical and Scientific Reasoning).
3. Students will identify, evaluate and analyze evidence to guide decision making and communicate his/her beliefs clearly and accurately (Critical Thinking).
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**Overview**

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