

Part-time Instructor Direct Encounter with the Arts
Frostic School of Art, College of Fine Arts, Western Michigan University
Position begins January 2012

Applications will be reviewed as received.

Please send letter of interest and a resume electronically to:

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The units within the College of Fine Arts are inviting applications for a part-time instructor for the Direct Encounter with the Arts Program at Western Michigan University with specialization in the history and the practice of at least one of the performing arts: theatre, dance or music.

Direct Encounter with the Arts (DEARTS), introduces general education students to art and culture by guiding them through first-hand experiences in a number of areas that include all of the visual arts, theatre, music, dance, literature and more. Classes often meet on location, and on and off campus, including local art galleries, studios, theatres and concert venues. DEARTS regularly features guest faculty and artists from across the United States and at times – from abroad.

DEARTS is a 4 credit hour General Education class offered by the Gwen Frostic School of Art at WMU. In addition to regular class hours students attend 3-4 evening performances per semester. This is a mandatory component of DEARTS.

The successful applicant will have experience teaching undergraduate students with preferred consideration given to those who have demonstrated success in teaching large classes (of 200 students) with interactive methodology supported by excellent digital audio/visual classroom technology. Applicants must have an exceptionally strong and diverse background to include knowledge of visual arts, theatre, dance, and music. Since the full-time professor has their primary degree in visual arts, the primary degree of the candidate should be in one of the performing arts areas: theatre, dance or music. The Master's degree as specific to each discipline is preferred.

Candidate must have excellent skills as a writer and experience with technology to enable them to collaborate with the full-time professor to create and manage blogs, create databases for tracking student performance, utilize university systems for grading, create Keynote slide presentations and utilize other electronic media.

The part-time instructor will team teach with the full-time professor who has a specialization in visual art. In addition to team teaching he/she will collaborate with the full-time professor to deliver the curriculum. Shared responsibilities include operating in-class technology; writing class assignments, tests and another materials; grading student assignments; designing the revision and publication of the course handbook and blog; creating standard guest artist communication and payment procedures; planning and preparing the calendar of events and classroom activities; coordinating procurement and updating of DEARTS equipment and materials; mentoring student employees; organizing and preparing office spaces and materials; trouble shooting problems with digital equipment; preparing course eLearning materials and other electronic media.

There are two sections of the course offered Spring 2012

Monday and Wednesday 9:00–10:50 a.m. and

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