

May 19, 2026

Karen Zimmermann
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University of Arizona
1031 North Olive Road
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Dear Director Zimmermann:

Thank you for submitting your application for review by the NASAD Commission on Accreditation. The Commission, at its April 2026 meetings, took action on the institution's application.

Please find enclosed a Commission Action Report describing this action in detail. This report contains information of note and, if applicable, any requests for further information from the Commission. Please note the Association's policy regarding *Disclosure and Confidentiality*, a copy of which has been enclosed.

This action is taken based upon a review of the University of Arizona according to the NASAD accreditation standards in effect in April 2026.

As an accredited institutional member of NASAD, the institution is reminded of its responsibility to participate in reviews and revisions to the NASAD *Handbook*, and to maintain its operations and programs current with NASAD standards as these are developed and approved.

The Commission on Accreditation and the Association appreciate the institution's efforts with regard to its application, and its careful consideration of and attention to NASAD accreditation standards and guidelines. Further, the Commission and Association appreciate the work accomplished by the institution on behalf of the visual arts and design and higher education.

Please contact the NASAD National Office staff if you have questions or need assistance with regard to this action or any other aspect of the work of the Association.

We offer congratulations on your achievements and best wishes for the continuing success of the institution. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Karen P. Moynahan
Executive Director
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Enclosure

cc: Suresh Garimella, President
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COMMISSION ACTION REPORT

This document provides the official action of the Commission as indicated in the cover letter of the same date.

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UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
School of Art

Actions:

Action 1 of 4: Application for renewal of Membership – Response (Now Termed Further Information)

The Commission voted to accept the requested Response, approve the application, and grant renewal of Membership with the degree listing indicated below.

NASAD Degree Listing:

Bachelor of Arts-4 years: Art History; Design Arts and Practice; Studio Art.

Bachelor of Fine Arts-4 years: Art and Visual Culture Education; Studio Art (2-D, 3-D and Extended Media, Illustration Design and Animation, Photography, Video and Imaging).

Master of Arts-2 years: Art and Visual Culture Education (Art and Visual Culture Studies, Community and Museums, Teaching Certification); Art History.

Master of Fine Arts-3 years: Art (Interdisciplinary Practice); Studio Art (2-D, 3-D and Extended Media, Illustration Design and Animation, Photography, Video and Imaging).

Doctor of Philosophy-6 years: Art History and Education (Art and Visual Culture Education, Art History).

Next Full Review:

2034-2035 Academic Year

Action 2 of 4: Application for Plan Approval – Response (Now Termed Further Information)

The Commission voted to continue to request Further Information as the Commission works to complete the institution's application for Plan Approval for the degree, Bachelor of Fine Arts-4 years: Art and Visual Culture Education (Community and Museums, Teaching) pending receipt of a Report regarding the issue listed below.