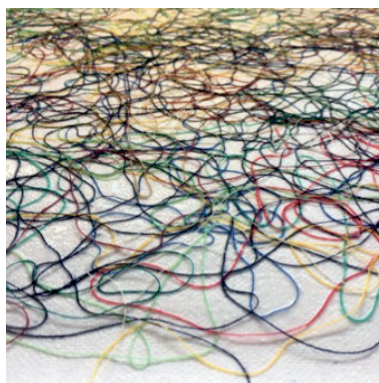




BA Hons Art Therapy 2021



The Department of Visual Art in the Faculty of Art, Design and Architecture (FADA) are delighted to offer the BA Hons in Art Therapy qualification.

This new BA Hons Art Therapy (AT) (first offered in 2020) introduces the professional qualification of Art Therapy as a pre-requisite to enter the Masters programme in Art Therapy which will create further career opportunities for selected visual arts and allied professional graduates to produce relevant, capable and ethical professional practitioners who are able to meet the psychosocial demands of South Africa's traumatised and fragmented society. Accreditation of the Masters qualification is still in process.

NOTE: The student obtaining this Honours qualification cannot practice clinical Art Therapy before obtaining a Masters qualification, which is a registered profession with the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA).

The BA Hons (AT) is a qualification for BA Honours Visual Art and Design, Education and Humanities graduates who wish to specialise in the foundations of the theory and practice of Art Therapy, where the focus is on the research, individual and group art practice and community engagement and arts based social action.



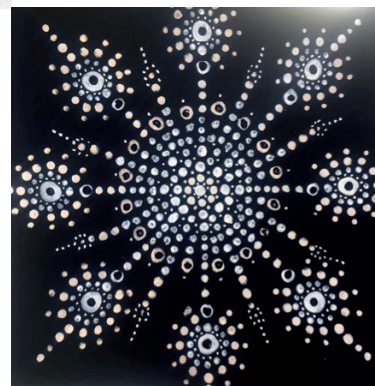
Approved by the HPCSA, articulation can occur for cross-disciplinary supervision and interdisciplinary arts therapy research and practice through community work placements and supervision. Further possibilities for articulation related to this programme include Wits University's Drama for Life (DFL) and Drama Therapy Honours and Master's programmes, Pretoria University's Music and Expressive Arts Therapy Honours and Master's programmes; UK and USA Art Therapy Programmes. The UJ Departments of Psychology, Social Work and Educational Psychology have expressed interest in interdisciplinary collaboration where appropriate, and the requirement of registering for Psychology credits will be available at UJ.

The training that will be offered in the BA Hons (AT) qualification will draw on historical and more contemporary approaches to Art Therapy, both internationally and locally. The theoretical frame will be based within psychoanalytic and psychodynamic ways of thinking as well as within community based social action approaches. The training will consolidate and integrate community-based experiences with the body of knowledge and theory gained from developing and developed countries that offer an accredited Art Therapy training. The BA Hons (AT) will provide training that is in line with minimum standards of practice and at the same time, respond specifically to the unique South African context.

Selection is based on academic merit, the candidate's art portfolio, psychological maturity, and capacity to engage creatively with their internal world and external worlds. **Candidates require a minimum of two years of Psychology.** Applications are approved by the Departmental Committee comprising a panel of assessors from the Visual Art Departmental Committee and Art Psychotherapy specialist lecturers. Applicants who wish to specialise in Art Therapy are selected by

means of an entrance assessment comprising the following:

- A personal portfolio that demonstrates an ability to engage reflectively with visual art, image making and design practices.
- A written motivation that demonstrates sufficient academic and research competency.
- Evidence of community engagement experience



- An interview where candidates reflective practice will be assessed.

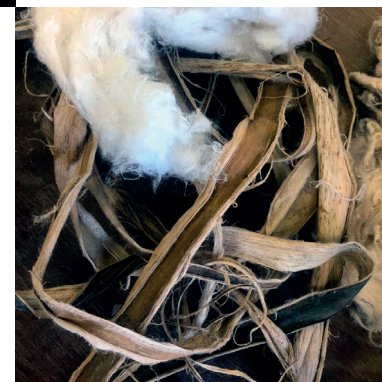
We will be restricting intake to a maximum of ten students for the second cohort in 2021. If you are interested in applying for this programme, please complete the statement of intent outlining your motivation and accompanied by your relevant



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qualifications and experiences. We will inform you of your eligibility to complete a formal application online and will be conducting interviews in October 2020.

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