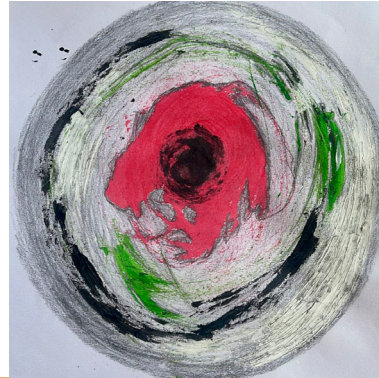




# BA Hons Art Therapy 2024



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



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**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 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.

*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; University of Pretoria Music 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



- An interview where candidates reflective practice will be assessed.

We will be restricting intake to a maximum of 14 students in 2024. If you are interested in this programme, please apply online using the following link.

<https://www.uj.ac.za/studyatUJ/sec/Pages/postgraduate.aspx>



Upload all your official academic transcripts and certificates at the end of the application or send them to [ujappdocs@listsrv.uj.ac.za](mailto:ujappdocs@listsrv.uj.ac.za) using your student number as the subject heading.

You will be contacted in due course if you are eligible for an interview. Interviews will be conducted in October 2023.

Queries can be sent to the Departmental Administrator Mrs Elda Majola @ [eldam@uj.ac.za](mailto:eldam@uj.ac.za)



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