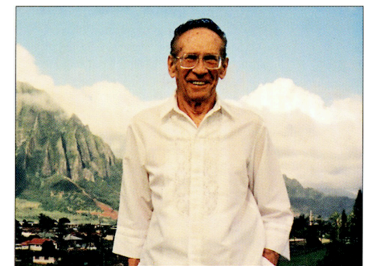
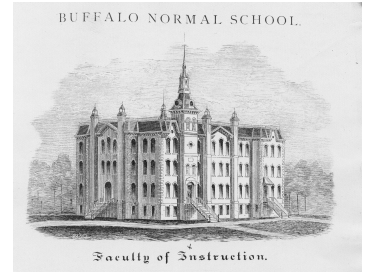
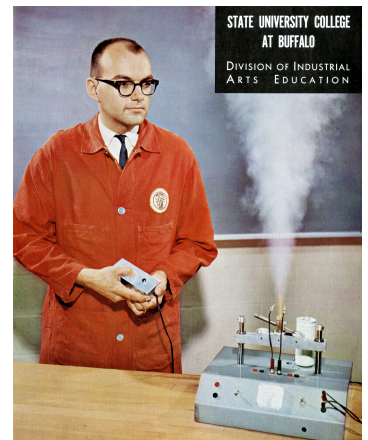


Art & Design Department History

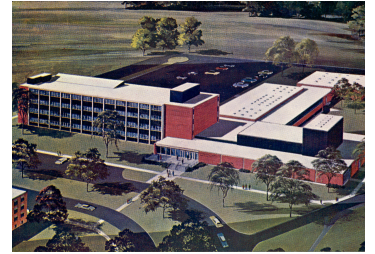
- 1871** Buffalo Normal School opens with art classes in drawing and penmanship
- 1906** The Industrial Arts Department of the State Teachers College at Albany is transferred to the normal school at Buffalo, where it is called Manual Arts Department. The rationale for the transfer is that Buffalo is a larger, more industrialized city and therefore has a greater need for vocational training teachers.
- 1930** Art Education Program, the only one in the United States maintained under state auspices, starts with 30 students
- 1937** \$ 100 Tuition fee established
- 1943** Visual Arts Education started
First Photography Labs established
- 1947** The Art Education Department, under the chairmanship of Dr. Stanley Czurles, is the largest in the United States
- 1948** Master of Art Education Program
Buffalo State achieves Middle States Accreditation
- 1950** Art Education Program claims to be the largest in the world with over 300 majors, this number is doubling in the next 20 years
- 1953** Visual Arts Program expands to include Sculpture, Graphics, Crafts, Home & Community Design
- 1954** Art Education program achieves full National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) accreditation
- 1960s** Building on the pedagogical concepts of the famous Bauhaus and Hochschule für Gestaltung in Ulm Buffalo State's visionary Industrial Art Education curriculum is merging traditional arts and crafts with industrial design and science.
- 1961** Siena Program of International Studies founded making Buffalo State the first SUNY institution with a study-abroad program, Semester in Siena. – it would become the longest running exchange program in the U.S. running over 50 years



Dr. Stanley Czurles



1962 Art programs move in the newly constructed state-of-the-art facility for art education and design Upton Hall



1963 The Industrial Art Education Division splits into the more traditional areas of Art Education, Fine Arts, and Design
Bachelor degrees in Art and Visual Arts are established

1969 BFA in Fine Arts established



1970 Art Education, Fine Arts, and Design become independent Departments
BS in Design, BFA in Painting, Sculpture, Printmaking, and Photography established
50+ full time faculty serve a growing student population

1990 BFA in Design

1992 First computer lab and courses on the use of computers in the arts



1995 125th Anniversary of Buffalo State.
The Visual Arts Program at Buffalo State is the largest, most extensive in SUNY with 40+ full-time faculty and 900+ majors.

2000 The Interior Design Program achieves full Interior Design Accreditation (Foundation of Interior Design Education Research (FIDER) 2000-2006, Council of Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA) 2006-present.

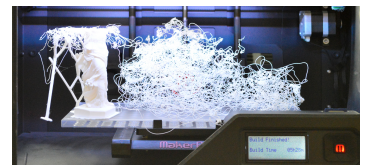
2006 The rapidly growing Interior Design Program leaves the Design Department to become an independent Department

2007 The Visual Arts achieve National Association of Schools of Art and Design NASAD Accreditation

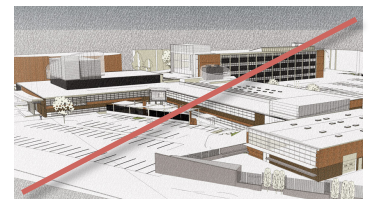
2009 Dedicated in 2009 Czurles-Nelson Gallery honors Stanley A. Czurles, the late SUNY Distinguished Service Professor of art education, who founded Buffalo State's art education program in 1931



2012 The Digital Design & Fabrication Lab Tech Hub starts operation with two small 3D Printers.



2017 Due to financial constraints the ~\$ 50M Upton Hall renovation is cancelled after two years of planning
Per administrative fiat the Fine Arts, Art Education, Design, and Interior Design Department are merged into the Art & Design Department



- 2018** BFA of Art Education established, shared Art & Design Foundation Program established
The Upton Hall North wing with the crafts studios is partly renovated for \$ 4.5M
- 2019** Building on the 1960s concept of a career oriented Industrial Art Education and integrating the latest democratization of industrial manufacturing tools Digital Design & Fabrication becomes a full part of the Art & Design Foundation Program
The Tech Hub expands rapidly adding additional 3D Printers, Laser Cutting, CNC Milling, CNC Routing, and Vinyl Cutting to its machine park serving students and faculty across the Visual Arts and the entire Buffalo State community
- 2021** 150th Anniversary of Buffalo State
Foundation of the new School of Art & Sciences merging the former School of Arts & Humanities and the School of Natural & Social Sciences
The Art & Design Department houses 13 degree programs plus 13 minors and services ~400 students with 21 full-time faculty



2019 Art & Design Student Award Winners

Full list here: <https://artdesign.buffalostate.edu/awards-and-scholarships>