The Arts & Ideas Major is a flexible interdisciplinary program of study in the Arts & Humanities. Students investigate how different forms of art speak to one another: how they argue or agree, how they overlap or diverge in form and content.

What makes the major special: coursework in the major combines **theoretical and historical study of the arts** (literature, visual art, music, film, dance, performance) with immersion in artistic practice. In other words:

**YOU DON'T JUST THINK AND WRITE ABOUT THE ARTS, YOU DO THE ARTS.**

Your thinking is enriched by the doing, and the doing is enriched by the thinking.

The A&I major will give you skills of attentive looking, reading, and listening and critical analytic writing that are essential in any profession. Its integrated approach to the arts prepares students for careers in arts development and administration.

A&I majors find jobs as:

- **Teachers**
- **Art & Academic Administrators**
- **in Medicine**
"I got my PhD in American Studies and Graduate Certificate in Museum studies at U-M. I currently work at the Rackham Graduate School managing the Program in Public Scholarship. Before that, I worked for the Michigan Humanities Council running a statewide grant-making program, which funded cultural organizations across the state in implementing projects intended to preserve and share histories from Michigan's diverse communities. I'm also working on writing a book about the history of community gardening, green space, and park building in Detroit."