

**RESOLUTION**

**GLASS PROGRAM IN VISUAL ARTS**

**WHEREAS**, the medium of glass is emerging as increasingly popular and important in the visual arts, and

**WHEREAS**, student interest in glass is increasing among current and potential art students at the University of South Alabama, and

**WHEREAS**, interest in glass is increasing in the art community in the Gulf Coast region, and

**WHEREAS**, very few art programs at universities in the Southeast region of the United States currently offer specialized education in glass, and

**WHEREAS**, no program in glass currently exists at any university or college in the state of Alabama, and

**WHEREAS**, establishing an outstanding educational program in glass will broaden and strengthen the visual arts offerings at the University of South Alabama, and

**WHEREAS**, establishing such a program will assist the University of South Alabama in recruiting outstanding visual arts students from throughout Alabama and the southeastern United States,

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the University of South Alabama hereby authorizes the establishment of a concentration in glass in the Bachelor of Fine Arts program in the Visual Arts Department and construction of a necessary facility.



**MEMORANDUM**  
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA

OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
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UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA

May 14, 2008

TO: Gordon Moulton

FROM:

Pat Covey 

SUBJECT: Resolution for the Establishment of a Glass Program in Visual Arts

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I recommend that the attached resolution pertaining to the establishment of a glass art program in the Department of Visual Arts be added to the June 2008 Board of Trustees agenda.

Thank you.

PCC:njc



# USA GLASS

## The University of South Alabama Department of Visual Arts

The Department of Visual Arts proposes the addition of a concentration in glass within the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree program.

During the past two decades, glass has become one of the most important areas of production in the field of visual arts. There are currently no glass programs in the state of Alabama and only three programs in the southeastern United States. None of the programs in the southeast are at public institutions.

The inception of a glass program at the University of South Alabama will strengthen current visual arts programs and raise the national profile of the University and the Department of Visual Arts. Further, it will better serve local constituencies and allow recruitment of students from a larger demographic base.

A university program in glass allows its students the opportunity to explore the sculptural, conceptual and functional aesthetics of glass as an artistic medium. Coursework is structured to develop technical, aesthetic, and conceptual expertise as well as encourage the student to seek personal expression through the exploration of a wide range of glass techniques and applications.

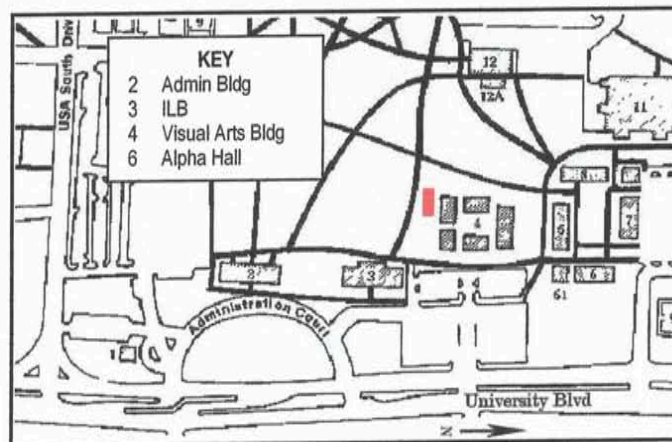
- The Department of Visual Arts offers the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Studio Art and Art History.
- The Department of Visual Arts has 225 majors in seven concentrations, and twelve full-time faculty members.
- Glass would become a new concentration within the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree program in the Department of Visual Arts.
- Currently, concentrations are available in Painting, Ceramics, Sculpture, Printmaking, Photography, Art History, and Graphic Design.
- In order to obtain a concentration in Glass, students would be required to take twenty-four credit hours of instruction in the field, and complete all other requirements for the B.F.A.
- Proposed courses in glass: Kiln Formed Glass, Glassblowing, Advanced Glassblowing.
- Proposed facility: 4000 sq ft, climate-controlled, dedicated studio for hot and cold glass working.



**New Facility for Glass Program (Preliminary Rendering)**



**Model for Interior**



**Location of Facility**