

ADMISSIONS GUIDE 2025

The Admissions Guide will give you useful information to help you prepare for the selection tests.

All programs are taught in french. Except for the second year of the Master's in Creative Strategy Management.

(INTERACTIVE MENU)

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 1st joint artistic year 3D Cinema & Game Art
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Use of IA



For all programs

All works presented in the portfolios must be the result of the candidate's personal work, without any intervention or assistance from AI. Any detection of AI usage will result in the elimination of the application.

Exception: The Master's in Image & Innovation

The use of AI is allowed in this portfolio only within a creative framework, provided it does not replace the candidate's personal work. The candidate must explain why and how AI was used at each stage of the process, specifying its role in the workflow.



ADMISSIONS PROCESS

1 ACCOUNT CREATION & PRE-REGISTRATION

Go to www.isart.com. Sign up to create your account.

- 2 CONTACT

 The school will contact you by telephone to confirm the date for your tests.
- TEST PERIOD & RESULTS

 Campuses Paris / Nice / Montreal:

 Competition dates are available on the Admission page.

 The results will be given maximum 10 days after the exam.
- 4 REGISTRATION
 The registration form is available in your my.isart.com portal.
- FINAL REGISTRATION

 The candidate must return their completed form to ISART, using signed for delivery.



Results will be available on your **my.isart.com** portal.

DIGITAL ART 1ST YEAR BACHELOR 3D CINEMA & GAME ART

Paris, Nice & Montreal campuses

ADMISSION

INTERVIEW



The 30 minute interview will be held in front of a panel, including a 20 minute presentation of your work. The aim of the interview is to evaluate your creative potential, your motivation, as well as your knowledge of the training offeredby ISART and of the 3D film industry.

You'll need to submit original work from your portfolio as well as your printed resume with photo.

APPLICATION FILE

Your application file must be sent to the school by the day before your appointment, at the latest via my.isart.com (your personal application portal).



Resume with photo





Cover Letter









ASSESMENT

60%

40% **INTERVIEW**

PORTFOLIO

RESUME /

COVER LETTER

PASS MARK: 8/20

Required portfolio The portfolio must be brought with you on the day of the interview)

REQUIRED PORTFOLIO 1ST YEAR BACHELOR'S



CHARACTERS

3 IMAGES MINIMUM Traditional and/or 2D/3D digital techniques



COLOR DESIGNS

3 IMAGES MINIMUM Traditional, digital 2D, 3D and/or photography techniques



OBJECTS

3 IMAGES MINIMUM Traditional and/or 2D/3D digital techniques



VIDEOS

3 FICHIERS MAXIMUM Real shots, motion design, and/or 2D or 3D animation



3 IMAGES MINIMUM Traditional techniques and/or 2D or 3D digital techniques

Digital Art is the first year common to the 3D Cinema & Game Art programs. For admission to a higher year, please refer to:

- →3D Cinema (page 04)
- → Game Art (page 06)



Results will be available on your my.isart.com portal.

3D CINEMA

Paris & Montreal campuses Entrance possible up to 1st year Master's degree



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ASSESMENT

60% PORTFOLIO RESUME / **COVER LETTER**

40% **INTERVIEW** PASS MARK: 8/20

APPLICATION FILE

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Resume with photo





Cover Letter







Required Portfolio

The portfolio must be brought with you on the day of the interview

PORTFOLIO CONTENT



For each PDF: date, caption, context for production, commentary



Possibles formats



Images in 150 DPI

REQUIRED PORTFOLIO 2ND YEAR BACHELOR'S

Drawing is not a prerequisite for students wishing to go into Special Effects/VFX.

Depending on your skills, your portfolio will be either "3D Animation" or "Special Effects" oriented. It will contain between 20 to 30 works maximum, under all headings (including 3D).



OBSERVATION AND IMAGINATION

Scenery | Objects | Vehicles | Characters | Animals | Research and final renderings | Narrative illustrations



VIDEOS

Live action | Stop motion | Motion design | 2D Animation | 3D Animation | Breakdown | Etc.



CREATIVE PROCESS

10 IMAGES MAXIMUM Any intermediate steps to help you to understand your work: references used (photos, tables...), wireframes for modeling, blocking for animation...



COLOR DESIGN

Narrative illustrations | Storyboard | Edited Pictures | Matte painting | Etc.



3D PROJECTS

5 PROJECTS MAXIMUM Modeling | Texturing | Materials | Lighting | Rendering | Dynamic simulations |



SKETCHES

Characters | Landscapes



REQUIRED PORTFOLIO FOR 3RD YEAR BACHELOR'S



PERSONAL PROJECTS FOR SETS AND 3D OBJECTS FINALIZED

A MINIMUM OF 3 SCENERY PROJECTS AND A MINIMUM OF 3 OBJECT PROJECTS

PREFERABLY ON MAYA

Modeling | Texturing | Materials | Lighting | Rendering Lighting | Rendering



CREATIVE PROCESS

10 IMAGES MAXIMUM Any intermediate steps to help you to understand your work: references used (photos, tables...), wireframes for modeling, blocking for animation...



VIDEOS

5 VIDEOS MAXIMUM
Live action (with effects) |
Stop motion | Motion design | 2D animation

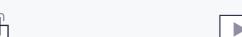
5 VIDEOS MAXIMUM 3D animation tests (maya or other)

Depending on your skills, your portfolio may also contain a maximum of 15 items from among the following headings



OBSERVATIONAL DRAWING

Decorations | Objects | Characters | Animals | Morphology



DIGITAL COLOR WORK

Illustrations | Edited Pictures | Matte painting | Etc..



IMAGINATION DRAWING

Sets | Vehicles | Objects | Characters | Narrative illustrations



FILM PRE PRODUCTION

Storyboards | Colorboards | 2D/3D Animatics | Previews | Pre-shoots | Etc.



SKETCHES

Characters | Landscapes



WORKING WITH VOLUME

Modeling | Costume | Make-up VFX... (photo, video or original)

REQUIRED PORTFOLIO FOR 1ST YEAR MASTER'S



3D PERSONAL PROJECTS FINALIZED

10 PROJETCS MAXIMUM ON MAYA
Modeling | Texturing | Shading | Lighting |
Rendering | Rigging | Animation



PERSONAL COMPOSITING PROJECTS FINALIZED

5 PROJECTS MAXIMUM ON NUKE 3D Passes | Rotoscopies | Keying | Color Matching | Etc.



VIDEOS

5 VIDEOS MAXIMUM

Live shooting or Stop motion or Motion design or 2D Animation or 3D Animation

Depending on your skills, your portfolio may also contain at least 2 items from the following list:



IMAGINATION DRAWING

12 DRAWINGS MAXIMUM
Decor | Vehicles | Objects | Characters |
Narrative illustrations



SKETCHES

15 SKETCHES MAXIMUM Characters | Landscapes



DIGITAL COLOR WORK

10 WORKS MAXIMUM
Digital illustrations | Edited Pictures |
Matte painting | Etc.



AND/OR



FILM PRE PRODUCTION

2 PROJECTS MAXIMUM

Characters | Sets | Storyboards | Colorboards | 2D/3D Animated | Previs | Pre-shoots



Results will be available on your **my.isart.com** portal.

GAME ART

Paris, Nice, Montreal Campuses Entrance possible up to 1ST year Master's (in Paris and Montreal), and 3rd Bachelor's program (in Nic



ASSESMENT

60%

ADMISSION



The interview will take place with the jury and will last 30 min maximum. The aim of the interview is to evaluate your creative potential, your motivation, as well as your knowledge of the training offered by ISART and of the video games industry.

PORTFOLIO RESUME / **COVER LETTER**

40% **INTERVIEW**

PASS MARK: 8/20

APPLICATION FILE

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Resume with photo



Cover Letter







Required portfolio The portfolio must be brought with you on the day of the interview)



For each PDF: date, caption, context for production, commentary



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Possibles formats



Images in 150 DPI

REQUIRED PORTFOLIO FOR 2ND YEAR BACHELOR'S

Your portfolio should contain items from at least 3 categories below:



OBSERVATIONAL DRAWINGS [DIGITAL AND/OR TRADITIONAL]

AROUND 20 IMAGES (IN BLACK & WHITE AND/OR COLOR) Environments | Objects | Characters (live models) | Animal drawings | Etc.



ILLUSTRATED STILL 2D SETTINGS

2 IMAGES MINIMUM Vehicle or building in a landscape



CONCEPT ART [DIGITAL AND/OR TRADITIONAL]]

AROUND 10 WORKS

Characters within an environment | Characters interacting (poses in action)



RECENT CULTURAL **SELF-IMPROVEMENT**

Examples: visiting exhibitions, museums, festivals, etc.



WIREFRAME MODELING (MESHING)

4 IMAGES MINIMUM IN MAYA Simple objects



SKETCHES

15 SKETCHES MINIMUM (OR SKETCHBOOK) Character posing | Landscapes

OPTIONAL

ANY OTHER FORMS OF CREATIONS

Photos | Sculptures | Music | Game design | Etc.



REQUIRED PORTFOLIO FOR 3RD YEAR BACHELOR'S



OBSERVATIONAL DRAWINGS IDIGITAL AND/OR TRADITIONAL

AROUND 20 IMAGES
[IN BLACK & WHITE AND/OR COLOR]
Environments | Objects (buildings, cars, furniture, accessories, etc.) | Characters (live models) | Animals



ILLUSTRATED STILL 2D SETTINGS

2 IMAGES MINIMUM Vehicle or building in a landscape



IMAGE RENDU 3D

PERSONNAGE MODÉLISÉ Travail en high poly sous Zbrush et retopologie sous Maya



CONCEPT ART [DIGITAL AND/OR TRADITIONAL]

10 WORKS MAXIMUM / MINIMUM 3 PER CATEGORY Characters with settings | Characters interacting (action poses) | Robots, vehicles, creatures



MODELLING WITH WIREFRAME [GRIDS]

4 IMAGES MINIMUM UNDER MAYA, 3DS MAX OR OTHER Simples objects



RECENT CULTURAL SELF-IMPROVEMENT

Examples: visiting exhibitions, museums, festivals, etc.



SKETCHES

15 SKETCHES
MINIMUM 3 PER CATEGORY
Character poses | Landscapes |
Anatomical studies (hands, feet, etc.)



IMAGE RENDU 3D

SCREENSHOTS IN THE GAME ENGINE UNITY AND UNREAL

5 IMAGES MINIMUM Lighting/shading/texturing

OPTIONAL

2D OR 3D ANIMATION

SOFTWARE OR TECHNIQUES YOUR CHOICE

ANY OTHER FORMS OF CREATION

Photo | Sculpture | Music | Game Design | Etc.

REQUIRED PORTFOLIO FOR 1ST YEAR MASTER'S



OBSERVATIONAL DRAWINGS [DIGITAL AND/OR TRADITIONAL]

AROUND 20 IMAGES (IN BLACK & WHITE AND/OR COLOR) Environments | Objects (buildings, cars, furniture, accessories, etc.) | Characters (live models) | Animals



SKETCHES

15 SKETCHES MAXIMUM / MINIMUM 5 PER CATEGORY Character poses | Landscapes | Anatomical studies (hands, feet, etc.) | Animals, Creatures



3D RENDERED PICTURS SCREENSHOTS IN GAME ENGINE UNITY (MANDATORY) AND UNREAL (OPTIONAL)

5 IMAGES MINIMUM Lighting/shading/texturing



MATTE PAINTING (PHOTO BASHING)

1 IMAGE MINIMUM

OPTIONAL

& PRODUCTION

2D OR 3D ANIMATION

3 FRAMES MINIMUM Characters (walking, running, attacking)

OR

ANY OTHER FORMS OF CREATION

Photo | Sculpture | Music | Game Design | Etc.

SPECIALIZATION

& PRODUCTION

TECHNICAL

CONCEPT ART [DIGITAL AND/OR TRADITIONAL]

AROUND 10 WORKS

Characters with settings | Characters interacting (action poses) | Speed Paint, Color studies | Robots, Vehicles | Accessories, Props (weapons, plants, furniture, etc.)

ILLUSTRATED 2D SETTINGS

5 IMAGES MINIMUM Vehicule or building in a landscape SPECIALIZATION DESIGN

MODELLING WITH WIREFRAME [GRID]

4 IMAGES MINIMUM UNDER MAYA, 3DS MAX OR OTHER

Simple objects

LIGHTING/SHADING

3 IMAGES MINIMUM

RECENT CULTURAL SELF-IMPROVEMENT

Examples: visiting exhibitions, museums, festivals, etc.



MASTER'S IN IMAGE & INNOVATION

Paris campus

Entry to 1st year of the program

ASSESMENT

40% PORTFOLIO RESUME / **COVER LETTER**

60% **INTERVIEW**

PASS MARK: 8/20

ADMISSION





The interview will take place with the jury and will last 30 min maximum. Please bring your portfolio portfolio on a USB key, as well as a printed version of your Resume. The purpose of the interview is to assess your creative potential and motivation, as well as your knowledge of ISART's training programme by ISART.

APPLICATION FILE

Your application file must be sent to the schoolby the day before your appointment, at the latest via my.isart.com (your personal application portal).



Resume with photo





Cover Letter







Required portfolio The portfolio must be brought with you on the day of the interview)

REQUIRED PORTFOLIO FOR 1ST YEAR MASTER'S



ALL ACHIEVEMENTS CONSIDERED RELEVANT

Examples



VIDEOS

ANY TYPE OF CONTENT WITH ANY TYPE OF PRODUCTION TOOL AND ANY TYPE OF TECHNIQUEE



3D SOFTWARE PROJECTS

Modeling | Textures | Materials | Lighting Lighting | Rendering | Rigs | Animations |



PROJECTS USING INNOVATIVE **TOOLS**

Real-time | Photogrammetry | Incrustations | Integrations | AI Gen | Face Replacement | Rotoscopy | Etc.

Demonstrate your artistic culture and creative flair by sharing work such as:



SKETCHES

People | Landscapes

OBSERVATION DRAWING

Scenery | Objects | Characters | Animals | Morphology



DIGITAL WORK IN COLOR

Digital illustrations | Photos Matte painting | Etc.



FILM PRE-PRODUCTION

Characters | Sets | Storyboards | Colorboards | 2D/3D Animatics | Previs | Pre-shoots



Results will be available on your **my.isart.com** portal.

GAME DESIGN

Paris & Montreal campuses

Entrance possible to 1st year of the program



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INTERVIEW



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ASSESMENT

40% **PORTFOLIO** RESUME / **COVER LETTER**

60% INTERVIEW PASS MARK: 8/20

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Cover Letter





Required portfolio The portfolio must be brought with you on the day of the interview

REQUIRED PORTFOLIO FOR 1ST YEAR BACHELORS



AT LEAST ONE DOCUMENT **DESCRIBING THE GAMEPLAY OF AN INNOVATIVE PROJECT**

1 DOCUMENT MINIMUM Explain your ideas using images and diagrams. Concentrate on the gameplay: don't focus on the game world, the storyline, technique or design



A GAME PROTOTYPE

YOUR CHOICE OF MEDIUM: VIDEO GAME, CARD OR DICE GAME A prototype can be simple, in very early stages, and very schematic, as long as it at least partly shows what is interesting about the gameplay



IF POSSIBLE. OTHER FORMS OF **ANALYTICAL OR CREATIVE WORKS**

Maps | Levels | Campaigns | Mods | Strategic guides | Gameplay analysis of a game | Etc.



Results will be available on your my.isart.com portal.

GAME PROGRAMMING

Paris & Montreal campuses

Entrance possible to 1st year or 3rd year bachelor's

ADMISSION

WRITTEN TESTS



1ST YEAR

Specialized tests (2h): Mathematics 1h30 / Logic, algorithms (30 min. PC test)

WRITTEN TESTS



3RD YEAR

Specialized tests (5h30): Mathematics & Physics (3h on paper, please bring your pen) / Programming [choice of C++ algorithms or Gameplay programming (Unity or Unreal Engine) of your choice] (2h30, PC test)

1ST YEAR

3RD YEAR

ASSESMENT

ASSESMENT

40% SPECIALIZED TESTS

60%
INTERVIEW
RESUME /
COVER LETTER
PASS MARK: 8/20

40%
SPECIALIZED

TESTS

30%
PORTFOLIO
RESUME / COVER
LETTER
30%
INTERVIEW

INTERVIEW



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2 APPLICATION FILE

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Resume with photo



Cover Letter



School reports of the last 2 years





Required portfolio
The portfolio must be brought with you on the day of the interview

OPTIONAL PORTFOLIO FOR 1ST YEAR BACHELOR'S

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PROGRAMMING PROJECTS

PROGRAMS IN C

REQUIRED PORTFOLIO FOR 3RD YEAR BACHELOR'S

1 minimum of each

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PROGRAMMING PROJECTS (C, C++)

GAME PROJECTS DEVELOPED ON UNITY OR UNREAL



Results will be available on your my.isart.com portal.

GAME DESIGN & PROGRAMMING

Paris & Nice campuses

Entry to 1st year of the program



ADMISSION

INTERVIEW



The interview will take place with the jury and will last 30 min maximum. The aim of the interview is to evaluate your creative potential, your motivation, as well as your knowledge of the training offered by ISART and of the video game industry.

ASSESMENT

40%
PORTFOLIO
RESUME /
COVER LETTER

60%INTERVIEW
PASS MARK: 8/20

2 application file

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Resume with photo





Cover Letter







Required portfolio
The portfolio must be brought with you on
the day of the interview

REQUIRED PORTFOLIO 1ST YEARS BACHELOR'S

Your portfolio should contain:



GAME PROTOTYPE CODED OR PAPER (Game Concept)



APPLICATION
OR WEBSITE
(the jury will look at the code)



ARTISTIC CREATION (photography, painting, drawings, comics, etc.)



ALL ACHIEVEMENTS CONSIDERED RELEVANT

Choose videos of your achievements rather than prototypes to play with or programs to test during the interview.



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ADMISSION

INTERVIEW



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Resume with photo



Cover Letter







ASSESMENT

40% **PORTFOLIO**

60% INTERVIEW

RESUME /

COVER LETTER

PASS MARK: 8/20

Required portfolio The portfolio must be brought with you on the day of the interview

REQUIRED PORTFOLIO 1ST YEARS BACHELOR'S



A MUSICAL COMPOSITION SYNCED WITH A VIDEO OF YOUR CHOICE

(a film extract, from an animated film, short film or an advert).

- → You will justify your choice of video and your composition work at the interview.
- → You will attach your composition (with the original video): 30s minimum in .mov or .mp4 format
- → Please use the following structure for file titles: NAME_FIRST_NAME_COMPOSITION_ISART



A SONIC POSTCARD

Based on an image or photo of your choice, recreate a sonic atmosphere composed only of sound effects corresponding to the place or event that the image (or photo) represents..

- → You will attach the image/photo and your soundtrack, with a length of: 30s minimum in .wav format
- → Please use the following structure for file titles: FIRSTNAME_NAME_POSTCARD_SONORISATION_ISART





REQUIRED PORTFOLIO 2ND YEARS BACHELOR'S



MUSICAL COMPOSITION AND IMAGE SOUND

Using a video extract from a film, video game or advertisement of your choice (minimum length 1m30s), recreate the entire the total sound atmosphere of the scene (excluding voices) including sound effects (sound design), ambiences and musical composition (different from the original), all to be to be mixed and harmonized.

- → You will redo the entire sound design, from sound effects to ambiences all of which must be mixed and harmonized.
- → Justify your choice of video and your composition work in an oral presentation.
- → Enclose your composition (with the original video) 1min30s in .mov or .mp4 format
- → Use the following nomenclature: FIRSTNAME_NAME_COMPOSITION_SONORISATION_ISART



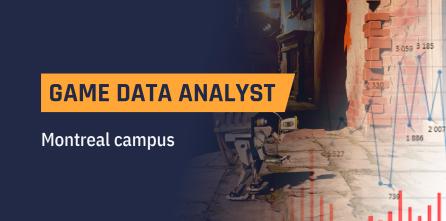
A SOUND POSTCARD

Using an image or photo of your choice, create a soundtrack a soundscape composed entirely of sound effects corresponding to the place and event that the image (or photo) represents.

- → Enclose the image/photo and your soundtrack at least 1min30s long in .wav format
- → Use the following nomenclature:
 FIRSTNAME_NAME_POSTCARD_SONORISATION_ISART



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ADMISSION

INTERVIEW



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ASSESMENT

20%
RESUME /
COVER LETTER

80% INTERVIEW

PASS MARK: 8/20

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Resume with photo

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Cover Letter



Recommended portfolio

GAME DATA ANALYST RECOMMENDED PORTFOLIO



ALL ACHIEVEMENTS CONSIDERED RELEVANT



MASTER'S IN CREATIVE ASTRATEGY MANAGEMENT



ADMISSIONS 2025

Results will be available on your my.isart.com portal.

Campus 1st year: Excelia Business School Paris Campus 2nd year: ISART Paris or ISART No

ADMISSION

INTERVIEW



The interview will take place in **French and/or English** with the jury and will last 45 minutes.

The aim of the interview is to assess your motivation, as well as your knowledge of the training course and the video game industry. Be prepared to talk about your professional experience and what you've learned from them.

ASSESMENT

20% RESUME / COVER LETTER

80% ENTRETIEN

PASS MARK: 8/20

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Cover Letter



Minimum B2 level in English* (for admission to 2nd year)

(TOEIC, TOEFL, IELTS, Duolingo or equivalent)

* Certificate to be submitted no later than the start of the school year





Recommended portfolio

Bring your portfolio with you on the day of the interview (USB key)

REQUIRED PORTFOLIO FOR 1ST & 2ND YEARS MASTER'S



ALL ACHIEVEMENTS CONSIDERED RELEVANT