College of Creative Arts

Degrees Offered

• Bachelor of Arts with Majors: Theatre, Art History, Music, Dance
• Bachelor of Fine Arts with Majors: Theatre, Art & Design (with or without certification)
• Bachelor of Music
• Bachelors of Multidisciplinary Studies

Introduction

Creative development in art, music, theatre, dance and multidisciplinary arts is central to the College of Creative Arts. Made up of three professionally accredited and nationally recognized Schools of Art & Design, Music, and Theatre & Dance, the College provides students with a place where young artists forge a personal understanding between artistic practice and theory and form personal and professional insights that explore and expand the nature of human creativity. Combining performance, exhibition, and scholarship in ways that address both traditional and innovative approaches to art, music, theatre and dance, students gain a greater understanding of the arts—and, in turn, themselves.

A distinguished faculty of scholars and artists bring to the College’s outstanding facilities a commitment to a creative process of artistic growth. In a rich environment of plays, exhibitions, and concerts, the College offers students the knowledge, skills, and inspiration necessary for artistic and professional success.

Vision Statement

The College of Creative Arts envisions broadening our role as a leader of innovation and engagement in the arts.

Mission Statement

The College of Creative Arts educates succeeding generations of artists, teachers, and scholars through an experiential student-centered approach to learning. The College advocates the arts as a medium through which the diversity of human experience is understood and valued. Exemplifying excellence and innovation in performance, exhibition, scholarship, and creative research, the College offers artistic and cultural opportunities for the citizens of West Virginia and the global community.

Study Abroad

The College of Creative Arts realizes the importance of the personal and professional benefits that result from studying abroad. Through WVU’s international programs, students can gain a global perspective, broaden their experiences, and discover new career paths. College of Arts’ students have the opportunity to study abroad through one of the programs coordinated by the College or by the Office of International Programs.

Interested students should work with their academic advisor in developing a program of study that includes a study abroad experience.

For more information about International programs, see each School’s individual program descriptions in this catalog, visit each School’s website, or go to West Virginia University’s International Programs website at http://internationalstudies.wvu.edu/.

Graduation Requirements

Each School in the College of Creative Arts has specific graduation requirements for their programs. Students should refer to the individual program descriptions for graduation.

Application for Graduation

Three semesters prior to the anticipated date of graduation, each student should come to the College of Creative Arts Records Office to request an academic records audit to ensure that all program requirements will be fulfilled by the completion of the final semester of study. During the first month of a student’s final semester or summer session (the one in which the student will graduate), each student must apply for graduation and a diploma. If a student does not actually complete all program requirements by the end of the anticipated final semester, it will be necessary to reapply for a later graduation date. No candidate can graduate without this application.

College Scholarship Resources

Drs. Sophia and David Blaydes Creative Arts Endowment
Endowment income is to fund freshman students majoring in art, music, or theatre.

CNG Endowed Scholarship
Endowment income is to fund fine or applied arts majors in art, music, or theatre.

Davis Memorial Scholarships for the CCA
Endowment income is to fund undergraduate or graduate students majoring in art, music, or theatre.

**Phil Faini Scholarship**
Endowment income is to fund undergraduate students majoring in art, music, or theatre.

**Kenneth O. Godwin, Jr. Scholarship**
Endowment income is to fund freshman graduates of Grafton High School majoring in art, music, or theatre.

**Drs. Paul and Laura Mesaros Scholarship III**
Endowment income is to support art or music majors.

**Mikki Van Wyk Creative Arts Scholarship**
Endowment income is to fund undergraduate students majoring in art, music, or theatre.

**James Miltenberger Piano Scholarship**
Endowment income is to fund undergraduate and graduate majors in the School of Music whose primary instrument is the piano.

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**ADMINISTRATION**

**DEAN AND DIRECTOR**
- Paul K. Kreider - D.M.A. (University of Arizona)

**ASSOCIATE DEAN**
- William J. Winsor - M.F.A. (Ohio State University)

**Admission Requirements**
The College of Creative Arts uses the admission standards and procedures of the University, and acceptance into the College and/or one of its Schools is contingent upon admission to WVU as an undergraduate student. Each School within the College also has individual admission requirements.

- The School of Music requires that all applicants complete a successful audition before consideration for admission into one of its programs.
- The School of Art & Design requires all applicants to the Bachelor of Fine Arts in studio art to submit and successfully pass a portfolio review before admission into the program.
- For Theatre programs, The School of Theatre & Dance uses an open admission policy.
- For Dance programs, The School of Theatre & Dance requires all applicants to the Bachelor of Arts in Dance to complete a successful audition before consideration for admission.

Potential students should refer to the specific admission criteria of each school found in their program descriptions in this catalog and on the School’s website. Students should also check the College’s website for audition dates which held throughout the year.

Students transferring to the College of Creative Arts from other colleges and universities are required to present a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 in addition to the standard auditions or portfolio reviews. Special exceptions may be made in the case of first-semester freshman students.

Because of the creative nature of the Arts, some students may be admitted under the individual consideration clause of the University's general admission policy. This category allows admission of exceptionally talented students in art, music, and theatre who might not meet the criteria for grade point averages and standardized test scores to be admitted to one of the College’s programs of study.

For more information about studying at the College of Creative Arts, please contact:

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West Virginia University  
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Morgantown, WV 26506-6111  
Phone: (304) 293-4339  
Email: ccarecruitment@mail.wvu.edu.

**Scholarships and Financial Aid**
The College of Creative Arts offers a number of special College-based scholarship awards for freshman and current students enrolled in its programs. College-based awards are granted on the demonstration of outstanding talent, academic achievement, and the student’s potential for success in their
chosen area of study. These undergraduate scholarships are a form of financial aid that helps students pay for their education. In order to receive and maintain an award from the College, a student must plan to enroll or be enrolled as a full-time major in one of the College’s programs of study.

A number of cash awards are also available to entering freshmen and current majors. All cash awards are applied toward the recipient’s tuition balance through the WVU Financial Aid office. Amounts in excess of the tuition can be applied to any other outstanding balance on the student’s account. Cash awards cannot exceed the total cost of attendance.

For general information on College-based scholarships, please contact the College of Creative Arts Recruitment Office at ccarecruitment@mail.wvu.edu. Because each School in the College of Creative Arts has specific criteria for its scholarships or cash awards, students should refer to the School’s individual program descriptions in this catalog and on the School’s website.

College of Creative Arts’ scholarship and cash awards are not made on the basis of financial need; however, the receipt of a scholarship may affect a student’s overall financial aid package. Recipients of other forms of financial aid who also receive a scholarship or cash award from the College should consult with the WVU Financial Aid office to discuss the parameters of their complete financial aid package. To get more information about financial aid as well as other University-based scholarships, please visit the WVU Financial Aid website at http://financialaid.wvu.edu/.

Minors

In addition to their major areas of study, all of the Schools in the College of Creative Arts offer academic minors. A minor is comprised of a set of courses that a student takes outside of their major, and a successful audition, portfolio review, minimum grade, or grade point average may also be required for admission and/or completion of the minor. Requirements for academic minors are set by the School offering the minor, and the student should consult each individual School’s program description in this catalog or the School’s website for the program's specific requirements.

The College of Creative Arts offers a number of different minors that range from a general overview of a particular discipline to an in-depth experience in a practical application of an art form. Currently, the following minors are offered by the College:

- The School of Art & Design offers minors in Ceramics, Electronic Media, Painting, Photography, Printmaking, Sculpture, Art History and Interactive Media.
- The School of Music offers minors in General Musicianship, Jazz Studies, Music Performance, Music Technology and World Music.
- The School of Theatre & Dance offers minors in Dance, Theatre Production, Theatre Studies and Technical Theatre.
- The College of Creative Arts offers a minor in Arts Administration.

If a student successfully completes the requirements of a minor, it will be recorded on the student’s official record and will appear on transcripts.

ARTS ADMINISTRATION MINOR

MINOR CODE - U078

Arts Administration is one of the fastest growing fields in the arts industry. This interdisciplinary minor includes courses in the arts, business, public relations, and leadership. The goal is to provide students with the basic knowledge and skills they will need for entry-level work with cultural, performing and visual arts organizations such as orchestras, theaters, museums, galleries and dance companies. Arts Administration may also lead to opportunities that include event planning, arts facilities management, public relations, marketing, and grant writing for arts organizations. A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required in all minor courses.

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