

DEPARTMENT OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

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The Department of Visual and Performing Arts offers the Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences with majors in art and theatre. Minors are offered in art, music, and theatre.

The Department also offers performance/production related courses for all students. Included are courses in studio art, dance, music performance (band, choir, etc.), and theatre production. Any of these courses, as well as others offered by the Department, may be used to fulfill general education requirements.

Certain studio, production, and applied theory courses with variable content are offered for repeat credit. These courses require the proper prerequisites as well as permission of the instructor.

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES ART MAJOR

Coordinator: Suzanne Adams-Ramsey

The major in visual art is a broad-based program in two-dimensional studio art stressing interdisciplinary study. The program encourages critical and creative thinking skills and extensive studio experience. Students experience a variety of learning environments in which to develop the individuality of their work.

The program is arranged in three levels of development:

The first level, consisting of foundation courses, includes ART 101, 120, 221, and six additional credit hours to be chosen from any 2-D art listing.

The second level, consisting of experiential learning and support courses, includes: ART 320, 350, 351 and an additional 18 hours of approved contextual support courses which are relative to the student's individual art initiative.

The third level, focusing on the individual artist's development through four semesters of study, includes the studio seminar courses: ART 385, 386, 485 and 486.

Of the total art courses, 24 hours must be at the 300- and 400-level.

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ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM

Before being admitted to the program, students must have completed the level one foundation courses listed in the previous section with at least a 2.0 GPA. In addition, a portfolio of 20 works must be submitted for review. Formal application to the program should be made by the spring semester of the sophomore year. Delayed admission will only be considered for transfer students and/or extenuating circumstances.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR SEMINARS

Studio seminar courses (3 credit hours each) will be completed each semester of the junior and senior years. These junior/senior seminars will be comprised of independent study in a chosen subject area as well as weekly group sessions for critique and related studies. Specific studies outside the realm of the academic studio environment may be considered for fulfillment of the seminar requirement, such as museum studies, foreign travel, apprenticeships, etc.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Major candidates must present a portfolio of work for review at the end of each semester. Graduation is contingent upon an approved body of work presented for exhibit at the end of the final semester.

MINOR IN ART

A minor in art consists of a minimum of 18 semester hours of art. At least 12 of which must be in 300- or 400-level courses. The minor must be approved by the chair of the Department of Visual and Performing Arts.

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES THEATRE MAJOR

Coordinator: Michael McNulty

The major in theatre is a program that provides a foundation of theatre studies from which a student may pursue specific interests through the completion of a series of advanced courses in theatre and culminating in a series of advanced theatre seminars.

The program is arranged in three levels of development.

The first level, consisting of the foundation courses, includes: THTR 100, 101, 266, and 267.

The second level, consisting of more specialized theatre courses for the advancing student, includes 12 hours of theatre courses at the 200- and 300-level and an additional 12 hours of approved related liberal studies courses other than theatre courses.

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The third level, consisting of seminars related to the student's specific interest in theatre through four semesters of study, includes: THTR 385, 386, 485, and 486.

ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM

Before being admitted to the program, students must first complete the level one foundation courses listed in the previous section with at least a 2.0 GPA. Formal application to the program should be made by the spring semester of the sophomore year. Delayed admission will only be considered for transfer students and/or extenuating circumstances.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR SEMINARS

Theatre seminars will be completed each semester of the junior and senior years. These seminars are geared to each student's specific interests and will concentrate on the following areas: 1) technical theatre and design; 2) acting; 3) playwriting; 4) directing; 5) history and criticism.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Major candidates must present a portfolio of all work completed for review during the last semester in residence.

MINOR IN THEATRE

A minor in theatre consists of a minimum of 18 semester hours of theatre, at least 12 of which must be in 300- or 400-level courses. The minor must be approved by the chair of the Department of Visual and Performing Arts.

STUDIES IN MUSIC

Director of Choral Activities and Coordinator of Music:

Sharon Van Nest

Director of Bands: Richard D. Galyean

The music program is designed for the study of music within a liberal arts college curriculum. It offers courses that provide cultural and aesthetic enrichment for the general college student and the community at large. It presents an overview of the many professions available to the college-trained musician. The department provides a stimulating musical environment for campus and community. Program goals encourage, develop, and offer high standards of teaching, scholarship, research, and performance in music.

The curriculum includes instruction in vocal and instrumental ensembles, as well as courses in music theory, ear training, music theatre, music education, music technology, conducting, and applied lessons. The

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diverse make-up of the performing ensembles allows student creativity, involvement and empowerment. The ensembles present traditional, contemporary and non-western music in concerts on and off campus, and provide community outreach through music.

The Music Department faculty is composed of individuals whose backgrounds reflect varied areas of specialization: performance, music theatre, scholarly research and music education. They are all dedicated to the task of providing the best music education possible for students in their classes and studios.

All students are welcome to participate in the various performance ensembles: Highland Cavalier Pep Band, Chamber Singers, Concert Band, Concert Choir, Jazz Band and Recorder Ensemble.

MINOR IN MUSIC

A minor in music consists of 18 semester hours of music, at least 12 of which must be in 300- or 400-level courses. The minor must be approved by the chair of the Department of Visual and Performing Arts.

COURSES IN ART

ART 100: Introduction to Art (3)

Prerequisite: Freshman status or permission of instructor

A general survey of visual art which introduces students without previous art experience to studio exercises in drawing, painting, and two-dimensional design. Emphasizes perception and visualization skills, using examples of historically significant works of art.

ART 101: Basic Design (3)

Prerequisite: ART 100 or permission of instructor

Basic principles and elements of design and composition with problems in line, shape, form, texture, and color theory. Projects include basic printmaking as an extension of these principles. A variety of media and techniques will be explored.

ART 120: Basic Painting (3)

Prerequisite: ART 101 or permission of instructor

Fundamentals of painting with projects including painting from still life, the figure, landscape, and innovative subject matter. Emphasis on form, composition, texture, color, value, and techniques of application.

ART 221: Theory and Practice of Drawing (3, 3, 3)

Materials and techniques of drawing using a variety of media including

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pencil, charcoal, conte, pen and ink, brush and ink, and scratchboard. Emphasis on line, form, space, light, texture, and composition. Traditional and innovative drawing methods and use of drawing as a commercial tool will be explored. May be repeated twice for credit.

ART 223: Theory and Practice of Ceramics (3, 3, 3)

Introduction to the design and construction, glazing and firing of hand-built ceramics. Creative exploration of the various hand building processes and decorating techniques will be covered. May be repeated twice for credit.

ART 231: Theory and Practice of Sculpture (3)

Prerequisite: ART 101 or permission of instructor

Design and construction of three-dimensional forms by additive, subtractive, and manipulative, sculptural processes of modeling, casting, carving, and assembling plaster, wire, paper, clay, wood, and various fibers and fabrics (soft sculpture).

ART 300: Black and White Photography (3, 3, 3)

Fundamentals of black and white photography with an emphasis on the photographic process as an artistic medium. Topics include control and understanding of the camera, film, paper, and the basic photographic processes of development and printing. May be repeated twice for credit.

ART 320: Intermediate Painting (3, 3)

Prerequisite: ART 120 or permission of instructor

Theory and technique of painting. Problems in space, form, color, composition, and materials, using oil, watercolor, acrylic, or mixed media. Emphasis on understanding and appreciation of past and contemporary painting, the variety and relationship of art styles, and techniques and analytic principles of these styles. May be repeated once for credit.

ART 321: Watercolor (3)

Prerequisite: ART 120 or permission of instructor

Introduction to basic watercolor techniques and materials as well as basic color theory as it applies to watercolor painting.

ART 331: Wheel Thrown Ceramics (3, 3, 3)

This course investigates the properties of stoneware clay in forming wheel-thrown vessels. Emphasis is on consistency and proficiency in centering and throwing. Students will experiment with construction

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techniques and surface finishes. Course may be repeated for a total of nine credit hours.

ART 350: History of Art I (3)

Prerequisite: ENGL 102 or ENGL 103H

History and interpretation of architecture, sculpture, and painting beginning with prehistoric art and following the mainstream of civilization to the end of the Medieval period. Emphasis on relationship of art styles to the social, economic, political and religious conditions of the times, the relationships between works of different periods, and the influence of art on past and present cultures.

ART 351: History of Art II (3)

Prerequisite: ENGL 102 or ENGL 103H

History and interpretation of architecture, sculpture, and painting from 1400 to the present, with emphasis on relationship of art styles to the social, economic, political, and religious conditions of the times, the style relationships between works of different periods, and the influence of art on past and present cultures. Includes study of major trends, developments, philosophy and major artists.

ART 352: 20th Century Art (3)

Prerequisite: ENGL 102 or ENGL 103H

The development of progressive art in the 20th century. Exploration of the plurality of styles and concepts in contemporary art and art theory.

ART 353: Art in the United States (3)

Prerequisite: ENGL 102 or ENGL 103H

A study of the arts in America from Colonial times to the present as they reflect upon the American experience.

Art 354: World Art (3)

Prerequisite: ENGL 102 or ENGL 103H

The historical development of non-Western art. Emphasis is on the social and philosophical relationships of art to the various non-Western cultures and how these relationships contrast with the role of art in Western cultures.

ART 385, 386: Junior Studio Seminar I, II (3,3)

Prerequisites: ART 101 or permission of instructor, and entry portfolio approval

The purpose of this course is to allow individual creative exploration of various studio methods and materials, in multiple contexts, for the

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purpose of developing a personal artistic initiative. Students are required to complete a body of creative work (to be exhibited at the end of each term), as well as participate in group projects, discussions, and lectures on historic and contemporary art issues. The course is specified for art majors of junior status who have completed a minimum of 15 of the required hours toward the major and who submit an acceptable entry portfolio of work. The structure of the course is variable to accommodate relevant learning opportunities beyond the scope of the college classroom.

ART 420: Advanced Painting (3, 3)

Prerequisite: Art 320

Further pursuit of individual interest area in watercolor, oil or acrylic, or mixed media; further knowledge of the theory and technique of past and contemporary painting; awareness of the variety and relationship of art styles and techniques, and analytic principles of these styles. May be repeated once for credit.

ART 485, 486: Senior Studio Seminar I, II (3,3)

Prerequisites: ART 101 or permission of instructor, ART 385, 386 and entry portfolio approval

The course will establish a springboard for the student to enter the next phase of artistic development (i.e., professional art school, graduate school, commercial or freelance career) through intense investigation of production and aesthetic problems in art. The student will work independently on a body of work and his/her philosophical initiative, as well as participate in group context for critique, guest lectures, field trips, and exhibitions. The course is specified for art majors of senior status who have completed a minimum of 27 hours required toward the major and who submit an acceptable entry portfolio of work. The structure of this course is variable to accommodate relevant learning opportunities beyond the scope of the college classroom. The student will have responsibility for all aspects of his/her senior exit exhibit at the end of each term.

ART 491, 492: Special Projects (3, 3)

Prerequisite: Permission of instructor.

ART 495, 496: Special Studies in Art (1-6, 1-6)

Prerequisite: Permission of instructor

ART 497: Independent Study (1-3)

Prerequisite: Permission of instructor

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COURSES IN DANCE

DANC 103: Ballet, Beginning (2)

An introductory course in classical ballet technique, drawing primarily from the Russian and Italian schools. Principles of body alignment will be stressed, as well as an understanding of basic terminology.

DANC 104: Beginning Modern Dance (2)

Basic techniques of the modern dance movement in America, emphasizing dance as serious theatre art and as a means of individual expression.

DANC 105: Beginning Jazz Dance (2)

A study of jazz dance technique and its cultural roots.

DANC 106: Country and Folk Dance (2)

Study of the basic techniques of contemporary and traditional ethnic dance.

DANC 195, 295: Special Studies in Dance (1-3)

DANC 203: Ballet, Advanced Beginning (2)

Prerequisite: DANC 103 or equivalent

A continuation of the techniques of classical ballet.

DANC 204: Advanced Beginning Modern Dance (2)

Prerequisite: DANC 104 or equivalent

A continuation of the basic techniques of modern dance.

DANC 205: Advanced Beginning Jazz Dance (2)

Prerequisite: DANC 105 or equivalent

A continuation of the study of jazz dance technique.

DANC 207: Dance Ensemble (2)

Prerequisite: Permission of instructor

Provides formal and informal performance opportunities for qualified dancers. Background in ballet, modern dance or jazz desirable. May be repeated for a maximum of 6 credits.

COURSES IN MUSIC

MUSI 100: Musical Arts in the Information Age (3)

Prerequisite: Freshman status or permission of instructor

An introductory course that enhances the student's ability to focus on

music as a part of contemporary culture. Music is examined with the intent to create for the student a way to cope with the myriad musical styles available in everyday life.

MUSI 103: Beginning Class Recorder (1)

Open to students without prior music experience. Development of general musicianship through the study of elementary recorder literature; skills in sight reading, improvisation, harmonization, interpretation, and basic recorder technique.

MUSI 106/306: Recorder Ensemble (1)

Prerequisite: Audition

An early to contemporary wind ensemble. Open to all college students with previous recorder or other woodwind experience. Two to three hours of lecture/rehearsal each week. May be repeated for credit.

MUSI 114/314: Concert Band (2)

The concert band is open to all College students with previous instrumental experience. Three to five hours of lecture/rehearsal each week. Open to students with prior instrumental experience. May be repeated for credit.

MUSI 115/315: Concert Choir (2)

The concert choir is open to all College students. Three to five hours of lecture/rehearsal each week. May be repeated for credit.

MUSI 116: Beginning Class Piano (1)

Open to students without prior keyboard experience. Development of general musicianship through the study of elementary keyboard literature. Skills in sight reading, improvisation, transposition, harmonization, interpretation, and basic piano technique.

MUSI 117: Beginning Class Voice (1)

Open to students without prior vocal training. Development of general musicianship through the study of elementary vocal literature, skills in sight singing, interpretation, and basic vocal techniques.

MUSI 118: Beginning Class Guitar (1)

Open to students without prior guitar experience. Development of general musicianship through the study of elementary guitar literature, skills in sight reading, improvisation, transposition, harmonization, interpretation, and basic guitar technique.

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MUSI 119: Applied Music: Piano, Organ, Voice, Woodwinds, Brass, Strings, Percussion (1)

Prerequisite: Audition

One 30-minute private lesson per week for one credit per semester. Music is determined by the instructor according to the level and ability of the student. Prior performing experience and an audition are required before registration. May be repeated for credit.

MUSI 120: Introduction to Music Reading (3)

A beginning-level course that enhances the student's ability to read, analyze, and perform music. In-class performance is emphasized.

MUSI 124: Highland Cavalier Pep Band (1)

The Pep Band performs exclusively for college athletic events (football, basketball) throughout the semester. One to three hours of rehearsal/performance each week. Open to students with prior instrumental experience. May be repeated for credit.

MUSI 126 : Intermediate Class Piano (1)

Prerequisite: Music 116

Continuation of Beginning Class Piano. For general education students and music minors. Keyboard experience in reading and playing music of intermediate level, such as the Bach inventions, classical sonatinas, and easier Romantic literature. May be repeated for credit.

MUSI 127 : Ear Training and Sight Singing I (1)

Development of aural skills through exercises in sight singing, rhythmic reading and music dictation.

MUSI 150 : First Year Theory (3)

The purpose of First Year Theory is to expose students to the diatonic materials of music, and the fundamentals of harmony and voice leading.

MUSI 231/331: Jazz and Related Styles (3)

A survey of the various styles of jazz literature including ragtime, blues, New Orleans Dixieland, Chicago Dixieland, swing, bebop, cool, avant-garde, fusion, and neo-classical jazz. Students seeking upper-level credit for this course will complete a research project in addition to the assignments for MUSI 231.

MUSI 232/332: American Music Theatre (3)

A survey of music theatre in the United States from the Colonial period

to the present with an emphasis on the development of the musical from Show Boat to the contemporary musical. Students seeking upper-level credit for this course must complete a research project in addition to the assignments for MUSI 232.

MUSI 233: Music Appreciation (3)

A study of the materials of music as a means of developing listening skills. Emphasis on perception and understanding of a variety of musical styles.

MUSI 234/334: Music in the United States (3)

The study of American music from the Colonial period to the present. Included are a study of "popular" music, music theatre including opera, African-American music, music in the European tradition, electronic music and other genres. Students seeking upper-level credit for this course will complete a research project in addition to assignments for MUSI 234.

MUSI 235/335: History of Opera (3)

Introduction to opera as musical theatre. The study of opera structures, types of voices, and representative examples from the operas of Monteverdi to minimalist opera. Students seeking upper-level credit for this course will complete a research project in addition to assignments for MUSI 235.

MUSI 236/336: 20th Century Music (3)

Introduction to the major developments in 20th century music from the Impressionism of Debussy to the contemporary music of Philip Glass and Steve Reich. Students seeking upper-level credit for this course will complete a research project in addition to the assignments for MUSI 236.

MUSI 237/337: The Movie Musical (3)

A survey of the Hollywood film musical from 1930 to the present with an emphasis on the film score (overture, songs, dances, underscoring, etc.). This course is writing intensive. Students seeking upper-level credit for this course will complete a research project in addition to the assignments for MUSI 237.

MUSI 238/338: The History of Popular Music (3)

Survey of the history and development of popular music in the United States from the mid-nineteenth century minstrel show to present day forms.

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MUSI 260 : Elementary Music Education (3)

Prerequisite: Ability to read music, or permission of instructor

Introduces methods and materials for teaching basic musical concepts in the elementary classroom. Music activities suitable for children in grades K-6, singing, movement, listening, and instrumental activities appropriate to child growth and development.

MUSI 324: Jazz Band (1)

A jazz ensemble open to all students with previous instrumental jazz experience. One to three hours of lecture/rehearsal each week. Open to students with prior instrumental experience. May be repeated for credit.

MUSI 325: Chamber Singers (1)

Prerequisite: MUSI 115 or MUSI 315 or permission of instructor

The Chamber Choir is a select group of singers with considerable choral experience at the college level. Students must pass a vocal audition before acceptance. Two to three hours of lecture/rehearsal each week. May be repeated for credit.

MUSI 495, 496: Special Topics in Music (1-3, 1-3)

MUSI 497: Independent Study (1-3)

COURSES IN THEATRE

THTR 100: Acting (3)

An acting workshop in realistic theatre emphasizing practical application through classroom exercises.

THTR 101: Introduction to Theatre (3)

An introduction to the craft and art of theatre including acting, directing, management, design, theatre history, and dramatic literature.

THTR 200: Intermediate Acting (3)

Prerequisite: THTR 100 or permission of instructor

A studio course continuing the development of acting skills first introduced in THTR 100. Vocal, movement, and character development skills will be stressed. A final performance is required as a capstone experience for the course.

THTR 201: Voice and Diction (3)

Prerequisite: THTR 100 or permission of instructor

This course will explore the basic principles of vocal production as they relate to theatre and music theatre. Emphasis is placed on the mechanics of breathing, projection, resonance, vowel placement, vibrato, and development of range, as well as interpretation of text and other areas.

THTR 202: Stagecraft and Basic Design (3)

Prerequisite: THTR 250

A hands-on course in technical theatre including basic set construction, tool operation and safety, lighting instrumentation and technique, and sound engineering. The course is designed to give students the necessary understanding of and ability to use the tools required in technical theatre.

THTR 250: Production (2)

A course for all students. Credit may be earned by engaging in a wide variety of supervised production activities including set construction, stage lighting, sound design, theatre management, costuming, make-up, and acting. Students are required to participate for a minimum of four hours each week (60 hours per semester) for credit. May be repeated for credit.

THTR 266: Theater History I (3)

A survey of the history of theater from ancient Greece to the French neo-classical period.

THTR 267: Theater History II (3)

A survey of the history of theater from Restoration England to the present.

THTR 276/476: Western Drama I (3)

Prerequisites: ENGL 101 and 102

An examination of Western thought through the study of plays representing the major aesthetic, social, and political movements from the Greeks through the 19th century. Students seeking upper-level credit will be assigned additional readings and/or projects.

THTR 277/477: Western Drama II (3)

Prerequisites: ENGL 101 and 102

An examination of Western thought through the study of plays representing major aesthetic, social, and political movements during the 20th century. Students seeking upper-level credit will be assigned additional readings and/or projects.

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THTR 300: Playwriting (3)

Prerequisites: THTR 100 or THTR 101 or permission of instructor

A creative writing course, focusing on plays, dramatic structure and technique. Students will share their written work in class, learning through in-class critiques of each others' works, as guided by the instructor. Students may choose between writing a complete play, writing a series of play-focused exercises, or a combination of the two.

THTR 301: Contemporary Performance (3)

Prerequisite: THTR 100 or 101

A performance workshop (acting and directing) focusing on non-realistic theatre and contemporary trends in performance. May be repeated for credit.

THTR 321: Directing (3)

Prerequisite: THTR 100 or 101

Methods and techniques of directing (casting, rehearsing, and producing) realistic dramatic literature.

THTR 351: Television Production (3)

Prerequisite: THTR 250 or permission of instructor

Introduction to film and video production. History of film and video production, equipment, production techniques (script writing, location, personnel, rehearsing, etc.), and post-production techniques (editing, audio enhancement, etc.). (Dual listing with ENCO 351)

THTR 385, 386, 485, 486: Theatre Seminar I-IV (3 hours per seminar)

Prerequisites: Junior/Senior standing and permission of instructor

Individualized special topics courses for junior/senior theatre majors. Students will design each course in conjunction with the instructor. Projects will be geared to the student's specific interests. Students will concentrate on the following areas: 1) technical theatre and design; 2) acting; 3) directing; 4) playwriting; or 5) history and criticism.

THTR 395,396: Special Studies in Theatre (1-3) (1-3)

Prerequisite: Permission of instructor

THTR 495,496: Special Studies in Theatre (1-3) (1-3)

Prerequisite: Permission of instructor

THTR 497: Independent Study (1-3)

Prerequisite: Permission of instructor

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VPAR 101: Introduction to the Arts (3)

The nature and interrelationships of art, dance, music and theatre in society from the ancient Classical cultures to the end of the Renaissance period.

VPAR 102: Introduction to the Arts (3)

The nature and interrelationships of art, dance, music and theatre in society from the Baroque period to the present