

School of the Arts and Communication

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The mission of the School of the Arts and Communication is to prepare the next generation of performers, educators, visual artists, scholars, communicators, and multimedia specialists. The School of the Arts and Communication, established in 2007, is composed of three long-standing departments, Art, Communication Studies, and Music, as well as an interdisciplinary program in Interactive Multimedia.

The Department of Art offers the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Fine Arts, Graphic Design and Digital Arts, and the Bachelor of Arts degree in Art Education and Art History. The Art Department is committed to providing programs of study that develop a high level of conceptual and technical ability, along with resources beyond the studio for a broader education in the arts.

The Communication Studies program is a liberal arts major emphasizing theory and practice in a variety of settings for human and mediated communication. Students enrolled in the communication studies program select one of three concentrations: organizational/interpersonal communication, public/mass communication, or radio/television/film.

The Bachelor of Arts program in Interactive Multimedia offers a cutting-edge, transdisciplinary curriculum intended to prepare students for the next generation of innovation in technology and communication with the goal of creating successful, ethical, and visionary leaders in a multicultural, highly technological, and increasingly global world.

The Department of Music, which has been a center for music study since 1916, offers the Bachelor of Music degree in music performance and in music teaching. The core mission of the department of music is to provide all majors with a strong background in performance both through the ensemble experience and in the private studio. Students in the School and across the College can also choose from a wide array of minors, including an interdisciplinary program in Theatre and Drama.

In all programs, students develop their specialized skills and knowledge within the rich context of the liberal arts.

School of The Arts and Communication Courses

Courses with the prefix VPA are offered under the School of the Arts and Communication in addition to those listed under their respective departments.