

## School of the Arts and Communication

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The School of the Arts and Communication combines professional training in the disciplines with a strong liberal arts education. Established in 2007, the School is comprised of a collection of the traditional visual and performing arts as well as departments that study film, video, radio, and television. We believe that in addition to being well trained in a discipline, today's graduates need to be well versed in interdisciplinarity, cultural diversity, and community engagement. We focus on small classes as well as student-faculty research and performance collaboration. Our students regularly present at regional, state, national, and international conferences. Our program in Interactive Multimedia trains students to be media savvy; it draws on the latest developments of all the disciplines in the School plus computer science and journalism. The Art and Interactive Multimedia areas have recently moved into a new state of the art complex while the other disciplines are housed across the common in their own facilities that include concert halls, theaters, and radio and television production studios.

### **Art**

The Department offers students a choice of a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Fine Arts, Graphic Design or Digital Arts as well as a Bachelor of Arts in Arts Education or Art History. In addition, the Department offers minor programs in Fine Arts, Graphic Design, Digital Arts and Photography. Art programs of study enable students to develop a high level of conceptual and technical ability, along with resources beyond the studio for a broader education in the arts.

### **Communication Studies**

Within the Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies, students have their choice of four primary areas of concentration: Interpersonal/Organizational Communication; Public/Mass Communication, Radio/Television/Film or the new Interdisciplinary Concentration in Health Communication. In addition, the Communication Studies Department also participates in the interdisciplinary Theatre and Drama minor in which students can study the theatre and perform in a variety of productions.

### **Interactive Multimedia**

One of the first undergraduate majors in the country in this field, the program offers a Bachelor of Arts in Interactive Multimedia as well as a minor in Interactive Multimedia

**Student Highlights:** Our IMM graduates have gone on to study in prominent graduate and professional schools (including NYU, Rutgers, Villanova and the Savannah College of Art and Design) and to successfully pursue a variety of careers, including video editing, animation, web design and development, mobile media development, game design, project management and more.

### **Music**

Accredited by NASM (National Association for Schools of Music), the national arts accreditation organization for music in the United States, the Department offers a Bachelor of Music in Performance, a Bachelor of Music in Music Education, and a new Bachelor of Arts in Music. In addition to their regular coursework, music students participate in a variety of large and small ensembles as well as private studio.

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### **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.