

College of Performing and Visual Arts

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The College of Performing and Visual Arts at Southern Utah University is composed of four academic departments, the Master of Fine Arts Administration Graduate program and two professional organizations.

- Department of Art
- Department of Music
- Department of Theatre Arts and Dance
- Graduate program, Master of Fine Arts Administration
- Utah Shakespearean Festival
- Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery

Mission

The artistic disciplines of Art, Theatre, Dance, and Music, and the professional organizations: The Utah Shakespearean Festival and the Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery are a part of the College of Performing and Visual Arts, as is the MFA in Arts Administration Graduate Program.

We believe the Arts to be an essential and inspiring part of our campus, community, region and nation. We seek highly motivated undergraduate and graduate students who are dedicated, enthusiastic, disciplined, creative, and resourceful.

Graduates of this college find successful careers in arts administration, education, performing venues of theater, dance, music and in arts exhibits. Many students attend other nationally prominent graduate and professional schools.

Our goal as a college is to share incomparable, diverse, universal creativity, scholarship, and inspiration through general education/enrichment courses, the MFA Graduate Program, performances, recitals and exhibits, as well as through those students who wish to prepare themselves for careers in the arts.

Graduate Degrees

Master of Fine Arts
Arts Administration

Undergraduate Degrees and Majors

Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science
Art (minor required)
Art Education
Art Composite
 Art Education
 3-D and Ceramics
 Illustration
 Painting and Drawing
 Graphic Design

Theatre Arts – Acting/Directing
Theatre Arts Education
Theatre Arts Design/Technical Theatre
Dance
Dance Education
Bachelor of Arts
Music – Performance
Bachelor of Science
Music Education Composite
Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies
(with special consideration)
Theatre Arts

Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery

The Braithwaite Fine Arts Gallery was opened in January 1976 and named in honor of Dr. Royden C. Braithwaite, who served as president of the University from 1955 to 1978. The gallery is a cultural resource center for the visual arts, serving a broad rural geographic region.

A variety of local, regional, and national exhibits are presented throughout the year, including an annual faculty exhibit and several student competitions. The gallery staff coordinates workshops, art film series, special events, undergraduate and post-graduate internships, and special activities sponsored by the Friends of the Gallery.

Gallery hours are 12 noon- 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Admission is free. For more information, contact the gallery at (435) 586-5432. Current exhibition information is online at www.suu.edu/pva/artgallery.

Utah Shakespearean Festival

The Utah Shakespearean Festival was founded in 1962 by Fred C. and Barbara Adams and hosted on the campus of Southern Utah University. The Festival now performs nine fully staged productions in three theatres along with greenshows on outdoor venues every summer and fall in Cedar City. Professional actors, directors and designers come from all over the U.S.A. to work at the Festival. The Adams Shakespeare Theatre on the SUU campus is considered one of the finest, most authentic Elizabethan Theatres in the world. Theatre critics have said that the productions are of the highest caliber in terms of production values and acting. Every year a number of students from SUU's music, theatre arts and dance departments are employed full time as actors, technicians, musicians and dancers. The Festival was awarded the 2000 Tony Award as the Outstanding Regional Theatre in America.

Accreditation

The SUU Music Department is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM) and abides by its standards.

Student Advising

Students receive general academic support as well as assistance in selecting appropriate majors and courses through the joint efforts of faculty advisors, the academic advisor for the College of Performing and Visual Arts and the University's Student Success Center. All students are

strongly encouraged to see their advisors at least once a semester. The Performing and Visual Arts Academic advisor can be contacted at South Hall, Room 101A, by phone at (435) 586-7814 or at frezzad@suu.edu.

Student Scholarships

Departmental scholarships are available for students who are accepted into both Southern Utah University and the respective department.

Art Majors – Scholarship recipients are determined based on a portfolio of well-taken 35mm slides, CD or actual portfolio. For an application, contact Rossina Felstead in the Department of Art, (435) 586-7962 or by e-mail at felstead@suu.edu. Applications must be received no later than February 20 for the following fall semester.

Dance Majors – Scholarship recipients are determined during the Spring placement auditions, which take place in January and February for the following fall semester. For an audition application form, contact Kristina Stevenson in the Department of Theatre Arts & Dance, (435) 586-7746 or by e-mail at stevenson@suu.edu. Students who live an extended distance from Cedar City, UT may submit an audition video.

Music Majors – Scholarship recipients are determined during the Spring placement auditions, which take place in January and February for the following fall semester. For an audition application form, contact Donna McIntyre in the Department of Music, (435) 586-7890 or by e-mail at mcintyre@suu.edu. Students who live an extended distance from Cedar City, UT may submit an audition video.

Theatre Majors – Scholarship recipients are determined during the Spring placement audition, which takes place in February for the following fall semester. For an audition application form, contact Kristina Stevenson in the Department of Theatre Arts & Dance, (435) 586-7746 or by e-mail at stevenson@suu.edu. Students who live an extended distance from Cedar City, UT may submit an audition video.

Departmental scholarships must be renewed each year through the audition process.

Interested students are strongly advised to apply for general scholarships offered by SUU. Contact Student Financial Aid, Sharwan Smith Center, Room ST 16, (435) 586-7735.

Student Organizations

Participating in one of the excellent student organizations is a good way to get the most from one's college experience. Among the many student organizations, the following are of particular interest to majors in the Performing and Visual Arts:

- Ceramics Guild
- Design Group@SUU
- Orchesis
- Masque Club
- Music Club
- Stage Two

Special Requirements and Options

Art majors are required to present fourth semester portfolios for faculty review.

While admission to the Dance Education and Dance Performance degrees does not require a formal audition, it is recommended that

prospective students in dance complete a placement audition prior to their first semester of enrollment in the program. An entrance audition must be passed before acceptance into a music degree program is granted.

Theatre Arts and Dance majors are required to attend juries (individual review sessions with the faculty) the final week of each semester.

