

College of Performing and Visual Arts

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

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

Graduate Degrees

Master of Fine Arts
Arts Administration

Undergraduate Degrees and Majors

Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science

Art (minor required)

Art Composite

Ceramics/3-D

Illustration

Painting and Drawing

Art Education

Graphic Design

Theatre Arts – Acting/Directing

Theatre Arts Design/Technical Theatre

Theatre Arts Education

Dance

Dance Education

Bachelor of Arts

Music – Performance

Bachelor of Science

Music Education Composite

Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies

(with special consideration)

Theatre Arts

Mission

The educational mission of the College of Performing and Visual Arts (CPVA) is to acquaint SUU students with the fine and performing arts in general, and to specifically educate and train students to develop careers and a life-long involvement in the arts. Our mission also helps guide us in our goal of making the arts visible and accessible, exciting and innovative, and an integral part of the intellectual and cultural life of Southern Utah University and the surrounding communities.

The mission is fulfilled in two major ways: through the College's academic departments offering a comprehensive curriculum, and the

programming of frequent performances, exhibitions, and related events designed to give students opportunities to develop as artists and scholars and to enrich the campus and community.

We seek students who are highly motivated, dedicated, enthusiastic, disciplined, creative, and resourceful. We also challenge our faculty, staff, and students to achieve the highest standards of excellence. Graduates of the College of Performing and Visual Arts find successful careers in education as arts teachers or as artists, designers, musicians, performers, production specialists, scholars or arts administrators. Our graduates are regularly admitted to nationally prominent graduate and professional schools.

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.

The Gallery is open Monday through Friday. Admission is free. For more information, contact the gallery at (435) 586-5432. Current exhibition information is online at <http://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 green shows 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. Current information is online at <http://www.bard.org>.

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 and Design, (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. Departmental scholarships must be renewed each year.

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. Auditions are by appointment only. To arrange for an audition, please contact Donna McIntyre in the Music Department, (435) 586-7890 or by email 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.

Interested students are strongly advised to apply for general scholarships offered by SUU. The deadline is February 1. 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 – Graphic Design
- Orchesis - Dance
- Masque Club - Theatre
- Music Club
- Stage II - Theatre
- Alpha Psi Omega - Theatre

Special Requirements and Options

Art majors are required to present Art Foundation portfolios for faculty review when they have completed or enrolled in all the Foundation courses or 25 credit hours in art.