

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 affiliated 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 Fine Arts in Studio Arts

Ceramics/3-D
Illustration
Painting and Drawing

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art Education

Bachelor of Arts in Art (Minor Required)

Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science

Theatre Arts – Acting/Directing
Theatre Arts Design/Technical Theatre
Theatre Arts/ Drama Teacher Education
Dance
Dance Education

Bachelor of Arts

Music – Performance

Bachelor of Science

Music Education

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.

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.

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.

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 major national touring exhibitions are presented throughout the year, including an annual faculty exhibit and several student exhibitions. The gallery staff coordinates workshops for schools, special events, undergraduate and post-graduate internships, and special activities sponsored by the Friends of the Gallery.

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

Founded in 1961 as a destination theatre in partnership with Southern Utah University, the Utah Shakespearean Festival is committed to entertain, enrich, and educate audiences through professional production of Shakespeare and other master dramatists, as well as through numerous additional activities, including free Greenshows and seminars and numerous classes which can include SUU credit. The Festival now performs six plays each summer season and three each fall, as well as a new plays series, the New American Playwrights Project. Professional actors, directors and designers come from all over the world 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, and the indoor Randall L. Jones Theatre is so beautiful and functional it was featured in *Architecture* magazine in 1990 when it opened. The Festival was awarded the 2000 Tony Award as the Outstanding Regional Theatre in America, in recognition of its world-class production values and acting. Every year a number of students from SUU's music, theatre arts and dance departments are employed as actors, technicians, musicians and dancers at the Festival. Current information is online at <http://www.bard.org>

Accreditation

Southern Utah University is an accredited institutional member of the National Association of Schools of Dance (NASD) and the SUU Music Department is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM).

Student Advising

Students receive general academic support as well as assistance in selecting appropriate majors and courses through the joint efforts of faculty advisers, the academic adviser for the College of Performing and Visual Arts and the University's Student Success Center. All students are strongly encouraged to see their advisers at least once a semester. The Performing and Visual Arts Academic

adviser 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 and Design 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
- La Belle Epogue – Opera Club – Music

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.

