College of Fine Arts

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The College of Fine Arts is responsible for instruction, scholarly inquiry, performance, teacher education (excepting dance) and applied study in music, dance, theatre and visual arts. The School of Art, Design and Creative Industries, the School of Music and the School of Performing Arts (dance, theatre and music theatre) offer both general arts study and professional training programs at the undergraduate level; professional degrees are offered at the graduate level.

Students are presented with a complete spectrum of choices according to their interest in professional activities, teaching careers, graduate study or acquiring an appreciation of the arts. They have the opportunity to explore various art forms as well as to develop the ability to respond to changes and challenges within the world of the arts. The college strives to develop and use new artistic techniques, current historical research and recent technical innovations to achieve these ends.

The School of Music is an accredited member of the National Association of Schools of Music, the dance program is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Dance and the School of Art, Design and Creative Industries is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design. All of these programs adhere to requirements for entrance and graduation that accord with the associations’ published criteria.

Admission

All entering freshmen who declare a major within a discipline in the College of Fine Arts, or who enter as a general undecided student in a fine arts discipline, will be enrolled in and advised by the school that houses the discipline (art, design and creative industries; music; performing arts — dance, music theatre, and theatre). All students must maintain a grade point average of 2.000 or above to remain in good standing (see Academic Probation and Dismissal Standards). Transfer students must present an earned GPA of 2.000 or higher for all prior college work in order to be fully admitted into one of the schools within the College of Fine Arts. Transfer students with a GPA of at least 1.700 but less than 2.000 may petition for probationary admission.

Probation and Dismissal

Students are expected to make satisfactory progress in their studies. A student who fails to do so may be placed on probation at any time and ultimately dismissed from the university.

Students are required to maintain a cumulative and overall WSU grade point average of at least 2.000. Students enrolled in either the music education or art education programs must meet specific curriculum and GPA requirements prior to acceptance into student teaching; call or consult the associate dean of students and certification in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

For information concerning requirements for entrance and curricula, see the appropriate school Catalog.

Probation and Dismissal

Students who do not achieve or maintain the required 2.000 grade point average will be placed (or continued) on probation at the conclusion of each semester in which their cumulative or overall WSU grade point average falls below 2.000 and they have attempted at least 6 credit hours at Wichita State University. Students on probation are limited to a maximum of 12 credit hours per semester while on probation. Students will be dismissed at the end of any semester on probation if they fail to earn a semester grade point average at or above the minimum required, and have a cumulative or overall WSU grade point average also below the minimum required. Students are not academically dismissed at the end of a semester unless they began that semester on academic probation.

Transfer students admitted on probation must complete at least 12 credit hours with a minimum grade point average of 2.000 on work at Wichita State before probation may be lifted.

Students who have been dismissed for poor scholarship may be readmitted by permission of the relevant school Curriculum and Policy Committee in the College of Fine Arts and by the university’s Committee on Admissions and Exceptions.

Graduation Requirements

Students must meet the WSU graduation requirements including a minimum of 45 hours of upper-division courses, plus the college requirements described with each program.

General Education Requirements

The College of Fine Arts conforms to the policy set forth by the division of academic affairs at Wichita State University. Some College of Fine Arts programs incorporate specific general education courses, which are required. Students should refer to the General Education Program (http://catalog.wichita.edu/undergraduate/general-education-programs) as well as their specific program check sheet.

Inter-College Double Major

An inter-college double major allows a student to complete an academic degree and major in one of the professional colleges (Barton School of Business, College of Education, College of Engineering, College of Fine Arts, College of Health Professions) along with a major in Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. For details see Inter-College Double Major (http://catalog.wichita.edu/undergraduate/academics/graduation/double-major).

Undergraduate

The College of Fine Arts offers four undergraduate degrees: Bachelor of Arts (BA), Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA), Bachelor of Music (BM), and Bachelor of Music Education (BME). Graduation requirements for each degree are listed in the descriptions of the appropriate school programs.

Graduate

The Graduate School offers a program leading to the Master of Fine Arts (MFA) with emphases in ceramics, painting, printmaking and sculpture; a Master of Music Education (MME) with emphases in elementary music, instrumental music, choral music and music in special education; and a Master of Music (MM) with emphases in chamber music, history-literature, instrumental conducting, opera performance, performance, piano pedagogy and composition.

For information concerning requirements for entrance and curricula, consult the Wichita State University Graduate Catalog.

Certificates

The School of Performing Arts offers two undergraduate certificates: stage management and directing.
Special Academic Area Cooperative Education

The College of Fine Arts participates in the university cooperative education internship program. The program is designed to provide relevant paid employment experiences that integrate with and complement the student's academic program. Degree credit is awarded. Students are placed in a variety of positions including education and business settings in theatre, music and art disciplines. For further information, contact the fine arts coordinator in the cooperative education office.

Courses in Fine Arts - General

- Fine Arts (FA) (http://catalog.wichita.edu/undergraduate/courses/fa)
- WSU General, First-Year Seminar (WSUF) (http://catalog.wichita.edu/undergraduate/courses/wsuf)