

INTERDISCIPLINARY EXPRESSIVE ARTS

The Interdisciplinary Program in Expressive Arts will prepare the student for a variety of careers and future educational options in the arts and related fields. The program encompasses: digital media, music, theater, and visual arts.. Coursework in these disciplines is designed so that students receive a broad and comprehensive education in all four areas with an emphasis on course conception that allows the student to understand interrelationships within the artistic community. At the same time, the program is intentionally crafted in a flexible manner that permits every student to tailor their actual degree plan to suit their individual interests and goals. Students will learn fundamental skills through a broad exposure to the Arts in their core courses, followed by hands-on experiences that involve students in both technical and creative ways as they explore the Arts. Students will concurrently to analyze and critically interpret significant texts and works and learn to compare artistic modes and forms of expression across a range of historical periods and structures. Students will be able to recognize and articulate the diversity of artistic experience across the spectrum of cultural perspectives and will draw upon those perspectives to inform their own awareness and understanding of the complex interdependent relationship between the arts and among various cultures. The program culminates in a senior project that the student chooses (in consultation with a chosen advisor). This project will demonstrate both an academic grasp of the subjects that make up the project but will, more importantly, express the student's individual and creative approach to artistic communication. Degree options include: BA/BS, BFA, and Minor.

The Bachelor of Fine Arts Degrees (B.F.A.): A Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in visual arts is a four-year degree program which allows a student to approach an education in the visual arts within a university context. This means that studio courses in such areas as ceramics, drawing, photography, printmaking, sculpture, and also interdisciplinary combinations of these media, will be studied alongside academic disciplines. The BFA in Interdisciplinary Expressive Arts is a flexible program that can be designed to meet individual needs within and in a blend of the disciplines of theater, music, visual art, and digital media. Students are exposed to varied and challenging studio experiences which are intended to heighten intellectual and visual perception and to furnish skills and techniques that such creative work demands. Students seeking the BFA degree must enter by special application.

The Bachelor of Arts & Bachelors of Science (BA/BS): the degree offers 60 credit hours in art with specialization in studio art. Students will be prepared for graduate school to pursue the Master of Arts in Teaching and could pursue a MFA Degree or practice art professionally. No minor requirement.

Associate of Arts in Digital Media and Graphic Design (AA): The degree prepares students to enter the graphic design workforce. The program incorporates a broad art and design curriculum utilizing computer skills.

Art Minor: enables students majoring in other fields to acquire an art proficiency.

Art Scholarships: The DeGrazia Scholarship in Fine Arts, Francis McCray Scholarship, Lorraine Schula Scholarship, John Stermer Art Scholarship, Chase Web Art Scholarship: Each scholarship varies in amounts up to \$500.00 per

academic year. Art scholarships are awarded to incoming students with artistic potential and current outstanding Art and outstanding BFA students. Art scholarships are awarded each Spring for the following year. Scholarship Application Forms are available in the Expressive Arts Office. Completed applications are due by 12 noon on the first Thursday in April to the Expressive Arts Office.

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Art Education Program Description: The Art Discipline within the Expressive Arts Department works in conjunction with the School of Education in two ways.

1) Students interested in attaining **Art Certification** are required to complete a BA/BS/BFA in Art and pursue a Master of Arts in Teaching with Art as their qualifying field. 2) Students interested in the **Elementary Education Program** take the 26-hour Art Teaching Endorsement in conjunction with the Elementary Education Program.