

COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS & MASS COMMUNICATION

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Mission

The College of Fine Arts and Mass Communication consist of five outstanding divisions that seek to inspire, educate, and graduate creative artists and media professionals. This dynamic college includes the Departments of Art, Dance, Mass Communication, Theatre & Musical Theatre, and the School of Music.

The College of Fine Arts and Mass Communication offers state-of-the-art facilities, including the James and Nancy Gaertner Performing Arts Center, in which to present unique and cutting-edge programming. Ranging from the traditional to the experimental, students explore new frontiers in all their creative endeavors. Opportunities for study include digital media and film, broadcast journalism and public relations; dance techniques, dance production and technology; computer animation, graphic design, painting, sculpture, art history, and art education; music education, music performance and conducting, musicology, and music therapy; theatre performance and design, musical theatre production; and more. Sam Houston State University students in Fine Arts and Mass Communication strive to be artists, media experts, and educators in the arts. After graduation they go on to pursue advanced degrees and a variety of careers in visual art practices, public relations, education, broadcast and media industries, and the performing arts.

Highlights

- Faculty members in the College of Fine Arts and Mass Communication are recognized nationally and internationally for their expertise through awards, publications, presentations, and performances.
- Students within the college enjoy a high degree of personalized support and developmental opportunities, including numerous scholarships, ensemble trips, artistic competitions, and international study.
- Over 200 fine arts events are scheduled on campus throughout the year, including art gallery exhibits, musical theatre performances, dance performances, music concerts and recitals, and theatre productions.
- Departments in the College of Fine Arts and Mass Communication annually host state and regional conferences, symposiums, and festivals.

Academic Programs

The College of Fine Arts and Mass Communication is comprised of 5 academic units:

- Department of Art
- Department of Dance
- Department of Mass Communication
- Department of Theatre & Musical Theatre
- School of Music

College of Fine Arts and Mass Communication Undergraduate Degrees

Major	Degree(s)
Department of Art	
Art	B.A.
Computer Animation	B.F.A.
Graphic Design	B.F.A.
Photography	B.F.A.
Studio Art 2D Track	B.F.A.
Studio Art 3D Track	B.F.A.
Department of Dance	
Dance	B.F.A.
Department of Mass Communication	
Mass Communication with Concentration: Broadcast Production	B.A.
Mass Communication with Concentration: Film	B.A.
Mass Communication with Concentration: Multi-Platform Journalism	B.A.
Mass Communication with Concentration: Public Relations and Advertising	B.A.
Mass Communication: Film and Television Production	B.F.A.
Agricultural Communication (with Agricultural Sciences)	B.S.
Department of Theatre & Musical Theatre	
Musical Theatre With Dance Emphasis	B.F.A.
Musical Theatre With Music Emphasis	B.F.A.
Musical Theatre With Theatre Emphasis	B.F.A.
Theatre - Acting and Directing Emphasis	B.F.A.
Theatre - Design and Technology Emphasis	B.F.A.
Theatre With Teaching Certification	B.F.A.
School of Music	
Music	B.A.
Music with Concentration: All Level Certification Choral	B.M.
Music with Concentration: All Level Certification Instrumental	B.M.
Music with Concentration: All Level Certification String	B.M.
Music with Concentration: Composition	B.M.
Music with Concentration: Instrumental Performance	B.M.
Music with Concentration: Piano Performance	B.M.
Music with Concentration: Vocal Performance	B.M.
Music Therapy	B.M.