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WVU College of Creative Arts alumni work for and perform with household names like The New York Times, Coca Cola, FOX, CNN, NBC, Chicago Shakespeare, the US Marine Band, and The Metropolitan Opera.

Our alumni are actively exhibiting in prestigious galleries and museums, performing in internationally recognized symphonies, and tour the country and beyond with traveling theatre companies. Some teach higher education or K-12 in a wide array of schools across the country.

Some stay in WV and contribute to their communities and the University. Studying the arts has given alumni the confidence and skills to explore entrepreneurship and many own their own businesses.

All have richer lives for their exploration in the arts and the most successful have a common background and passion for their discipline.

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**TEACHING CRAFT TO OVER 700 STUDENTS ANNUALLY**

**STUDENT/FACULTY RATIO**

15:1

**THE CREATIVE ARTS CENTER IS HOME TO**

4 Exhibition Spaces

33 Individual Practice Rooms

50 Classrooms & Studios

5 Performance Spaces
EXPERIENCE THE ARTS

A constant slate of recitals, concerts, plays, musicals, exhibitions, lectures and master classes help you explore your world through the visual and performing arts. Art & Design students showcase their best works in the Laura and Paul Mesaros Galleries at the end of their senior year. All twenty-one School of Music ensembles - from the national award-winning WVU Symphony Orchestra, to a variety of chamber ensembles, to opera theatre - are open to majors and non-majors alike through an audition. The School of Theatre & Dance performs six mainstage shows per year and the WVU Lab theatre series (open to all WVU students) features work created, produced, and performed by students.

ENSEMBLES, PRODUCTIONS & EXHIBITS

The award-winning Mountaineer Marching Band “The Pride of West Virginia” is open to all qualified WVU students through audition. The WVU Bluegrass Band is WVU’s only ensemble devoted exclusively to performing Appalachian music.
The School of Theatre & Dance mainstage season features classic works ranging from Shakespeare to the newest contemporary drama.

Two galleries at the Creative Arts Center feature work by School of Art & Design faculty and students, along with a number of visiting guest artists.

The School of Theatre & Dance mainstage season features classic works ranging from Shakespeare to the newest contemporary drama.
The WVU College of Creative Arts has a variety of nationally accredited undergraduate degree programs to empower you to turn your passion into your profession.

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# College of Creative Arts

**Multidisciplinary Studies (BMDS)**

## School of Art & Design

- Art History (BA)
- Interactive Design for Media (BA)
- Technical Art History (BA)
- Art Education (BFA)
- Ceramics (BFA)
- Graphic Design (BFA)
- Intermedia/Photography (BFA)
- Painting (BFA)
- Printmaking (BFA)
- Sculpture (BFA)

## School of Music

- Music (BA)
- Music Industry (BA)
- Contemporary and Integrative Performance (BA)
- Jazz Studies (BM)
- Music Composition (BM)
- Music Education (BM)
- Music Performance (BM)
- Music Therapy (BM)
- Music and Health (BS)

## School of Theatre & Dance

- Theatre (BA)
- Dance (BA)
- Acting (BFA)
- Musical Theatre (BFA)
- Puppetry (BFA)
- Theatre Design and Technology (BFA)

## College of Creative Arts Minors

- Arts Administration
- Arts Entrepreneurship
- Art History
- Ceramics
- Electronic Media
- Interactive Design for Media
- Painting
- Photography
- Printmaking
- Sculpture
- Appalachian Music
- Appalachian Studies
- Music
- Jazz Studies
- Music Industry
- Music Performance
- Music Technology
- World Music
- Dance
- Theatre Production
- Theatre
All of our teaching is about **PROCESS.**
The product is temporary but the process remains.

The School of Art & Design gets you started with exploration in 2D and 3D foundation studio courses to give you maximum exposure to hands-on creative problem-solving with conventional and unconventional media and techniques. Studio courses in ten different concentrations stress the importance of personal growth, risk-taking, and the fundamentals of visual thinking.

Visiting artists are a vital and energizing part of our program. Ten to fifteen practicing artists, historians and critics from around the world come to the College of Creative Arts yearly to exhibit their work, present lectures, and work one-on-one with students.

[artanddesign.wvu.edu](http://artanddesign.wvu.edu)

Each semester, art history field trips travel to study works in regional museums. The [WVU Art Collection](http://artanddesign.wvu.edu) provides first-hand experience with works of significant aesthetic and cultural value, and introduces students to curatorial and museum practice.
WVU printmaking students have opportunities to intern with **Artists Image Resource (AIR)**, a fine art printmaking workshop and gallery in Pittsburgh.

The WVU Ceramics area has offered a comprehensive summer study program at the **Pottery Workshop in Jingdezhen, China** since 1995.
Studio 2453, the senior graphic design capstone course, operates as a professional design studio. Students work as project directors with clients to produce design that often BENEFITS A PARTICULAR PLACE AND POPULATION.
Design today is more than websites, print media, exhibits, branding or even social media. It’s about informing, stimulating, persuading and **EMPOWERING SOCIAL CHANGE**.

We aim to capture one definition of design: improvement of a situation, be it for health, efficiency, user experience, aesthetics or entertainment. Our design studio approaches problems by researching on-site to understand the environment and culture for which we are designing.

Explore the remote northern desert region of Chile in **Space Atacama**, a summer multimedia adventure studio art course.
Several different undergraduate degrees help you become the kind of MUSIC PROFESSIONAL you want to be.

If you’re interested in a career in music, the WVU School of Music has a wide range of potential occupations from which to choose. Most fall into one of five categories: performing, composing or arranging, teaching, industry, and therapy.

We offer specialized programs in performance, composition, music therapy, and music education, all of which lead to the Bachelor of Music degree. Students who wish to specialize in music yet still explore the offerings of a large liberal arts institution can pursue the Bachelor of Arts in Music, Music Industry, or Integrative and Contemporary Performance.

music.wvu.edu

Experience the diverse relationship between music and culture in a WVU World Music Ensemble.
A student-run record label, Mon Hills Records, is an independent and large component of the newly accredited Music Industry Program.

Participate in up to 3 mainstage performances yearly and compete for scholarship awards in the Young Artist Competition.

The music therapy program takes an experiential approach to learning while providing clinical experience and meeting national board certification standards.

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Music Education graduates compete favorably with graduates of other major institutions for admission to prestigious music graduate programs.

WVU has a full-time TEACHING POSITION PLACEMENT RATE OF NEARLY 100%

Opera-On-Wheels brings one-act operas to local schools and communities annually. All performances are appropriate for elementary aged students, performed by Vocal Performance majors with full sets and costumes.
WVU Opera offers a comprehensive program for singers that includes training in stage movement, interpretation, and character analysis, as well as one-on-one coaching of opera roles and scenes.

The WVU Choirs regularly collaborate with the West Virginia Symphony Orchestra and the WVU Symphony Orchestra for performances. Student members also have the opportunity to sing with Collegiate Honor Choirs and to participate in state and national choral events.

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The School of Music aims to become an All Steinway School to give piano students the best possible instruments to hone their skills.
The School of Theatre & Dance has the advantages of a large university with the **ONE-ON-ONE ATTENTION** that only a close-knit artistic home can offer.

Develop a foundation of theatrical skills during your first year, including fundamentals of acting, stagecraft, and theatre literature and history. You can then specialize in several different areas of interest. All of the School’s programs emphasize hands-on learning, with an active season of fully produced shows offering students real-world experiences.

The Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) program is a professional training program with a conservatory-style intensity. The School offers four BFA degrees: Acting, Musical Theatre, Theatre Design & Technology, and Puppetry. The Bachelor of Arts program gives you the flexibility to pursue areas of interest in theatre or dance along with a strong liberal arts education.

[theatre.wvu.edu](http://theatre.wvu.edu)
Present your talents and acquired skills to known film and acting industry professionals in the Senior BFA Acting Showcase.

Lighting Design & Technical Theatre students work with industry-standard software and equipment to prepare for the professional world.

Gain experience in the Design & Technical Theatre program by working on mainstage shows as early as your first year.

Present your talents and acquired skills to known film and acting industry professionals in the Senior BFA Acting Showcase.
The full course study in acting and musical theatre will also address skills necessary for career management, including auditions, resumes and professional representation.

WVU offers the first Dance Major (BA in Dance) in the state of West Virginia.
We aim to create performers who have the ability to **SHINE ON STAGE** and the knowledge to get in the stage door in a highly competitive entertainment industry.

The Dance major emphasizes theory, technique, and performance and offers students both **ON- AND OFF-CAMPUS PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES** that allows students to fully immerse themselves in the creative experience of dance.

A typical acting and musical theatre student may perform in as many as **twelve to fifteen productions** during the course of study at WVU.

Dance majors and minors are encouraged to become members of the **National Dance Honors Society**, which allows them to graduate with honors in Dance.
MULTIDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

Combine different artistic fields into a

PERSONALIZED

COURSE

OF STUDY

that fosters your individual creativity and allows you to pursue your own interests and career goals.

The College’s MDS program affords you the flexibility of selecting three different academic minors to create a custom educational plan. Combined with WVU’s general education requirements, at least two of the minors must be selected from programs offered by the College of Creative Arts. The third minor can be chosen from either the College or from any other minor available at West Virginia University.

As a member of the MDS program, you are welcome to participate in performances, exhibitions, internship, and study abroad opportunities.

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A minor in **Theatre Production** is ideal for the student with an interest in the techniques and crafts that support scenic, costume and lighting and sound production. Students can also learn the fundamentals of event management.

The **Arts Administration minor** provides students with the basic knowledge for working with cultural, performing, and visual arts organizations and could lead to a career in event planning, arts facilities management, marketing, and grant writing for arts or non-profit organizations.

The **Music Technology minor** teaches students how to create, record, and produce audio for music and visual media.
STUDY ABROAD & GLOBAL POSITIONING STUDIES

Engage the world and

GO ON AN ADVENTURE.

Immerse yourself in another culture and learn what no book or lecture can teach.

Art & Design students participate in the Global Positioning Studies (GPS) program, an interdisciplinary visual art and design initiative that positions students at the crossroads between a local sense of place and a global understanding of that place in the world.

artanddesign.wvu.edu/gps

Music students are offered the opportunities to study abroad throughout the year. Students often travel with their ensembles or studios to perform in Europe, Asia, and throughout the US. Summer programs in World Music immerse students in the cultural richness of Africa and South America.

Theatre students travel to Chicago, Los Angeles, and New York City to participate in workshops, meet with industry members, and present senior showcases.
Members of the WVU Symphony Orchestra traveled to Italy to study music at the InterHarmony International Music Festival.

Experience the beauty of the Grand Teton Mountain Range in the Jackson Hole Photography Workshop: a ten-day intensive studio field course.

The School of Art & Design offers the Painting in China program. Students study landscape painting in Chinese ink style with extensive traveling to historical and cultural sites.
ALUMNI SUCCESS

GAIN REAL EXPERIENCE.

Learn methods to find your perfect career or create your own path.

Faculty and staff are dedicated to helping our graduates pursue a career in the arts, whether that is by finding employment or creating their own path through entrepreneurship.

Internship opportunities are available across the country in major cities and locally in Morgantown and at the University. Students are encouraged to participate in at least one internship throughout their time at the College. Throughout the year, students have the opportunity to take advantage of continuous broadcast of job postings through MountaineerTrak and career fairs that draw hundreds of employers.

Students can also choose to hone their skills and develop new ones by continuing their education beyond their bachelor’s degree.
Brett Kern
Ceramicist, Educator
Brett was named an emerging artist for 2014 in the May issue of Ceramics Monthly and Best Artist for 2014 by West Virginia Living Magazine. Brett continues to show his work nationally and regionally.

Jacob Lewis
Director of Jacob Lewis Gallery, New York City, NY
Lewis inaugurated Pace Print’s Chelsea, NY gallery as its first director. The Jacob Lewis Gallery represents artists such as Shepard Fairey and How and Nosm.

Chad Winkler
Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, Educator
Winkler joined the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra as fourth/utility trumpet in November 2008, and has recently been featured as a soloist.

Alison Miller
Freelance Drummer
Miller’s talents have landed her gigs with artists like Natalie Merchant and Ani DiFranco. She has also been recognized by the US State Department and chosen to tour East Africa, Eurasia and Southeast Asia as a jazz ambassador.

Eric Ting
California Shakespeare Theater
The Obie Award-winning director has been called “a magician by The New Yorker magazine and perhaps one of the most gifted young directors in our midst” by the Hartford Courant.

Jennifer Wiley-Stockton
Entertainment Manager and Producer
Stockton is the owner of JWS Entertainment, a bi-coastal actor’s management company and has fostered the careers of various Oscar, Tony and Emmy Award nominated actors.
AUDITIONS, SCHOLARSHIPS & TUITION

FUND YOUR FUTURE

WVU remains below the national average for both in-state and out-of-state tuition and fees.

Calculate your personalized tuition estimate:

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In addition to University scholarships awarded based on high school GPA and test scores, all three Schools offer scholarships up to the cost of University tuition.

 ccarts.wvu.edu/academics/scholarships
LET’S GET STARTED.

Learn about what you need for an audition or portfolio review and take advantage of scholarship opportunities.

AUDITION AND PORTFOLIO REVIEW DAYS

Most degree programs in the College of Creative Arts require a portfolio review (Art & Design) or an audition (Dance, Music, and Theatre). Audition and portfolio review days take place throughout the year. If the preset dates are not convenient, we can make arrangements for a private review of your work.

ccarts.wvu.edu/audition-and-portfolio-review-day/faq

RECIPROCITY AGREEMENTS

Residents of certain states may qualify for WV resident tuition rates if they enroll for degrees in select majors. For students participating in the Ohio Reciprocity Agreement, tuition is reassessed automatically to reflect the resident tuition rate.
The best way to learn if the WVU College of Creative Arts is a good fit for you is to visit campus.

Spend time observing or participating in a class or rehearsal. Take the opportunity to talk one-on-one with the faculty from your program and ask questions about the audition or portfolio review process.

Music students often meet with faculty for a complimentary lesson. Receive complimentary show tickets for you and your family to see the final product of our student and faculty work.

**SCHEDULE YOUR VISIT**

Contact Recruitment Specialist James Froemel at 304-293-4339 or ccarecruitment@mail.wvu.edu to make arrangements for a visit personalized to your interests and goals as an artist.
Experience the transformative power of art at the new Art Museum of WVU that features two large art galleries with changing exhibits.

Evansdale Crossing is the new student-centered hub of the Evansdale campus. This building features a Barnes & Noble, four restaurants, a coffee shop, juice bar, and an Innovation Center Launch Pad.
Apply to West Virginia University online at apply.wvu.edu.

Apply online to the WVU College of Creative Arts and schedule your audition or portfolio review to your desired program at ccarts.wvu.edu/apply.

The portfolio review and audition days also serve as the application for scholarship consideration within our College. Audition and Portfolio Review Day requirements can be found at ccarts.wvu.edu/audition-and-portfolio-review-day.

Submit your academic deposit and return your signed acceptance letter from the College to hold your place in your desired program.

Submit your housing deposit and register for new student orientation.

Prior acceptance to the University is not required before completing the College Application. Program admissions decisions will be sent within three weeks of your audition or portfolio review.
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