Visual and Performing Arts

Undergraduate Program

Visual and Performing Arts
36 credits
Bachelor of Arts

Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) is a contemporary academic field that approaches the visual and performing arts as a cohesive body of study. Its purpose is to explore the interconnectedness of art history, music and theatre arts through a comparative examination of their themes, conventions and aesthetic developments. This major also promotes understanding of the role of the arts in history and society and appreciation for human artistic expression.

Graduate School Options:
* Art History
* Theater & Performance Studies
* Musicology
* Arts Management
* Education
* Communications

Employment:
* Conservatories
* Art studios
* Recording studios
* Motion picture studios
* Libraries
* Promotion/media relations
* Marketing
* Production management
* Virtual reality sound environments: software manufacturers, internet sites
* Arts education in elementary and secondary schools.

Core Courses
6 courses - 18 credits

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<td>HA&amp;A 0010</td>
<td>Introduction to World Art</td>
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<td>HA&amp;A 1015</td>
<td>Methods of Art History</td>
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<td>MUSIC 0211</td>
<td>Introduction to Western Art Music</td>
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<td>MUSIC 0800</td>
<td>History of American Popular Music</td>
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<td>THEA 0104</td>
<td>Basic Acting</td>
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<td>THEA 0805 or 0806</td>
<td>Introduction to Theater Arts 1 or 2</td>
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Electives
5 courses - 15 credits

Students concentrate in one of the areas (i.e., History of Arts and Architecture, Music or Theatre) taking three additional courses in that department and one additional course in each of the remaining two departments. Students must also select a secondary area for the capstone, as explained below.

Additional Requirement
1 course - 3 credits

After earning 90 credits, all Interdisciplinary Arts majors must take HA&A 1955, MUSIC 1955 or THEA 1955 to fulfill the capstone class requirement. The capstone project can be research or performance based. It must involve a second VAPA discipline, in addition to the student’s chosen area of concentration.

Performance Opportunities

Students are encouraged to participate in music and theatrical performances. Credit is available as part of these performances to be used in the Humanities area of General Education or General Electives.

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<td>MUSIC 0105</td>
<td>Musical (1-3 credits)</td>
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<td>MUSIC 0610</td>
<td>Pitt-Greensburg Collegiate Chorale (1.5 credits)</td>
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<td>THEA 0103</td>
<td>Theater Practicum (1-3 credits)</td>
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