



University of
Pittsburgh
Greensburg

Visual and Performing Arts

undergraduate program

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39 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, Music, or Theatre Education
- * Art History
- * Arts Management
- * Communication
- * Education
- * Media Arts and Film
- * Museum Studies
- * Musicology
- * Theater & Performance Studies

Employment:

- * Art Galleries
- * Arts education in elementary and secondary schools.
- * Art, music, or drama therapy
- * Conservatories
- * Libraries
- * Marketing
- * Motion picture studios
- * Museums and historic sites
- * Production management
- * Promotion/media relations
- * Recording studios
- * Virtual reality gaming software



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Core Courses

HA&A 0010
HA&A 0030
MUSIC 0222
MUSIC 0224
THEA 0805
THEA 0806
HUMAN 1140

7 courses - 21 credits

Introduction to World Art
Introduction to Modern Art
History of Western Music to 1750
History of Western Music since 1750
Introduction to Theatre Arts 1
Introduction to Theatre Arts 2
Theory & Methods of Visual and Performing Arts

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 discipline and one additional course in each of the remaining two disciplines. A partial list of elective classes is provided below.

HA&A 0030 Intro to Modern Art
HA&A 0150 Ancient Art
HA&A 0225 Medieval Art & Arch.
HA&A 0302 Renaissance Art
HA&A 0350 Baroque Art
HA&A 0306 Exploring Art in Italy (S.A.)
HA&A 0402 Women Artists 1550-1980
HA&A 1005 Art & Forensic Analysis
MUSIC 0121 Basic Musicianship: Classic Piano
MUSIC 0110 Music Fundamentals
MUSIC 0411 Theory 1

MUSIC 0700 Music for the Stage
MUSIC 0845 Spec. Topics: Basic Conducting
MUSIC 0896 Music and Film
MUSIC 1270 Music, Culture, and Technology
MUSIC 1396 Music & Society
THEA 0110 Drama on Film
THEA 0725 Women in Theatre
THEA 1103 Advanced Acting
THEA 1115 Directing on the Stage
THEA 1365 Playwriting

Additional Requirements 1 courses - 3 credits

After earning 90 credits, all Visual and Performing Arts majors must enroll in either HA&A 1955, MUSIC 1955, OR THEA 1955 to fulfill the capstone class requirement. The capstone project can be research or performance based.

Studio and Performance Opportunities

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

MUSIC 0105 Music Practicum (1-3 credits)
MUSIC 0610 Pitt-Greensburg Collegiate Chorale (0.5 - 1.5 credits)
MUSIC 0206 Chamber Singers (0.5 credits)
MUSIC 0511 Voice (1 credit)
MUSIC 0512 Piano (1 credit)
SA 0050 2D and 3D Modeling
SA 0110 Visual Thinking
SA 0120 Painting Studio 1
SA 0130 Drawing Studio 1
SA 1220 Painting Studio 2
SA 1230 Drawing Studio 2
THEA 0103 Theater Practicum (1-3 credits)