



**Weitzenhoffer Family
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COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS
The UNIVERSITY of OKLAHOMA



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The Weitzenhoffer Family College of Fine Arts, originally organized as the School of Fine Arts in 1903, was the fourth college to be founded at the University of Oklahoma. Today, the college includes the Schools of Visual Arts, Dance, Music, the Helmerich School of Drama and the A. Max Weitzenhoffer School of Musical Theatre. It is the largest and most comprehensive fine arts program in the state of Oklahoma and the premiere college of fine arts in the heartland of America.

What you need to know about the OU College of Fine Arts!

- Approximately 400 recitals, concerts, performances, and exhibitions are presented each year in the College of Fine Arts.
- The college averages over 1,100 undergraduate and graduate fine arts majors each academic year.
- Over 8,000 OU students majoring in other areas take a fine arts class each academic year.
- The college has more than 200 nationally and internationally recognized educators, artists, performers, scholars, technicians, and staff experts.
- All students accepted to the College of Fine Arts must also be accepted by the University of Oklahoma. Go to www.ou.edu/admissions
- Auditions are required for admission to programs in Dance, Drama, Music, and Musical Theatre. An application and portfolio or interview are required for admission to the OU School of Visual Arts studio programs.
- Students have performance opportunities beginning their freshman year.
- Classes for majors are small. Students receive individual attention and mentoring from our faculty and staff experts.
- The OU in Arezzo program, nestled in the Tuscan hills between Florence and Rome, provides OU Fine Arts students a unique opportunity to study Renaissance masters in their proper historic and artistic context. Participants travel with an OU faculty member for one month throughout Italy and visit Rome, Florence, Venice and Arezzo. Academic instruction is in English. Students may apply for scholarships through the Study Abroad office.

All applicants who are accepted qualify to apply for Presidential International Travel Fellowships. Please visit www.ou.edu/cis/education_abroad/programs/ou-in-arezzo.html

How can you better prepare during high school?

- (AP) Advanced Placement and CLEP tests are a great way to get ahead in your studies. They are also a great way to save on college tuition expenses.
- Fine Arts majors are required to complete a college level math course during their first 4 semesters of enrollment. Taking math your senior year in high school helps keep the information fresh so you can master your college math class.
- Take two years of the same foreign language in high school, and you are not required to take a foreign language for your fine arts baccalaureate degree (except Art History, Voice, and Music Education majors).

Scholarships

When applying for financial aid, students should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to maximize their aid options. Each school within the College of Fine Arts offers scholarship monies for their majors. Awards are based on specific criteria with regard to major, talent, merit, or need; and vary from a few hundred to several thousand dollars. The Dean's Office grants minimal scholarships to students who have exhausted all other financial resources. Freshmen compete for all scholarships by applying for admission to the university and through audition. Current students at OU can apply for additional scholarships for their sophomore year and beyond through applications open on October 1st and remaining open until February 1st. More information about these and other scholarships can be found at www.ou.edu/admissions and also at www.ou.edu/scholarships.

Degree Programs

The college's comprehensive fine arts degree programs offer 27 different fine arts degree plans and 4 minors. All five Schools offer baccalaureate degrees. The Schools of Visual Arts, Dance and Music offer master's degrees with a variety of emphases. The School of Music and the OU School of Visual Arts each have specialized doctoral level programs. For online degree program requirements, visit www.ou.edu/checksheets.



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The OU School of Visual Arts is the largest, most comprehensive art school in Oklahoma and is the only institution in the state to offer a graduate degree in art history at both the master's and doctoral level. The OU School of Visual Arts serves approximately 400 students with a faculty of 28 full-time artists, designers, and scholars. The School is dedicated to promoting, pursuing, and supporting creative activity and scholarly research in the visual arts on the graduate and undergraduate level. The OU School of Visual Arts is divided into four main areas: Art History; Studio Art; Art, Technology and Culture; and Visual Communication. For additional information visit art.ou.edu.

The School of Dance is considered one of the leading programs in the nation for training in ballet and modern dance technique. The School emphasizes performance and now boasts two performing companies. Both companies are committed to performing works from the national repertoire by choreographers such as Ailey, Balanchine, Battles, de Mille and Arpino. Oklahoma Festival Ballet has a repertoire of over 40 ballets, some of them full-length, while Contemporary Dance Oklahoma features one-act modern dance works. Opera and musical theatre productions provide still other performance outlets, as do productions of student choreography and international tours to such countries as Japan, Ecuador, Mexico, Taiwan, China, France, Austria and Paraguay. Students develop a national perspective and networking opportunities by working with established guest artists each semester. For additional information visit dance.ou.edu.

The Helmerich School of Drama prepares students for professional careers in theatre and film. Coursework on the undergraduate level includes acting; directing; movement and dance; voice and diction; stage combat; graphics; stagecraft; theatre history; costume history; construction and design; lighting and scenic design; stage or production management; and play structure and analysis. Productions are seen by more than 30,000 people each year. All phases of the production are assigned to students working closely with faculty and staff. Admission to the School of Drama requires an on-campus audition (for Acting concentration), portfolio review (for Design or Technology concentrations) or an interview (for Stage Management or Dramaturgy concentrations). Application information and the preliminary audition schedule are available at drama.ou.edu.

The School of Music is Oklahoma's only comprehensive music school. A full complement of faculty artists and scholars offers instruction in all traditional instruments and voice, music education, musicology, music composition, and music theory. Admission to all undergraduate music degree programs (and some graduate programs) is contingent upon an applied music audition. Audition information is online at www.ou.edu/finearts/music/apply. Anyone unable to attend any of the audition days may call (405) 325-2081 for information. Applicants for graduate programs should contact the School of Music coordinator of graduate studies, Dr. Sanna Pederson at spederson@ou.edu or call (405) 325-3616. For additional information visit music.ou.edu.

The Weitzenhoffer School of Musical Theatre is the only School of Musical Theatre within a public university in the country, and it's ranked in the top five programs in the nation. It provides students the best of two worlds - conservatory-style training within a dynamic liberal arts university environment. The faculty and staff of the Weitzenhoffer School of Musical Theatre are fully committed to their students. Their role is to develop each student's talents, stretching their abilities and skill. The primary goal of the School is to give students the tools that will prepare them for jobs in the entertainment industry - both on stage and off. OU Musical Theatre graduates are working professionals. The level of professional training, family environment and performance opportunities make the School of Musical Theatre one of America's top musical theatre degree programs. An on-campus audition is required, visit musicaltheatre.ou.edu.

The University of Oklahoma

Created by the Oklahoma Territorial Legislature in 1890, The University of Oklahoma is a doctoral degree granting research university serving the educational, cultural, economic and health-care needs of the state, region and nation. The Norman campus serves as home to all of the university's academic programs except health-related fields. Both the Norman and Health Sciences Center colleges offer programs at the Schusterman Center, the site of OU-Tulsa. The OU Health Sciences Center, which is located in Oklahoma City, is one of only four comprehensive academic health centers in the nation with seven professional colleges. OU enrolls more than 30,000 students, has more than 2,400 full-time faculty members, and has 21 colleges offering 163 majors at the baccalaureate level, 166 majors at the master's level, 81 majors at the doctoral level, 27 majors at the doctoral professional level, and 26 graduate certificates. The university's annual operating budget is \$1.5 billion. The University of Oklahoma is an equal opportunity institution. www.ou.edu/eoo.

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