



WEITZENHOFFER FAMILY COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS

We provide arts education, scholarship, and creative activities by maintaining a university environment in which the highest professional standards are exemplified through our faculty. We promote the arts through statewide community-based outreach programs. As the center for the arts in the state of Oklahoma, we are dedicated to bringing recognition to the state within the national community.

TOP TEN REASONS TO CONSIDER THE College of Fine Arts

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- Nationally Ranked Programs:** The School of Dance, the A. Max Weitzenhoffer School of Musical Theatre as well as our Piano Pedagogy programs all rank in the top five of their respective fields in the U.S. Each year the Peggy Dow Helmerich School of Drama competes in the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, winning numerous awards on both the regional and national levels.
- Taking the Arts Abroad:** The Oklahoma Festival Ballet, our resident classical ballet company, has performed in Austria, Taiwan, Mexico, Ecuador, and France, and Contemporary Dance Oklahoma, our resident modern dance company, has performed in Paraguay and Japan. The OU School of Visual Arts (formerly known as the School of Art and Art History) has partnered with the College of International Studies to offer students the chance to experience Italy in the newly opened Arezzo center. Available year-round and with special courses offered in the summer, Arezzo is a unique opportunity for OU School of Visual Arts students to experience Italian art at its heart.
- Interaction with Distinguished Artists:** Paul Moore, an internationally-recognized figurative sculptor whose work is on display in the U.S. Capital Collection, in the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery, and in other notable collections throughout the world, is the Artist-in-Residence in the OU School of Visual Arts. Musical Theatre and Dance students benefit from residencies by professional directors and choreographers, and Drama students have the opportunity to learn from professional directors and playwrights.
- Unique Student Experiences:** All our Musical Theatre seniors take a class trip to New York City to audition for multiple casting agents, which gives them a head-start on their professional careers. We also present unique on-campus collaborative productions, such as Haydn's "The Seasons."
- Technology:** The OU School of Visual Arts has a Fabrication Lab that offers the use of 3D printers and a CNC router table to help students create their art and learn technical skills applicable in other areas, such as the medical and manufacturing sectors. Drama students learn production techniques in our digital voice-over and Peggy Dow Helmerich Film Studio. Musical Theatre students use iPads to complement their vocal and performance coaching.

DEGREE PROGRAMS

OU School of Visual Arts

- Art, Technology & Culture (including Photography & New Media)
- Studio (Ceramics, Painting, Printmaking, Sculpture)
- Visual Communication (including Graphic Design)
- Art History (European, Native American, American West)

School of Dance

- Ballet Pedagogy
- Ballet Performance
- Modern Dance Performance

School of Drama

- Acting
- Design
- Dramaturgy
- Scene Technology
- Stage Management

School of Music

- Music Composition
- Liberal Arts
- Music Education (Instrumental)
- Music Education (Vocal)
- Music Performance

School of Musical Theatre

- Musical Theatre

TOP TEN REASONS TO CONSIDER THE **College of Fine Arts** (continued)

- 6 **Preparing for a Career in the Arts:** Students leave school with the practical knowledge they need to succeed as a working artist. More than 75 percent of Dance graduates have secured a professional contract as a dancer, teacher, or choreographer prior to graduation. Dance and Musical Theatre students can be seen on Broadway, off-Broadway, in London's West End, on television, and on stages throughout the world.
- 7 **Complete Students:** Though our students excel on the stage and in the gallery, they also excel in the classroom. For the 2016-2017 academic year, the college boasted 55 National Merit Scholars.
- 8 **Faculty as Working Artists:** To better groom the next generation of artists for professional success, our faculty hone their skills by maintaining their careers as working artists in their chosen specialties. Faculty members from the School of Music perform with the Oklahoma City Philharmonic and in music festivals throughout the world. Faculty members in Drama and Musical Theatre work onstage and behind-the-scenes in regional and national theatre productions and in-front-of-the-camera on television and in films. Professors in the OU School of Visual Arts display their creations in exhibitions throughout the region, country, and the world.
- 9 **Premiere Musical Ensembles:** One of the most visible symbols of the University of Oklahoma is The PRIDE of Oklahoma Marching Band, which has represented the university and the state of Oklahoma at events like the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. But if marching isn't your forte, the School of Music also has amazing musical ensembles for instrumentalists and vocalists both large-scale (the Wind Symphony and the University Chorale) and smaller-scale (the Sooner Bassooners and the Singing Sooners).
- 10 **Supportive Environment:** Low student-to-faculty ratios ensure students get personal attention to succeed creatively, personally, and academically. Additionally, our College is blessed with caring patron groups who provide our students with scholarships and travel grants for out-of-state auditions and conferences.

