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 Art and Art History, Dance, Drama, Music and the 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.

A Commitment to the Arts “Today, we affirm that no University can be truly great without achieving greatness in the fine arts. We must not...we must not, focus solely on the mind and the body, and neglect the spirit. Music and all of the Arts feed the soul. The creative part of us helps us escape the narrow boundaries of our own limited personal experiences. Today we celebrate the excellence of the Fine Arts at the University of Oklahoma.” - David L. Boren, President of The University of Oklahoma

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 OU Arts District.
- The college averages over 1,100 undergraduate and graduate fine arts majors each academic year in the Schools of Art and Art History, Dance, Drama, Music, and Musical Theatre.
- Over 8,000 OU students majoring in other areas take a fine arts class each academic year.
- The college has nearly 200 nationally and internationally recognized educators, artists, performers, scholars, technicians, and staff experts.
- All fine arts students accepted must also be accepted by the University of Oklahoma. [http://www.ou.edu/go2/home](http://www.ou.edu/go2/home)
- 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 School of Art and Art History studio programs. [http://art.ou.edu/admissions](http://art.ou.edu/admissions)
- 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 will visit Rome, Florence, Venice and Arezzo. Academic instruction is in English. All accepted applicants qualify for Presidential International Travel Fellowships. [http://www.ou.edu/international/arezzo](http://www.ou.edu/international/arezzo)

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 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 and Music Education majors).

Scholarships

When applying for financial aid, students should complete the University financial aid forms (FAFSA) to maximize their aid options. Students should apply for scholarship monies directly to the school of their major. Awards are based on specific criteria with regard to their 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. Most applications are due March 1 for the following year. OU's online scholarship search puts information on available funds at your disposal. [http://www.scholarships.ou.edu](http://www.scholarships.ou.edu)

Degree Programs

The college's comprehensive fine arts degree program offers 30 different fine arts degree plans and two minors. All five Schools offer baccalaureate degrees. The Schools of Art and Art History, Dance, Drama, and Music offer master's degrees with a variety of emphases. The School of Music and the School of Art and Art History each have specialized doctoral level programs. For online degree program requirements, visit [http://www.ou.edu/artsandscience/aud/current_students/FineArtsHandbooks](http://www.ou.edu/artsandscience/aud/current_students/FineArtsHandbooks).
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The School of Art and Art History is the only institution in the state to offer a graduate degree in art history at both the master's and doctoral level. The School of Art and Art History serves approximately 400 undergraduate and graduate level students in art history, media, studio and visual communications with a faculty of 26 full-time artists, designers and scholars. It is divided into five broad areas: foundations, studio arts, art history, media art, and visual communications. Students, other than those in the Art History program, begin their studies with the Foundations area. Studio art consists of programs in painting, printmaking, ceramics, and sculpture. Art history is a humanities field that studies the history of art, artifacts and architecture. Media includes video, photography and film areas. Visual communications majors become graphic designers, production managers and other visual specialists working in advertising and related fields. http://art.ou.edu/admissions

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 Albee, Balanchine, Battles, de Mille and Arpino. Oklahoma Festival Ballet has a repertoire of over 40 ballets, eight 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 and Paraguay. Students develop a national perspective and networking opportunities by working with established guest artists each semester. http://www.ou.edu/finearts/dance/admissions

The School of Drama prepares students for professional careers in theatre, film and theatre education. 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. The School of Drama offers courses leading to a Master of Arts in Drama degree. Areas of specialization in the Master of Arts degree program include literature, criticism, theatre history, and dramaturgy. 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 online at http://www.ou.edu/finearts/drama/how_do_i_apply.htm

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 http://music.ou.edu/home/audition_days. 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. Irvin Wagner at iwagner@ou.edu or call (405) 325-4504.

The Weitzenhofer 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 Weitzenhofer 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. http://www.ou.edu/finearts/musicaltheatre/apply-now.html

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.

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