EXPLORE YOUR PASSION FOR THE ARTS AT COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON

THE artistic heartbeat of Charleston

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PRE-COLLEGE SUMMER PROGRAMS

MUSIC: CHARLESTON CHAMBER MUSIC INTENSIVE
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DANCE: 1-WEEK SUMMER DANCE INTENSIVE
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LEARN ABOUT ARTS MAJORS/ MINORS
Nestled in the heart of Charleston's historic district, the College of Charleston School of the Arts provides students the chance to study and live in an architectural and cultural environment rarely found in North America. We have meaningful partnerships with the city's leading cultural organizations in which many students are involved. In addition, we are the area's largest producer of year-round arts events, exposing students to incredible local and international talent. For these and many other reasons, the School of the Arts is The Artistic Heartbeat of Charleston... and this video captures just that. In addition, with the help of our Diversity, Inclusion and Equity (DEI) Committee, we are devoted to reviewing and improving DEI within our student body, faculty/staff members, curriculum and programming.

ART & ARCHITECTURAL HISTORY

We prepare students for multiple career options: graduate study, gallery/museum positions, arts administration, preservation planning, teaching, and more. Internship positions are available at Charleston's museums, historical societies, preservation projects, and community arts and preservation organizations. Recent graduates went on to graduate school in art history, architecture, film studies, law school and medical school, and to careers in museums and galleries.

ARTS MANAGEMENT

We train students to become leaders, managers and integral members of arts organizations. Classes will help students acquire management, organization, decision-making, and problem-solving skills in the areas of fundraising, financial management, marketing, artistic and educational programming, policy, and governance relevant to the unique world of the visual and performing arts industry. Internships and participation in the School of the Arts and community arts organizations reinforce classroom experiences.

DANCE

We combine the study of dance technique in ballet, modern and jazz – with a grounding in the breadth of dance as a field. Dance majors select between general dance studies or may audition for a concentration in performance/choreography. Students have opportunities to perform in our professional production season, at state-wide conferences, and at regional conferences. Scholarship auditions are in January.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION & COMMUNITY PLANNING

We prepare students to become leaders in the management of cultural heritage and the built environment. Our students will be immersed in the subjects of historic preservation, architectural and urban design, community planning, and architectural and urban history as a group of related disciplines. Together, they allow students to compete in a range of future opportunities, including cultural resource management, architecture, urban design, real estate and more.

MUSIC

Our majors will experience the intense focus of a conservatory coupled with a strong academic education in the liberal arts. Students have opportunities to work with professional music organizations in the area, and in our own productions. Music majors, who can choose to concentrate in performance, theory/composition, or music history, benefit from small class sizes, practice and performance space, one-on-one tutelage and collaborative music-making. Scholarship auditions are in January.

STUDIO ART

Our majors engage fully in the visual, material and intellectual aspects of art making. They learn to master the formal, visual language and material/technical skills of drawing, painting, photography, printmaking or sculpture. Our classes function as active learning environments where academic and creative growth is fostered through practice. Students learn how to shape materials, explore traditional and contemporary ideas and acquire creative and analytical problem-solving skills.

THEATRE

Our majors experience a healthy balance between coursework and production experience. From areas of acting, design, directing or playwriting, they encounter ideas, theories and techniques that enable them to achieve excellence in this highly competitive arena. Students can choose general studies or a specific focus: performance, design & technology (costume, scenery or lighting), theatre for youth, and theatre studies. Skills in adaptability, collaboration, problem-solving, communication, time-management, analysis, creativity and social awareness are a focus of the program and translate to many careers. Scholarship auditions are in January.

Make THE ARTS part of your college experience, no matter your major!

ANY STUDENT CAN TAKE A VARIETY OF ARTS CLASSES, PARTICIPATE IN MUSIC GROUPS, AUDITION FOR THEATRE & DANCE PERFORMANCES, GET A FREE MEMBERSHIP TO OUR HALSEY INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY ART, AND MORE.  • INFO: go.cofc.edu/arts •