The College of Fine and Applied Arts prepares men and women for professional work in architecture, art and design, dance, landscape architecture, music, theatre, and urban and regional planning. Freshmen and transfer students may apply for admission. In each curriculum specific basic courses, professional courses, and general education requirements must be completed in order to qualify for the specific baccalaureate degree offered.

Graduate degrees are offered in all areas of study through the Graduate College.

The College of Fine and Applied Arts offers introductory courses designed to increase aesthetic appreciation and development, and to portray the role of the arts in civilization for all students who are attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Participation in the many bands, choirs, and orchestras on campus, as well as private instruction on most instruments and in voice, is available to students in all colleges by audition.

To serve the total academic community and all citizens in the state of Illinois, the college features the arts in exhibitions, concerts, lectures, performances, demonstrations, and conferences. Many outstanding professionals and works in these fields are brought to the University campus. All departments in the College of Fine and Applied Arts reserve the right to retain, exhibit, and reproduce the works submitted by students for credit in any course.

In addition to the teaching divisions, the College of Fine and Applied Arts includes the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts, the Krannert Art Museum and Kinkead Pavilion, Japan House, the Smart Energy Design Assistance Center, and the Visual Resources Center.

Special Facilities

Career Services Office

The Career Services Office (https://faa.illinois.edu/current-students/career-services) in the College of Fine and Applied Arts recognizes the unique career needs of students in the visual and performing arts. The office provides presentations and individual appointments to help students explore all of their options. The office also serves as a resource for concerned parents.

Krannert Art Museum and Kinkead Pavilion

Krannert Art Museum (http://www.kam.uiuc.edu) is an accredited general art museum with eight permanent galleries, four temporary exhibition galleries, and an open virtual-reality lab. Its outstanding permanent collection places it among the top tier of university art museums in the nation. But the space is used as more than an art museum by students at the University of Illinois. Here they can gather to hear improvised music played by international artists, watch films, and participate in an open mic hip-hop cafe. Come and experience a space that allows for simultaneous interplay between more than one artistic form.

Krannert Center for the Performing Arts

The Krannert Center for the Performing Arts (http://www.krannertcenter.illinois.edu) is a remarkable four-theatre performing arts complex with spaces for instruction, rehearsal, and performance in theatre, opera, dance, and music. The Foellinger Great Hall, seating 2,200, is designed for large-scale musical events. The Tryon Festival Theatre, with 1,000 seats, is for opera, dance, and other musical stage productions. The Colwell Playhouse seats 700 and is the home of the Department of Theatre. The Studio Theatre, seating 150, is for experimental productions. An outdoor amphitheater, rehearsal rooms, offices, dressing rooms, technical shops, and underground parking on two levels for 650 cars complete this monumental facility.

Japan House

The study of Japanese culture began at the University of Illinois in 1900, with the arrival of the first Japanese student. Throughout the last century, the University’s role as a leader in Japanese studies began to take form. A major theme of Japan House (http://japanhouse.art.illinois.edu/en) is peace. The focus of Japan House is its three tea rooms. The grounds also feature a Japanese tea garden, strolling garden, and Zen-style rock garden.

SEDAC – Smart Energy Design Assistance Center

The Smart Energy Design Assistance Center (http://smartenergy.illinois.edu/about-us.html) provides advice and analyses enabling private and public facilities in the State of Illinois to increase their economic viability through the efficient use of energy resources.

University Music Performance Organizations

The School of Music offers credit for all students enrolled in its many performance organizations. These organizations include ensembles in the nationally recognized Band Division: a Wind Symphony, two Symphonic Bands, three Concert Bands, Basketball Band, Brass Band, Clarinet Choir, and the world-famous Marching Illini. The Choral Division offers singers the opportunity to perform in the Oratorio Society, Black Chorus, Women’s Chorus, University Chorus, Men’s and Women’s Glee Clubs, Concert Choir, and UI Chorale. The University Symphony and Illini Symphony, three jazz bands, gamelans and other ethnomusicology performance ensembles, and ensembles specializing in contemporary music, chamber music, and early music, among others, satisfy student interest both as performers and concertgoers.

A student in any college wishing to enroll in a performance organization should contact the Office of Academic Affairs, Room 3076 Music Building (phone: 217-244-2670) or the appropriate ensemble director to receive further information and arrange for an audition.

Visual Resources Center

The Visual Resources Center facilitates access to images and other visual formats, provides instruction on using a variety of educational software, works with users on image related research projects, and provides consultation related to digitization best practices. The digital collection is available via ARTstor. 35mm and lantern slide collections are available during business hours.

Libraries

Students in the college have at their disposal outstanding library resources. In addition to the University Library, one of this country’s great
Departments, Schools, and Curricula

The College of Fine and Applied Arts consists of the Departments of Dance, Landscape Architecture, Theatre, and Urban and Regional Planning; the Schools of Architecture, Art and Design, and Music. The specific functions of each department or school and the undergraduate curricula are described on the following pages. Consult the Undergraduate Handbook available on the college website for specific academic policies and procedures for students and faculty in the college.

Special Programs

Study Abroad

International study can be a life transforming experience. The college provides the opportunity for students to obtain campus credit for foreign study and/or travel for a summer session, one semester, or an academic year. Students in FAA have a range of opportunities for study abroad. They can pick from programs developed specifically for students in their major (e.g., senior year abroad in Barcelona for Architecture students) or from the many programs available through the Study Abroad Office (http://www.studyabroad.illinois.edu) which serves the entire university population.

Prior to departure students are required to submit a study plan for review by their advisor and the college. Students with approved study plans retain their status as UI students and may continue their student health insurance while abroad. Participation in an approved UI program also counts as time in residence at the University.

The Study Abroad Office also provides information on financial aid specifically for study away from campus. The office is located in the International Studies Building, 910 S. Fifth St., Champaign, IL.

Graduation Honors

The College honors superior students honors at graduation. To be eligible, students must have completed a minimum of four semesters of work and 65 hours of credit in residence at the Urbana-Champaign campus. More information on specifics may be found on the College website.

Dean’s List

Each semester students are recognized by the College for academic excellence through the Dean’s List. Eligible students must successfully complete at least 12 academic hours, taken for a letter grade (A through F), and earn a grade-point average that places them in the top 20 percent (approximately) of the College. Students who are registered with the Center for Wounded Veterans (CWV) or with Disability Resources and Educational Services (DRES) who are enrolled in less than 12 but a minimum of nine graded semester hours who are in the approximate top 20 percent are also eligible. Such students must sign a release with CWV or DRES indicating their consent for consideration for Dean’s List eligibility and have submitted that consent to their home unit’s academic affairs office no later than Reading Day in the semester in which they wish to be considered for Dean’s List. These consent forms are valid only for the semester in which they are issued, and students must submit by the deadline updated consent forms for each semester in which they wish to be considered for Dean’s List.

Students with grades that are incomplete or deferred are not considered for the Dean’s List until letter grades have been submitted for those courses. The GPA level necessary to be placed on the Dean’s List is revised annually and is posted on the College Web site.

James Scholar Honors Program

The James Scholars Program in the College of Fine and Applied Arts focuses on developing Socially Engaged Artists by offering a series of required courses that provide progressive experiences in community engagement. James Scholars have opportunities to develop research projects within the local communities, to apply for funding to support their research, and to participate in symposia presenting their research to the campus and the general public. Detailed information on admission and requirements are available on the College website.

Requirements

Admission

All incoming students hoping to enroll in the College of Fine and Applied Arts as undergraduates must first complete the application for admission available from the university’s Office of Undergraduate Admissions. Several programs within the college (majors in Art, Dance, Music and Theatre) require a portfolio, audition and/or interview as part of the admissions process. All application materials must be received before an admission decision can be made.

Graduation

Students who meet the general University requirements with reference to registration, residence, scholarship, fees, and general education requirements, and who maintain the minimum grade-point average required in their degree program, receive degrees appropriate to the curriculum completed. Refer to the specific unit and curricular requirements listed in the following sections. In addition, students must complete the required senior courses in their major field of study in residence at the Urbana-Champaign campus.

General Education

The Campus Senate, the faculty General Education Board, and the colleges have developed campus wide common general education requirements. Students are advised that some general education requirements may be fulfilled by courses required in the major. All FAA curricula require students to meet the minimum campus general education requirements for graduation. Some programs require additional general education courses. See the individual programs of study for each curriculum.

- Architectural Studies (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/faa/academic-units/arch/#majortext)
- Art and Design - First Year Curricula (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/faa/academic-units/school-art-design/foundation)
- Art Crafts (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/faa/academic-units/school-art-design/crafts)
- Art Education (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/faa/academic-units/school-art-design/art-ed)
- Art History (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/faa/academic-units/school-art-design/history-art)
- Dance (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/faa/academic-units/dance/#majorstext)
- Graphic Design (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/faa/academic-units/school-art-design/graphic)
- Industrial Design (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/faa/academic-units/school-art-design/industrial)
- Landscape Architecture (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/faa/academic-units/landscape/#majortext)
- Music (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/faa/academic-units/music/#majortext)
- Music Education (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/faa/academic-units/music/music-ed)
- New Media (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/faa/academic-units/school-art-design/new-media)
- Painting (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/faa/academic-units/school-art-design/painting)
- Photography (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/faa/academic-units/school-art-design/photography)
- Sculpture (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/faa/academic-units/school-art-design/sculpture)
- Studio Art (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/faa/academic-units/school-art-design/studioart)
- Theatre (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/faa/academic-units/theatre/#majorstext)
- Urban and Regional Planning (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/faa/academic-units/urban/#majortext)
- Architectural Studies Minor (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/faa/academic-units/arch/#minortext)
- Art + Design Minor (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/faa/academic-units/school-art-design/art-design-minor)
- Art History Minor (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/faa/academic-units/school-art-design/art-history-minor)
- Community-Based Art Education Minor (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/faa/academic-units/school-art-design/community-based-art-ed-minor)
- Landscape Studies Minor (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/faa/academic-units/landscape/#minortext)
- Music Minor (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/faa/academic-units/music/music-minor)
- Musical Theatre Minor (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/faa/academic-units/music/musical-theatre-minor)
- Theatre Minor (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/faa/academic-units/theatre/#minortext)
- Urban Planning Minor (http://catalog.illinois.edu/undergraduate/faa/academic-units/urban/#minortext)