

## FINE & PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT

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The Fine Arts Department houses coursework in Art, Dance, and Theatre. Art classes are offered at both the lower-division and the upper-division level and are designed to prepare students to transfer to other institutions to complete their bachelor's degrees. Dance coursework focuses on lower-division classes, and Art and Theatre are available emphases in the Integrated Studies program. Theatre also has fully-developed undergraduate offerings that lead to DSC bachelor's degrees in that discipline.

The academic programs in Fine Arts are focused on liberal arts preparation, which means that students' professional preparation in the arts is balanced by non-major coursework throughout their time at DSC. Students get excellent discipline-specific education that prepares them for a variety of jobs in their areas of interest and for further fine arts training at the graduate school level. However, statistics show that the majority of fine arts graduates do not end up in arts careers. The liberal arts component of DSC's fine arts programs helps prepare students with versatile skills that allow them to compete in a fast-changing job market. In addition to discipline-specific outcomes, the goal of liberal arts preparation is to equip students with creative and critical thinking skills and with communication and teamwork skills. DSC Music graduates are music teachers and DSC Theatre graduates are casting directors, but graduates of DSC Fine Arts programs are also small business owners, marketing directors, TV news anchors, government employees, morticians, lawyers, and so forth.

In addition to classroom activities, DSC Fine Arts programs present a robust array of gallery showings, dance concerts, vocal and instrumental music performances, and theatre productions. Fine Arts performances and shows are at the heart of campus life and provide students with ample opportunities to build and showcase their talents. The beautiful Eccles Fine Arts Center, with its three performance venues and art gallery, is the home for many of these activities.

### Course Prefixes

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