### SUNY and the Arts

#### ART
From printmaking, sculpture and ceramics to drawing, painting and design, art majors at SUNY are as diverse as our campuses! Students learn to express ideas and concepts via the formal elements of art, while gaining an understanding of art’s larger social and disciplinary contexts.

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#### MUSIC PERFORMANCE
Soloists, orchestral musicians, opera singers, and professional musicians perfect their talent through music performance programs. Upon program completion, they are poised to pursue the musical career of their choice or qualified to enter graduate programs.

- Binghamton (MusB°)
- Broome (AS)
- University at Buffalo (MusB°)
- Dutchess (AS, Certificate)
- Fredonia (MusB°)
- Monroe (AS°)
- Nassau (AAS)
- Onondaga (AAS°)
- Orange (AAS)
- Potsdam (MusB°)
- Purchase (MusB°)
- Rockland (AA)
- Schenectady (AAS°)
- Stony Brook (BA°)
- Suffolk (AS)
- Westchester (AAS)

#### DANCE
Developing technique, artistry and creativity through development of your individual talent is the focus of SUNY dance programs. These programs offer the serious and dedicated dance student professional training in classical ballet and contemporary modern dance, as well as dance composition and choreography.

- Brockport (BA°, BS°, BFA°)
- University at Buffalo (BA°, BFA°)
- Fredonia (BFA°)
- Nassau (AA)
- Potsdam (BA°)
- Purchase (BFA°)
- Westchester (AAS)

#### MUSIC
Both performers and scholars of music will find stimulating environments in which to develop their talents. And, a diverse array of programs and courses for music majors, minors, and non-majors help students build a strong foundation. Numerous performance opportunities via ensembles, bands, orchestras, choral groups and student recitals enable students to merge theory and practice.

- Adirondack (AAS°)
- Albany (BA°)
- Binghamton (BA°)
- Broome (AS)
- Buffalo State (BA°, MusB°)
- University at Buffalo (BA°)
- Finger Lakes (AS)
- Fredonia (BA°, BS°, MusB°)
- Geneseo (BA°)
- Herkimer (AS)
- Jamestown (AS)
- Nassau (AAS, Certificate)
- New Paltz (BA°, BS°)
- Niagara (AS, Certificate)
- Oneonta (BA°)
- Onondaga (AAS°)
- Oswego (BA°)
- Plattsburgh (BA°)
- Potsdam (BA°, BM°, MusB°)
- Purchase (MusB°)
- Rockland (AA)
- Schenectady (AAS, Certificate)
- Stony Brook (BA°)
- Suffolk (AS)
- Ulster (AS)
- Westchester (AAS)

#### ACTING/DRAAMA/THEATRE/DESIGN
At SUNY you’ll find a rich diversity of programs—such as professional actor training, costume, scenic and lighting design, and conservatory training—that provide you with a range of experience and opportunity. Students perfect their craft through continuous engagement in rehearsals and public performances and are mentored by visiting professionals and experienced resident faculty.

- Albany (BA°)
- Binghamton (BA°)
- Brockport (BA°, BS°)
- Broome (AS)
- Buffalo State (BA°, BFA°)
- University at Buffalo (BA, BFA°)
- Canton (BFA°)
- Dutchess (AS)
- Fashion Institute of Technology (AAS, BFA, BS)
- Fredonia (BFA°, BFA°)
- Fulton-Montgomery (AS)
- Geneseo (AA, Certificate)
- Geneseo (BA°)
- Hudson Valley (AS)
- Mohawk Valley (AA)
- Nassau (AA)
- New Paltz (BA°, BS°)
- Niagara (AS)
- Oneonta (BA°, BS°)
- Oswego (BA°)
- Plattsburgh (BA°)
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- Purchase (BA°, BFA°)
- Rockland (AA)
- Stony Brook (BA°)
- Suffolk (AS)
- Ulster (AA)
- Westchester (AAS)

#### MUSICAL THEATRE
Musical theatre programs encompass courses from music, theatre and dance to create well-rounded professionals able to succeed in an increasingly competitive field. State-of-the-art facilities serve as home for performance opportunities that range from musicals and dance companies to dramas and operas.

- University at Buffalo (BFA°)
- Cortland (BA°)
- Fredonia (BFA°)
- Geneseo (Certificate)
- Geneseo (BA°)

Key:
- **A** = Audition required
- **I** = Interview required
- **P** = Portfolio required
- Typically a BA or BS has no audition or portfolio requirement. BFA or MusB/BM programs usually require a portfolio and/or audition.
How do I find an arts program at SUNY?

Whether you want to study theatre, dance, music, or art, there is a SUNY campus that offers your major. Conducting an academic search on the SUNY website (www.suny.edu/academicprograms) is an easy way to identify arts programs, the degree types offered, and campus locations. Some programs are specialized and offer professional training. Others may be a more generalized study of a discipline.

What’s the difference between a BA or BS, and a BFA or a MusB/BM?

A Bachelor of Arts (BA) or a Bachelor of Science (BS) is a liberal arts degree. A Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) or Bachelor of Music (MusB/BM) is more intense and focused on professional training in the arts.

Why do some campuses offer Drama or Art as a major, while others offer Acting or Visual Arts as a major?

Each SUNY campus offers unique programs under different academic departments at the various campus locations. It is important to use a wide variation of words when conducting your academic searches online to find the right program of study. Some examples of an inclusive search may include:

- Drama, Acting, Theatre
- Art, Studio Art, Visual Arts, Graphic Arts
- Music, Vocal Performance, Jazz Studies, Music Business
- Music Business

How do I schedule an audition?

Each SUNY campus has its own process for scheduling auditions. In some cases, the department will contact you directly to schedule an audition after receiving your application. Other programs ask that you schedule your audition as soon as possible whether you have submitted your application or not. Check with each campus about how and where to schedule an audition.

What should I expect at the audition?

Audition protocols vary by program. You should become familiar with the audition process for each program by reviewing the academic department website or by contacting the admissions office directly.

What do I need to bring to my audition?

In some cases, you may be required to prepare material that will represent you at your best such as letters of recommendation or an artistic résumé or portfolio. Be sure to check with each campus as to what you should bring to your audition.

What should I wear to my audition?

Whether you are auditioning for dance, theatre, or music, you should dress comfortably, but appropriately. Dance students should have appropriate shoes for the dance audition.

Does it cost anything to audition?

Some programs do charge an audition fee that must be paid in advance or at the time of your audition. Be sure to ask each campus if there is a fee to audition for the program.

Where will the audition take place?

Auditions for SUNY programs may take place at individual campuses or regional locations throughout the United States. Check with each campus for a complete list of audition dates and locations.

Audition reminders

It is important to prepare for an audition. You should become familiar with the audition requirements, understanding that they may vary at each campus. Also, be aware of time restrictions on auditions and ensure that you do not exceed the time limit allotted.

What is a portfolio?

A portfolio is a visual résumé presenting and promoting your credentials, skills, talents and achievements through a collection of projects, illustrations, designs, and creative pieces.

What should my portfolio consist of?

Portfolios may include essays, photographs, illustrations, slides, or other forms of artwork. A portfolio should represent your best creative work from class projects or assignments, and be consistent with portfolio instructions given by an individual campus program.

What does SUNY look for in a portfolio?

SUNY does not have a common portfolio process. Each SUNY campus will send you detailed portfolio instructions after you submit your application.

When should I begin assembling a portfolio?

It is never too early to begin thinking about a portfolio. You should begin assembling your creative work as soon as you have decided that you are applying to a program. Follow portfolio instructions step-by-step and submit only what is requested for the program.

For more information about these academic programs, contact SUNY campuses on the web at www.suny.edu/contactcampuses