College of Performing and Visual Arts

University of Northern Colorado
Performing and Visual Arts at UNC

The College of Performing and Visual Arts is home to nearly 1,300 students pursuing music, theatre, dance, design, and a broad range of arts media including painting, printmaking, and ceramics. The arts were fundamental to both campus and community when UNC opened its door in 1889, and since then the College continues to unite time-honored academy traditions with contemporary arts practices.

We offer:

• Our comprehensive curriculum integrates in-depth studio and classroom exploration with education in research, criticism, and art history.
• You’ll work and create in studios, theatres, and classrooms in a nationally accredited program with small class sizes and individual attention.
• You’ll learn from a curriculum that is designed to give you the opportunity to explore different media.
• You’ll study under faculty artists who are active in their crafts.

School of Art and Design

- Art Education
- Art History
- Ceramics
- Digital Media
- Drawing
- Graphic Design
- Painting
- Photography
- Printmaking
- Sculpture

School of Music

- Brass
- Collaborative Piano
- Conducting
- Folk & Bluegrass Studies
- Jazz Studies
- Piano
- Music Business
- Music Composition
- Music Education
- Music History and Literature
- Music Theory
- Percussion
- Strings
- Voice
- Woodwinds

School of Theatre Arts & Dance

- Acting
- Dance
- Design and Technology
- Musical Theatre
- Theatre Education
- Theatre Studies

ART AND DESIGN
The gallery program offers students the opportunity to interact with artists, and with classes in arts entrepreneurship and museum studies, you’ll gain practical and hands-on experiences to prepare you for a career in the arts.

THE THEATRE ARTS AND DANCE program was named a Colorado Program of Excellence by the Colorado Commission on Higher Education and regularly sends graduates to Broadway and other selective professional performance companies.

THE SCHOOL OF MUSIC produces more than 230 events annually, including guest artist masterclasses, faculty and student recitals, the UNC/Greeley Jazz Festival and the OpenSpace Festival of New Music.
**CAREER OUTLOOK**

**THEATRE DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY**

Career Focus: Set and Exhibit Designers

- 12.9% regional job growth through 2024
- 2.8% national job growth through 2024
- National 10th percentile annual earnings $29,806*

**DANCE**

Career Focus: Choreographer

- 26.7% regional job growth through 2024
- 3% national job growth through 2024
- National 10th percentile annual earnings $21,340*

**GRAPHIC DESIGN**

Career Focus: Graphic Designer

- 12% regional job growth through 2024
- 5.5% national job growth through 2024
- National 10th percentile annual earnings $29,598*

**MUSIC TEACHER EDUCATION**

Career Focus: Secondary School Teacher

- 15.6% regional job growth through 2024
- 7.7% national job growth through 2024
- National 10th percentile annual earnings $39,740*

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

Career Focus: Photographer

- 13.5% regional job growth through 2024
- 3.5% national job growth through 2024
- National 10th percentile annual earnings $19,843*

**FINE/STUDIO ART**

Career Focus: Fine Artist

- 11.6% regional job growth through 2024
- 9.2% national job growth through 2024
- National 10th percentile annual earnings $20,030*

**THEATRE DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY**

Career Focus: Set and Exhibit Designers

- 12.9% regional job growth through 2024
- 2.8% national job growth through 2024
- National 10th percentile annual earnings $29,806*

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*10th percentile earnings: the wage at which 10 percent of employees earn less than that amount and 90 percent earn more. —US Bureau of Labor Statistics**

**Wage estimates are taken from Emsi reports and are based on Occupational Employment Statistics and the American Community Survey.**

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**ALUMNI AND STUDENT WORK APPEARANCES AND RECOGNITION**

- Broadway
- The Walt Disney Company
- Union Colony Children’s Music Academy
- Candlelight Dinner Playhouse
- Wide Eyed Productions
- Actors’ Equity Association
- Loveland Opera Theatre
- Colorado Symphony Orchestra
- Denver Center Theatre Company
- Greeley Philharmonic Orchestra
- Princess Cruises
- Chicago Opera Theater
- International Performing Arts Academy
- Denver Center for the Performing Arts
- Chermayeff & Geismar & Haviv design firm
NEXT STEPS TO BE ADMITTED AS A PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTS STUDENT

**School of Art and Design applicants**
Admission to the School of Art and Design does not require additional steps beyond admission to UNC. You may submit a portfolio for scholarship consideration.

**School of Music applicants**
In addition to the UNC application, a Music application (completed when you first apply to UNC) and a successful audition are required for entry into any degree program in the School of Music. Please go to ARTS.UNCO.EDU/APPLY for audition details.

**School of Theatre Arts and Dance applicants**
Additional steps beyond the UNC application are required for entry into all majors in the School of Theatre Arts and Dance. Please go to ARTS.UNCO.EDU/APPLY for the requirements for each program.

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