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The Department of Fine Arts offers degrees in three major specialty areas: Art, Music, and Speech/Theatre. The Department also provides non- major courses in art, music, speech and theatre in support of the liberal arts curriculum requirements of the University.

**BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE**

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Art offers concentrations in drawing, painting, sculpture, graphics and crafts. The program provides the student broad technical knowledge and professional skills through varied instruction in the disciplines. It is further reinforced by arranged interaction with professional artists through residencies, seminars, and student apprenticeships/internships, and by liberal subjects promoting identification of purpose and social awareness–necessary adjuncts to the development of the creative artist. Potential Art majors seeking admittance into the dis- cipline must submit a portfolio of previous work for review and approval before major status can be granted. Additionally, for acceptance into and graduation from the discipline, each student must have, and thereafter maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.25 or better. All ma- jors must earn a minimum grade of C in each art course. Majors must perform satisfactorily on the Regents’ Test and complete the

**GRADUATE RECORD EXAMINATION.**

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Music offers applied concentration in voice, piano, wind instruments, and percussion. The program also offers courses in music theory, ear-training, counterpoint, form and analysis, music history, and literature with emphasis on performance, leading to fur- ther study at the graduate or professional level. Participation in performance organizations relative to the student’s area of applied specialty is also required. Music majors may enter the discipline either at the freshman or transfer level. It is important for entering freshman music majors to iden- tify themselves before or upon registration, as there are music division entrance requirements. It is important that potential music majors imme- diately become enrolled in the proper sequential theory and applied classes which begin at the freshman level. Transfer students will enter at a stage commensurate with their level of proficiency and prior instruction. For acceptance into major vocal or instrumental applied courses, stu- dents must have had prior instruction and demonstrate requisite proficiency via an audition before the music faculty. A second juried audition prior to acceptance into junior level applied courses is also required, and a final Senior Recital must be presented in order to graduate. Additionally, for acceptance into and graduation from the discipline, each student must have and maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.25 or better. All majors must earn a minimum grade of C in each music course. Majors must perform satisfactorily on the Regents’ Test and must take the De- partmental Exit Exam.

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Speech and Theatre offers two concentrations for which students may receive degree specialization: Speech Con- centration and Theatre Concentration. Students with specific objectives (law, radio and television, announcing or politics) may consult with fac- ulty for advice on a program of study which would best serve their career ambitions. The program is designed to provide maximum flexibility in meeting the varied interests and career objectives of its students. Each of the concentrations has specific requirements, i.e., dramatic performances, qualifying examinations, oral presentations, etc.; however, students in both concentrations are required to have a grade point average of 2.25 or better to enter and exit the Bachelor of Arts program in Speech and Theatre. A grade of C or better is required in all major courses. Majors must also perform satisfactorily on the Regents’ Test and complete the Departmental Exit Examination.

**BACHELOR OF MUSIC EDUCATION**

The music education program will offer study leading to the Bachelor of Music Education degree with applied concentrations in one of the following categories: voice, piano, woodwind, brass and percussion instruments. Degree requirements will be completed primarily in the music area of the Department of Fine Arts, however, the teaching certification will be earned through the College of Education. Curriculum com- ponents of the program of study are (1) Area A-E - University Core Courses, (2) Area F - Courses Related to the Major, (3) Area G - Major Requirements; and (4) Area H - Professional Education Courses. In order to be admitted to the Music Education Program, students must first meet all college admittance requirements. Additionally, students must audition on a major instrument or voice for acceptance into the program, and must meet the requirements of the College of Education for admission to the Teacher Education Program.

The non-course requirements include:

1. A 2.5 GPA

2. Passing Regents’ Test

3. Passing the PRAXIS 1 Exam (for full admittance into the Teacher Education Program and to be able to student teach)

4. Passing of PRAXIS II (required for graduation)

5. Beginning School Experience (two-week internship at one of the public schools during the first two weeks of school)

6. Student membership in the College Music Educators National Conference (CMENC), and the National Education Association (NEA) or the Professional Association of Georgia Educators (PAGE) The Department offers the M.Ed. degree in Music Education. A minimum of 36 semester hours is required in the following areas: A—Nature of the Learner (12); B—Musical Studies (13); C—Professional Studies (12) and D—Research Studies (3). The Department is governed by the admissions policies of the Graduate School and the

College of Education. The Graduate School Bulletin has detailed information.

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