

FINE ARTS

From Study to Skills

Rutgers-Camden offers a unique art program that offers flexibility to students through various specializations in the fine arts, the electronic arts, and the music and theater arts. The Fine Arts Program at Rutgers-Camden provides students with the skills and tools necessary for a career in animation, graphic design, illustration, music, painting, photography, sculpture or theater and provides students with the ability to engage in logical thinking and complex analyses of works of art in their social, cultural, historical, political, and aesthetic contexts. Students may be directed through a rigorous liberal arts education or may design their own interdisciplinary major to prepare for a career in art therapy, medical illustration, advertising, education, and other fields. Rutgers-Camden also offers a specialization in Electronic Arts through concentrations in graphic design or computer animation. Students majoring in electronic arts are exposed to a variety of traditional media and to electronic media and digital design. The Rutgers-Camden Fine Arts program includes the music program, which provides students the opportunity to integrate theory, history, composition, electronic music, and performance to understand music as an artistic and intellectual achievement. In addition, students will develop performance skills through private study or by joining a performing ensemble on campus. The Rutgers-Camden Theater Program allows students to develop performance skills while learning the history of theater. The curriculum includes courses in acting, directing, playwriting, design, technical theater, dramatic literature, and theater history. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in various on-campus theatrical performances.

Skills and Abilities

Academic Skills- Students will learn critical thinking skills, research skills, problem solving and decision making skills, organization, time management, self-discipline, and to meet deadlines. Students will also understand patterns, and music and theater theory. Students will strive to improve and demonstrate motivation, commitment, time-management skills, flexibility, stress-management, and self-discipline.

Communication Skills- Students will develop public speaking and leadership skills, utilize strong writing skills and develop the ability to convey ideas creatively and effectively. Students will listen, ask insightful questions, and work independently or in teams.

Fine Arts Skills- Students will gain the ability to adapt content for different audiences and develop design consciousness, attention to detail, creativity and broad historical and cultural knowledge.

Design Skills- Students will develop skills with various forms of media, learn graphic design and graphic design production; visual fundamentals; web design; communication design; typography; classical, character, and computer animation; and focus on long-term independent design projects.

Professional Skills- Students will develop computer skills, problem solving abilities, technical abilities, attention to detail, project management, and sketching skills. They will also learn color theory, digital design platforms, time management; and to create storyboards and to effectively introduce messages in your work.

What Careers Are Available For Fine Arts Majors

The following are samples of first jobs of Rutgers-Camden Fine Arts majors:

Adjunct CE Faculty- University of the Arts	Gallery Assistant- Zephyr Gallery
Animation Producer- MTV Networks	Graphic Designer- Team Beans, LLC
Arts Consultant- Open Mind Productions	Independent Film Producer- Hollywood, CA
Arts Production Director- Rutgers-Camden Center for the Arts	MAC Specialist- Apple Computers
Assistant Professor/Chair, Art History- University of South Carolina	Music Teacher- Camden's Promise Charter School
Conservation Technician- Fine Arts Museum of San Francisco	Program Coordinator- SEIU Local 1199 P
Director of Artistic Administration- McCarter Theatre Center	R&D Engineer- Industrial Light & Magic
Director of Photography- Peddie School	Senior Editor- Middlesex Publications, Inc.
Fine Arts Consultant- The Museum Group	Senior Purchasing Agent- Metal Marketplace International
Freelance Graphic Designer	Supervisor- Future Musicians, Inc.
	Typesetter- Aura Graphics
	Web Developer- Music 123
	Website Designer- COMMSOFT

Graduate School Options

Many Fine Artists may choose to go directly into the workplace after graduation while some may decide to pursue a graduate degree, usually a Masters of Fine Arts, Masters of Education, Master of Music or Music Education, Master of Theater or Theater Arts Education or a Ph.D degree program. These graduates often go on to teach art at community colleges, independent colleges of art and design, or four-year colleges and universities. Individuals seeking to teach art or music in public schools must satisfy state requirements for teacher certification and must pursue a graduate degree to teach art at the college level. A master's or doctoral degree is required to teach music or theater courses in college and universities.

Resources

Consider joining a professional organization such as:

South Jersey Cultural Alliance

www.sjca.net

Philadelphia Cultural Alliance

www.philaculture.org

ASIFA-East

www.asifaeast.com

National Association for Music Education

www.menc.org

New Jersey Theatre Alliance

www.njtheatrealliance.org

Theatre Alliance of Greater Philadelphia

www.theatrephiladelphia.org

Consider joining a student organization such as the Art Students League or the Video & Film Production Club

Visit RaptorLink for internship opportunities in your field of interest

Assist a faculty member with their research.

Connect with professionals in fields that interest you on LinkedIn.

Career Center:

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