

Who Are We?

1. The Create Success Interns and the academic advisors serve the Create Success Initiative. We relay tips for collegiate success, such as ways to get involved and get the most out of your university experience. Create Success also advocates for students by connecting them to good habits.

2. Said habits include “know your stuff”, “do it early” and “do it often”. This means knowing your schedule, checking the academic calendar, getting involved, checking your university email, and meeting with an academic advisor once per semester.



3. All 5 academic advisors can help guide you in choosing classes. We have an advisor in each respective College of Fine Arts building so that they’re more accessible to students.

- Samuel Banford uses he/him and is located in the Marriot Center for Dance.



- Eric Schmitz uses he/him and is located on the main floor of the Art Building.



- Rachel uses she/her and is located in the Theatre Arts Building.



- Andrew Grace uses he/him and can be found in the film building.



- Jenn McLaurin uses she/hers and her office resides in David Gardner Hall.



- Your internship coordinator is Kate Wolsey. Kate is located in a cubicle in the film and media arts building. She's the person to go to for internships and other opportunities that can fulfill your post graduation goals and kickstart your career.



Our administrative office includes April Casiano and Liz Leckie. You'll get emails from April, all of which contain important and relevant information. Liz Leckie is our associate Dean who you may meet with occasionally to sign documents or deal with administrative matters. **To contact the advising team please email advisor@finearts.utah.edu .**



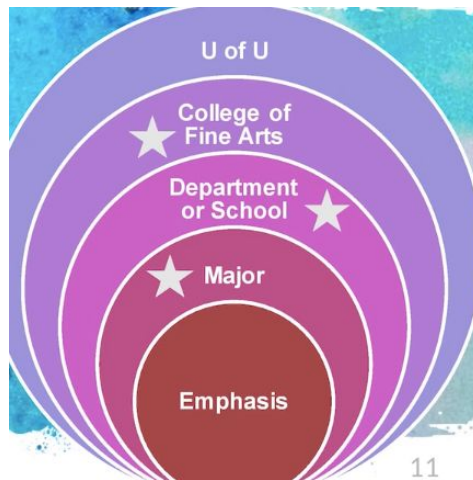
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Structure at the University

1. The largest level is the university level.
2. Within the university, there are separate colleges. We are the College of Fine Arts. The support provided at that level includes the Dean's office & academic advisors, who can assist in administrative matters.
3. Within each college, there are respective departments or schools. On this level, your resources are the faculty and staff. They are incredible resources for networking that you should connect with, as they have already worked professionally in your desired field.
4. Within some Departments, you may have the option of an emphasis. For example, you could be a theatre major with an emphasis in musical theatre.
5. The support at the departmental level consists of the SAC Committee, or student advisory committee. SAC is a student group that acts as a liaison between the administrative level and the students.



Mandatory Advising

1. There are **mandatory advising periods** in which advisors check in with students to ensure they're on track to graduate
2. Before you meet, a registration hold will be placed on your account meaning you cannot register for classes the following semester.

3. This hold is lifted by an advisor after their check-in. Mandatory meetings aside, it's highly recommended to meet with an advisor at least once a semester.

Degree Requirements at the University of Utah

1. The College of Fine Arts offers 3 different degrees: a bachelor of arts, a bachelor of fine arts, and a bachelor of music. The bachelor of arts degree is flexible and academically driven. In comparison, the bachelor of fine arts is highly structured and geared more towards professionally driven courses. The bachelor of music is similar to the BFA, but is only available to the music program.
2. To get a degree at the University of Utah you'll need at least 122 credit hours, with 40 of those being upper-division hours.
3. You have to maintain at least a 2.00 minimum GPA.
4. 20 of your last 30 courses must be taken at the University of Utah.
5. Alongside their arts classes, students take **general education courses** so that they have a well-rounded education.
6. For your **General Education courses**, you'll need:
 - An American Institutions course
 - A writing course
 - Two quantitative reasoning courses
 - Two humanity courses
 - Two physical life science courses or one physical life course
 - Two behavioral science courses
 - An applied science course
7. For your **Bachelor Degree courses**, you'll need:
 - An upper-division writing course

- A diversity course
- An upper-division international course.
- If you are a BA student 4 semesters of a language are required.
- BA students must complete 2 Quantitative Reasoning courses and everyone else will complete one.
- Don't worry too much about remembering these, as your **Degree Audit on CIS will keep track of what classes you have taken and still need to take.**
- The academic advisors can help you choose classes that may fulfill more than one of your requirements at a time and keep you academically efficient.
- Math, writing, and language courses are based on placement. **To figure out your placement, please speak to an advisor.**

Opportunities

1. Involvement opportunities in the College of Fine Arts includes research grants, student committees, performances and exhibits, clubs, fine arts housing, internships, and more.
2. One such opportunity is ArtsForce.
 - ArtsForce is a program housed in the College of Fine Arts. This year will be the 8th year of ArtsForce expanding opportunities for students.
 - Each year, a team of College of Fine Arts interns create events and share information focused on helping you articulate the value of your arts degree, make professional connections, and transition from college into a successful and rewarding career in any field you choose.
 - It's free to sign up for Arts Force to get their updates. Go to **artsforceutah.com** to sign up.



3. All students are signed up automatically for **Arts Pass**, which gets you access to various art.
 - All arts-related events at the U are free or extremely affordable for students, such as the art exhibits and dance performances. All a student has to do is bring their student ID to the event.
4. Another involvement opportunity includes **ArtsBash**, an annual occurrence in the beginning of fall semester in the Marriott Library Plaza with performances, games, and food.

Conclusion: what it means to have a degree in the arts

1. There are prominent misconceptions about education in the arts, mostly revolving around the idea that you won't make any money.
 - For clarification, use this QR code to watch "Uncle Henry Is Wrong":



- To reinforce some ideas from the video, remember this: you can be gainfully employed, happy, and well paid in your field. Don't let anyone tell you otherwise. The world needs artists!

Thank you for watching! The college of Fine Arts is thrilled to have you with us, and to see you grow and achieve in the coming years.