The Department of Visual and Theatre Arts provides educational, artistic, and cultural opportunities for those enterprising, dedicated individuals willing to undertake a vital, rigorous, professional arts degree program. Faculty and students serve our campus and community through performances and exhibitions enhancing the aesthetic and cultural awareness of the campus and region while preparing students for careers in the arts, teaching, and for advanced study. We also see artists as talented individuals with marketable skills that translate into a broad range of productive vocations.

Degree Options

Earn a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree with a major in Fine and Performing Arts in one of several exciting arts disciplines. Choose from:

**Studio Option – Three areas of emphasis**
- **Visual Art** emphasis offers specialized training in traditional visual arts media for careers and/or graduate study in studio art or art related fields.
- **Graphic Design** emphasis combines traditional visual arts media and computer-based design training with attention to practical application of those skills in the professional world.
- **Theatre** emphasis offers training for those interested in acting for the stage and careers associated with the theatre and/or advanced performance related studies.

**Teaching Option – Two area of emphasis**
- **Art Education** K-12 emphasis provides professional training to individuals preparing to teach art in the public schools and leads to state licensure in art, K-12.
- **Dance Education** K-12 emphasis is the first dance education program in the State of Tennessee and provides professional training to individuals preparing to teach dance in the public schools leading to state licensure in dance, K-12.

Facilities

We are located in the Fine Arts Building, but facilities are also located elsewhere on campus. Gooch Hall (art) and the Kathleen and Tom Elam Center (dance). Facilities contain well-equipped art studios, rehearsal studios, performance spaces, and classrooms. The *Harriet Fulton Theatre*, the major performance space on campus, is located in the Fine Arts Building, as are the gallery facilities for faculty, student, and guest artist exhibitions.

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**Special Opportunities**

In our program, you'll be given ample opportunity for performing or exhibiting works. We believe you can't succeed unless you participate. These opportunities include Vanguard Theatre, The UT Martin Dance Ensemble, The VTA Annual Student Art Exhibition, The Artists of the 21st Century, senior art exhibitions, professional performance auditions, workshops, off-campus performances, festivals, museum trips, and activities sponsored through Alpha Psi Omega (National Theatre Honor Society) and The Visual Arts Society (art/graphic design).

**Scholarships**

The Department of Visual and Theatre Arts offers several scholarships in art, dance, and theatre. For more information on departmental scholarships, visit the department website at www.utm.edu/vta or call 1-731-881-7400. Other types of financial assistance include academic achievement scholarships, grants, loans, and part-time employment.

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