Express yourself

Would you rather hold a paintbrush than a pen? Do you express yourself best through music? Do you view the computer as a creative medium? Are you at home on the stage? Then Assumption’s Department of Art, Music, and Theatre is the place for you.

In our vibrant classes and cocurricular activities, you’ll be free to express yourself. And, with a broad foundation in the liberal arts, our programs in art history, studio art, graphic design, music, and theatre prepare you to apply the degree you love to a variety of fulfilling careers.

Get creative

The Department of Art, Music, and Theatre at Assumption College will teach you the fundamentals of the visual and performing arts and encourage you to pursue your creative passions. At the same time, you’ll be grounded in the liberal arts tradition, which develops your critical thinking and communication skills – highly valued attributes in any professional career.

In small classes led by our accomplished faculty, you’ll use art, music, and theatre, to find new ways of looking at and understanding the world around you. You’ll also engage in hands-on creative work in studios and labs containing the latest tools of the trade.

Outside the classroom, you can enhance your arts education by taking part in our many artistic and performance opportunities. What’s more, you’ll really get out there and experience the arts firsthand by visiting artistic centers right here in Worcester, Mass. And you’ll have the opportunity to visit museums in Boston and New York City – or even venues in Europe.

DID YOU KNOW?

Study abroad offers Assumption students the opportunity for a broader worldview. Study at the American Institute for Foreign Study in Italy, the Institute for Foreign Study in England, the University of the Arts in London, and the Burren College of Art in Ireland. Assumption is associated with 50 study abroad programs around the world – including our new campus in Rome.
Course of study

Assumption offers the following majors and minors in art and music:

ART HISTORY

Major or Minor. You’ll acquire an in-depth foundation that will enable you to understand and appreciate works of art and their relationship to the artists and the societies that produce them. Your studies will culminate in a semester-long independent research project and presentation.

STUDIO ART

Major or Minor. You’ll specialize in either drawing or painting. Using a range of traditional media along with state-of-the-art equipment – including Apple iMacs loaded with the latest hardware and software used by professionals in graphic design, photography, and digital design – you’ll develop your skills and knowledge of the elements, principles, and practice of design. Your studies will culminate in a public exhibition of your work.

Education Major. You’ll pair your love of Art History or Studio Art with a major in education. If you want to be an art teacher, you can combine a major in the visual arts with Assumption’s strong education program that emphasizes early, hands-on experience.

GRAPHIC DESIGN

Major or Minor. You’ll learn to communicate visually by combining form and content. Through our program’s unique inclusion of business courses, you’ll discover the impact of design on marketing communications and learn to incorporate marketing principles in your design work. You’ll also develop a strong base in typography, web design, photography, drawing, and illustration, and you’ll learn to use the latest design software and technology.

MUSIC

Major or Minor. You’ll study music from a variety of time periods and parts of the world. You’ll explore music theory and history, and you’ll have opportunities to develop your performance skills through private lessons and department vocal and instrumental ensembles. You’ll also have a modern music lab and high-tech recording studio at your disposal.

Did you know?

The renowned Worcester Art Museum is widely recognized as one of the best small museums in the country. The superb acoustics of Mechanics Hall attract musicians and performers from around the globe. The Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts hosts a range of Broadway touring shows, concerts, contemporary acts, and plays – including Assumption’s own spring musical!

Learn by doing

Develop your creative talents on campus with our many performance groups and gain valuable career experience by participating in an internship. Through an internship, you acquire the knowledge, confidence, and professionalism that will give you a leg up in today’s competitive job market, and you’ll also make important contacts that may open doors to future employment.

Here in Worcester, we’re surrounded by businesses, nonprofit organizations, and museums that offer our undergraduates exciting opportunities to apply their skills in a hands-on way. And, through an arrangement with the New York Media Experience Program, Assumption students can live in New York City for a semester, interning with leading TV networks, magazines, and public relations agencies.

What’s next?

Assumption art, music, and theatre students either go on to graduate programs in such areas as art history, architecture, museum studies, graphic design, and music studies, or enter directly into careers in such fields as education, arts management, web design, advertising and marketing, performing arts, television, and the recording industry. Here’s a sampling of where Assumption alumni express themselves:

Sample recent graduate schools:
- Boston Architectural Center
- Maryland Institute of Art
- MIT
- New England Conservatory of Music
- Rhode Island School of Design
- Syracuse University
- UCLA

Sample recent employers:
- Art New England
- Backcountry.com
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