DEPARTMENT OF ART, MUSIC, AND THEATRE



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 and music prepare you to apply the degree you love to a variety of fulfilling careers.

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.

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

"Assumption College has been the key to my educational and professional success. My professors provided opportunities to learn necessary research skills as well as the various ways to present my findings. Professors pushed me to enrich my time at Assumption through experiential learning as well. I feel confident that I am prepared for all the challenges I will face in my career as an art historian."

Sarah Leary 17, Art History, Intern at Department of American Art at the Worcester Art Museum, Post-Grad Plans: Pursuing M.A. in Art History at American University

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.



Course of study

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

ART HISTORY

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

Minor. You'll specialize in either drawing or painting. Our north facing studios in the Laska Building offer dedicated spaces for painting, drawing, and 3-D work. Your studies will culminate in a public exhibition of your work.

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. 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 professional graphic designers - you'll develop your skills and knowledge of the elements, principles, and practice of design.

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 hightech 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.

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.

84%

2018 graduates participated in research, internships, service learning and/or student teaching opportunities

ASSUMPTION PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

Concert Band

AC Chorale – concert choir that performs on campus, throughout the U.S. and abroad

A Cappella groups (men or women)

Assumption Camerata – string ensemble that incorporates woodwinds and keyboards

Jazz ensemble

Merely Players drama club

Chapel Choir

SAMPLE INTERNSHIP SITES

Davis Publications

Hanover Theatre for the Performing Arts

MarsMedia Productions

MTV

New City Media

"The Daily Show with Jon Stewart"

WGBH Public Television

Worcester Art Museum

Worcester Children's Chorus

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

American University

MIT

New England Conservatory of Music

Rhode Island School of Design

Syracuse University

UCLA

UMASS Amherst

SAMPLE RECENT EMPLOYERS

Art New England
Backcountry.com

Bayard Presse

Carnegie Communications

David French Music Company

Nichols College WBZ-TV Boston