

# FINE ARTS

COLLEGE OF LETTERS AND SCIENCE • DIVISION OF HUMANITIES, ARTS AND CULTURAL STUDIES

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Music • Technocultural Studies • Undeclared—Fine Arts

*Fine arts majors at UC Davis develop skills employers are seeking. You'll hone your communication abilities, learn to think more critically, and gain experience in understanding different cultures and viewpoints.*

*Many UC Davis graduates have made successful careers as professional artists and performers. Others achieve their goals establishing careers as creative professionals working in education, design, art conservation, historic preservation, art investment, advertising, publishing, graphic or Web design, theatre and arts journalism, and administration of performing theatres, galleries, cultural centers and museums.*

## FINE ARTS MAJORS

### Art History

The language of visual culture speaks across boundaries of history and geography, resonating powerfully in every society. The study of art history is the study of the expression of personal and social truths through painting, sculpture, architecture, photography and other fine and popular arts. As an art history major, you will draw on aspects of literature, history, critical theory, philosophy, anthropology and cultural studies in your efforts to understand the complex reasons that people create, support and value the visual arts.

Questions? Contact an adviser at 111A Art Bldg., (530) 752-0105, [arthistory.ucdavis.edu](mailto:arthistory.ucdavis.edu).

### Art Studio

A major in art studio allows you to explore and expand your creative abilities, regardless of whether or not you plan a career as a professional artist. As an art student, you will develop and practice skills in problem-solving and cultivate your aesthetic sensitivity and visual awareness. These skills and traits will enrich your life, broaden your perspective and prepare you to succeed in any career requiring creativity and artistic sense. Our art studio faculty consists of a diverse group of nationally known artists who seek to share their skills, knowledge and enthusiasm with undergraduate students.

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### Design

A jacket with classic lines and a graceful shape. A book cover that captures the eye, leading the reader inside. An office or public space where colors, materials, furnishings and lighting flow together seamlessly. All these have one thing in common: designers. A UC Davis design major allows you to combine creativity with practicality, design theory and history while gaining experience in professional applications. Under the guidance of some of the nation's foremost designers and artists, you'll learn to give the products of your imagination a tangible shape and put your creativity to work solving real-world problems... beautifully.

Questions? Contact an adviser at 152 Walker Hall, (530) 752-1165, [design@ucdavis.edu](mailto:design@ucdavis.edu), [design.ucdavis.edu](mailto:design.ucdavis.edu).

### Dramatic Art

From the choral performances of ancient Greece to the post-modern dramas of the contemporary stage, people throughout history have used theatre and dance to make statements about culture and society. At UC Davis, the program in dramatic art has a special focus on participation, encouraging all students to become familiar with the myriad roles involved in preparing and delivering theatrical productions on the stage. You'll learn the essential techniques of acting, directing, stagecraft or dance as you develop communications skills that will prepare you to succeed in a variety of careers.

Questions? Contact an adviser at 222 Wright Hall, (530) 752-0888, [theatredance.ucdavis.edu](mailto:theatredance.ucdavis.edu).

### Music

A major in music teaches you to explore and understand the history, theory and performance of music. Your professors and lecturers at UC Davis are active researchers and performing musicians; many have had works performed, published and recorded around the globe. Artists-in-Residence spend one quarter each year on campus, giving concerts and working closely with undergraduates. You'll also have the chance to perform with our symphony orchestra, band, chorus, gospel choir or smaller ensembles. Department facilities include an extensive collection of musical instruments dating as far back as the Renaissance, an electronic music studio and an excellent music library.

Questions? Contact an adviser at (530) 752-5537, [music.ucdavis.edu](mailto:music.ucdavis.edu).

### Technocultural Studies

What is technoculture? It happens whenever music, performance, visual arts and literature meet science and technology. Technocultural studies majors learn how history, politics, cultural theory and aesthetics can help us understand the impact science and technology have on society. They develop technical skills in such areas as digital cinema production, sound design, multimedia and video Web installation. Then they use these skills to produce their own experiments in technoculture and experience for themselves how contemporary media and digital arts innovations can change the way society views itself.

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### **Undeclared—Fine Arts**

If you'll be entering UC Davis as a freshman and you're undecided on your major, consider the College of Letters and Science's undeclared—fine arts option. You'll benefit from professional guidance as you investigate possible majors and develop new personal strengths. Visit the Counseling Center for personal interest assessment testing, or use the Internship and Career Center's computerized career assessment tools to help you find majors that align with your interests.

Questions? Contact an advisor at 200 Social Science & Humanities Bldg., (530) 752-0392, [advising.ucdavis.edu](mailto:advising.ucdavis.edu).

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