

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Dance
Drama
Music
Visual Arts



High School Program



LIVE AND LEARN AS AN ARTIST

UNCSA's high school program offers young artists the best of all worlds - focused conservatory arts training combined with top-tier academics. We offer a broad, intensive education, where you'll pursue your passion, develop your craft, and learn to think critically, creatively and collaboratively.

The mission of the high school program at UNCSA is to prepare you for success at the college level and a professional career in the arts. On a campus composed of five dynamic conservatories, you'll be part of a community of talented peers as well as college and graduate students. Every day, you'll be inspired and challenged by the rigors and rewards of the professional artistic life.

"Schedules are structured to provide students with the optimal balance of both arts and academics. And our dedicated faculty are committed to providing the attention needed to help each student succeed."

Martin Ferrell –
Headmaster and Dean,
High School Academic Program

THE CONSERVATORY EXPERIENCE

Conservatory training is an immersive experience, with daily study of your art. Working in small classes, led by world-class faculty, you'll learn and practice your discipline in a highly collaborative environment, developing the knowledge and skills needed to thrive in your career.

ARTS AND ACADEMICS: A BALANCED APPROACH

In addition to intensive arts training, you'll spend class time in academics, including English, math, science, social studies, and foreign language, with a wide variety of Advanced Placement (AP) courses. All classes are taught by full-time instructors holding master's or doctoral degrees. Our students' average SAT, ACT and AP scores rank well above state and national averages.

THE RESIDENTIAL EXPERIENCE

Living among artists, you'll immediately feel at home. With two dedicated high school residence halls, UNCSCA provides a safe and stimulating living environment where like-minded classmates share in a full, active high school experience.

Since UNCSCA plays the role of the parents ("in loco parentis") for high school students, special attention is paid to their well-being. We offer the full benefits of a university, including a Wellness Center with preventative and injury care, counseling services, and a well-appointed fitness center, plus a campus police and public safety department.



HIGH SCHOOL DANCE

CLASSICAL BALLET

Grades 9-12

CONTEMPORARY DANCE

Grades 11-12

(exceptional 10th-graders will be considered)

The high school Dance program prepares talented young dancers with a focus on technical skill, artistic creativity and versatility. You will concentrate in ballet or contemporary dance, but you'll cross-train. You'll receive expert instruction from prominent faculty, guest artists and choreographers.

CLASSICAL BALLET

The Ballet concentration emphasizes strong fundamentals that include technique, pointe, partnering, composition, and more. Ballet students perform in at least three fully-staged, beautifully-costumed productions each year.

CONTEMPORARY DANCE

The Contemporary Dance program provides a solid foundation in the principles and understanding of contemporary dance. Performance opportunities are numerous, with four major concerts a year, one with a focus on student choreography.

DANCE FACILITIES

Exemplary facilities for dancers include ten air-conditioned dance studios with sprung floors and numerous performance spaces, including the 1,380-seat Stevens Center and the more intimate 188-seat Agnes de Mille Theatre.



HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA

Grade 12

The high school Drama program is a one-year, intensive course of study offered to rising high-school seniors. Emphasizing technical skills with creative inspiration, the program will give you a strong foundation in classical acting.

Training in acting fundamentals, singing, speech, and dance, you'll work closely with professional faculty who bring years of firsthand industry experience - having performed everywhere from Broadway theatres to feature films and television.

Offering numerous performance and internship opportunities, as well as the chance to create original work, the program seeks to develop confident artist-citizens. Through a special seminar class, students learn to navigate the college admissions process.



HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC

INSTRUMENTAL

Grades 9-12

VOICE

Grades 11-12

Brass
Composition
Guitar
Harp
Organ
Percussion
Piano
Strings
Voice
Woodwinds

In the high school Music program, you'll pursue your passion for music in a focused, professional environment. With training that includes both private instruction and public performance experience, you'll develop the skills ultimately needed for a successful career.

You'll gain a thorough foundation in music theory and literature, and will complement your study with work in ensembles and chamber music. You'll learn from professional artists who are active performers in their fields. And, you'll grow as a musician in the best possible way - by performing in recitals and concerts.

MUSIC FACILITIES

Performance venues include the 1,380-seat Stevens Center; the 590-seat Crawford Hall, with a 35-stop C.B. Fisk organ; the 300-seat Watson Chamber Music Hall; and 38-seat Hood Recital Hall.

HIGH SCHOOL VISUAL ARTS

Grades 11-12

As part of the UNCSA School of Design & Production, the Visual Arts program offers a challenging course of study in drawing, design and sculpture, as well as AP Art History. Studio assignments are designed to introduce students to a variety of media. Research, design, fabrication, exhibition, analysis and critique of student works are all essential components of the curriculum. In Year Two, emphasis is placed on development of a professional portfolio.

Led by an expert faculty of working artists, the Visual Arts program prepares graduates for admission to many of the best fine arts programs at the nation's leading colleges and universities.

VISUAL ARTS FACILITIES

Facilities include two spacious, air-conditioned art studios with clerestory windows, a separate sculpture facility with three large interior studios as well as an outdoor foundry (complete with kilns and a furnace), and a gallery.

Visual Arts students also have access to the School of Design and Production's undergraduate facilities and shops.



WINSTON-SALEM: ARTS RICH

Known as the City of Arts and Innovation, Winston-Salem is a flourishing arts community – and the ideal conservatory location. Free from the high cost of living and stresses of a large metropolitan center, our artists are able to focus and immerse in their art. In a city like New York, you may see a lot of work. At UNCSA, we're creating it.

VISIT UNCSA

To appreciate the UNCSA conservatory experience and our unique artist community, you need to see them firsthand. Get started by visiting our website: uncsa.edu. Then schedule your visit to campus.

AFFORDABLE QUALITY

UNCSA offers a wealth of opportunities at an unmatched value. In-state tuition is free, and room and board are covered by the North Carolina High School Artists Grant, so families bear only a small portion of the cost of attendance. Out-of-state high school students may qualify for scholarships.

DISCOVER

Learn more about audition schedules and the application process at: uncsa.edu/apply or call: **(336) 770-3290**.

PATH TO SUCCESS

On average, UNCSA graduating seniors receive approximately \$5.3M in merit-based scholarships to some of the top-rated colleges and universities in the country, the equivalent of \$44,166 per student.

APPLY

In addition to your online application, you will audition or interview with faculty in your area of interest.

ABOUT UNCSA

STUDENTS

263 High school
907 Undergraduate
133 Graduate

FACULTY

141 Full-time
76 Visiting/adjunct
+ Numerous guest artists

RATIO

9 to 1 Student to faculty

FACILITIES

11 Performance and
screening venues

PERFORMANCES

300+ Public performances
and screenings annually

UNCSA CONSERVATORIES

School of Dance

School of Design & Production

School of Drama

School of Filmmaking

School of Music



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