



Number of students in majors	165
Average size of upper-level classes	10
Number of undergraduate courses	183

The Department of Visual and Performing Arts

Have you thought about pursuing art, design, art history, theater, or music? Do the worlds of television, video, or journalism interest you – whether it's behind the scenes or in front of the camera? The Department of Visual and Performing Arts (VPA)

incorporates programs in art, art history and design, music, television, video, journalism, and theater. Arts management is available as a minor.

Rutgers-Newark offers innovative courses with an emphasis on integrating the arts and new technologies in the creative process. The faculty is comprised of nationally and internationally recognized scholars and artists.

What Is Special About the Visual and Performing Arts Program at Rutgers-Newark?

In addition to the opportunity to combine academic study with hands-on experience, students benefit enormously from the department's internship programs. These programs, which provide entry-level professional contacts, draw upon the richness of Newark's cultural institutions such as the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, the Newark Museum, and New Jersey Television Network. There are also many opportunities offered by the rest of northern New Jersey and especially New York City.

What Programs of Study Are Available?

Students can receive a bachelor's degree in the following programs:

- Art, Design, and Art History (B.A. in Art or B.F.A. in Visual Arts)
- Music
- Theater
- Television/Video
- Journalism and Media Studies.

Minors are available in arts management (description follows), art and design, music, theater, or television, as well as teaching certification in music or art!

Art, Design, and Art History

The art, design, and art history program offers a B.A. in art with concentrations in art and design and art history, while allowing for further specialization in the fine arts (painting, sculpture, printmaking, photography), digital arts, and graphic design.

The program also offers a Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) degree in visual arts, which is a professionally oriented degree with a strong liberal arts component geared to preparing students in fine arts, digital arts, and graphic design.

The program provides several unique opportunities:

- A design consortium modeled on a professional design studio in which students work with faculty to create graphic materials for the university and the Newark not-for-profit sector
- A senior exhibition in the Paul Robeson Gallery
- Internship possibilities in the Paul Robeson Gallery



Music

The music program offers a B.A. with a wide variety of courses and performance opportunities in all types of music. Students may earn credit by playing in the jazz ensemble, percussion ensemble, or chamber music ensemble. Students can also earn credit by singing in the chorus, which performs both on and off campus and tours internationally. Students may also earn credits by taking private lessons, which are available in voice and virtually every instrument in the classical and jazz repertoire.

For those seriously interested in music knowledge, the Institute of Jazz Studies – the largest jazz archive in the world – is housed on campus in the Dana Library. The music program also offers a master's degree in jazz history and research.

Theater

The theater program provides solid theater training in a liberal arts setting. Students can major in theater with a concentration in performance, production, or arts management. The focus of the program is to combine academics with practical experience. In keeping with this emphasis on conservatory-type training, the program presents four major theater productions a year directed by faculty. Students can act, be a member of the technical crew, or manage productions – which range from popular theater to classics, musicals, and experimental theater. Students may also direct their own productions. The program has two theater performance spaces that present quite different challenges and experiences: the large Kupfrian Hall theater on the NJIT campus seats over 400, while the intimate Bradley Hall theater on the Rutgers-Newark campus seats 135.

Television, Video, and Journalism

The television program offers a major with concentrations in either television drama or news and documentary. All students take a core set of requirements with subject areas that include a historical background of television as well as analysis of television's role in modern society. The core also covers basic techniques in multi-camera studio production, single-camera field production, and post production. Students can specialize either in the writing and producing of documentaries and TV news or in television drama.

Seniors have the opportunity to gain practical experience and entry-level professional contacts through the internship program which has direct access to a vast assortment of TV, film, radio, and multi-media production companies in northern New Jersey and the New York metropolitan region.

Journalism and Media Studies

The Journalism and Media Studies Program trains students to be reporters and teaches them why journalism matters in a democratic society. The city is our beat. In classes that mix theory and practice, we cover Newark and the northern New Jersey/New York metropolitan area.

Urban studies is the binding force in our curriculum. In courses ranging from basic reporting to the cultural history of journalism, you'll discover how the media and city life shape each other. You'll think on your feet in a diverse and demanding metropolitan environment. You'll learn how to write with clarity, brevity and style. You'll learn to tell stories with pictures. And soon, thanks to a website we are developing, your work will reach the rest of the world.

Arts Management Minor

Arts management, as a minor for students majoring in the arts, provides an excellent opportunity to develop marketable skills for art-related careers. The minor consists of four courses that run sequentially and that are taken in conjunction with the arts major. Students have the opportunity to work on projects both on and off campus as part

of their coursework. In addition to classes, an extensive array of internship opportunities exist within arts organizations in the tri-state region for seniors to gain on-the-job experience.

Teacher Certification

Students can obtain teacher certification in art or music by completing the requirements for the particular major as well as satisfying additional teaching requirements for certification.

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