

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Dance
Design & Production
Drama
Filmmaking
Music



Powering
Creativity

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Where do you find the power for your creativity? The power to bring vibrance to the performance. The power to activate expression. The power to excite, innovate and define the future of the creative industry.

UNCSA will empower you. At each of five nationally ranked, highly collaborative conservatories, you'll learn from experienced industry professionals and practice your art in an immersive, one-of-a-kind experience. You'll pursue your passion and find your voice.

**And we promise you this:
You'll do what you love.**

A COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION

At UNCSA, you will be surrounded by artists, mentors and the most talented peers you can imagine. In addition to your rigorous arts training, Liberal Arts or High School faculty will complete your education with a diverse and engaging curriculum. Together you will work hard, grow and inspire each other in a safe environment.

LIBERAL ARTS

Undergraduate students will engage in a comprehensive liberal arts college curriculum taught by distinguished faculty, many of whom are artists themselves. You will study how people think and create in different times, places and forms — including our own. Courses are offered in composition, foreign languages (French, German and Italian), history, humanities, literature, mathematics, media studies, philosophy, psychology, science, and writing in styles ranging from traditional lectures and seminars to project- and studio-based courses.

HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMICS

All high school academic classes are taught by full-time instructors holding masters or doctoral degrees. Our students' average SAT, ACT and AP scores rank well above state and national averages. In recent years, High School graduates have matriculated to the Art Institute of Chicago, Berklee College of Music, Brown, Carnegie Mellon, Columbia, Duke, Harvard, Juilliard, Kansas City Arts Institute, MIT, NYU, Peabody, UNCSA, Wake Forest, Yale and their first-choice colleges and conservatories across the country and world.

CONSERVATORIES

DANCE
DESIGN & PRODUCTION
DRAMA
FILMMAKING
MUSIC

LEVELS

UNDERGRADUATE
GRADUATE
POSTGRADUATE ARTIST
CERTIFICATE
HIGH SCHOOL

UNCSA is a professional training ground for exceptionally talented and ambitious young artists following a conservatory model of teaching and learning. You'll learn one-on-one from experienced artists in supportive mentor-apprentice relationships. You'll learn by doing, by trying, by failing and by creating.

The Conservatory Experience

OUR CONSERVATORY MODEL

COLLABORATE WITH FELLOW STUDENT-ARTISTS



Working in an interdisciplinary environment of dancers, actors, filmmakers, musicians, technicians and designers, you'll learn to collaborate as a professional — a critical skill to prepare you for a successful career.

Top photo: Behind the scenes of fourth-year film shoot Mumble
Middle photo: Luke Landwehr in the Design & Production shop
Bottom photo: Rebecca Ailstock and Lelan Lewis in Bernstein's MASS

LEARN FROM A FACULTY OF EXPERIENCED INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS



Our faculty are accomplished artists who serve as dedicated mentors. With our 7:1 student-faculty ratio, you will work closely with these skilled professionals in a small class setting, benefiting from their significant knowledge and industry connections. You'll rigorously pursue your art in an immersive environment that will ensure your work will be professional caliber.

Top photo: Thomas Ackezman, ASC, Filmmaking
Bottom photo: Krisha Marcano, Drama

DEFINE THE FUTURE OF THE ARTS



Alongside offering a classical conservatory education, UNCSA challenges and empowers students to disrupt today's global arts and entertainment industry through forward-thinking and innovative ideas. While maintaining the highest standards of artistic and academic excellence, UNCSA encourages you to explore beyond the boundaries of the expected.

Photo: Dominic DeSalivio in Design & Production's annual Photona

SUPPORT ARTS IN THE COMMUNITY



You will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of community initiatives. UNCSA encourages students to use art for good — locally and regionally — while amplifying the relevance of training for the world at large.

Top photo: Sarah Smith and Ann-Louise Wolf teaching the Wolf Reading Method for ArtistCorps.
Bottom photo: Dance students perform "Peter and the Wolf" for The Arts Based Elementary School.

HONE YOUR CRAFT IN WINSTON-SALEM



Free from the high cost of living, distractions and stresses of a large metropolitan center, our artists can focus and immerse themselves in their art in a protected and nurturing environment. A flourishing arts community that belies its size, Winston-Salem is the ideal location to create and experiment before launching a career.

Top and bottom photos: Winston-Salem – The City of Arts and Innovation

CONCENTRATIONS

	Bachelor of Fine Arts	High School Diploma
Classical Ballet	●	●
Contemporary Dance	●	●

The School of Dance is the exclusive educational affiliate of the American Ballet Theatre and ranked as a top program by Backstage and OnStage.



Dance

Our program prepares talented dancers for careers in professional companies and productions around the world. Students concentrate in classical ballet or contemporary dance, yet cross-train extensively in both. This curriculum allows students to learn the fundamentals of each while looking to the other for versatility and inspiration. The School of Dance boasts world-class faculty and guest artists. If you attend UNCSA, you will develop into a technically sound, artistically sensitive and versatile professional dancer.

“THE SCHOOL OF DANCE TAUGHT ME HOW TO TAKE CARE OF MYSELF BOTH MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY THROUGH OUR DAY-TO-DAY TRAINING.”

—Chris Crawford
Macon, Georgia



CONCENTRATIONS

	Bachelor of Fine Arts	Master of Fine Arts	High School Diploma
Animatronics		●	
Costume Design	●	●	
Costume Technology	●	●	
Lighting	●		
Production & Project Management		●	
Scene Design	●	●	
Scene Painting	●		
Scenic Art		●	
Scenic Technology	●		
Sound Design	●	●	
Stage Automation		●	
Stage Management	●		
Stage Properties	●	●	
Technical Direction		●	
Visual Arts			●
Wig & Makeup Design	●	●	

The School of Design & Production is top ranked by The Hollywood Reporter and OnStage.



Design & Production

The School of Design & Production is the only stand-alone conservatory of its kind and one of the world's top programs. Unlike other schools that incorporate design and production within a theater studies program, our conservatory is an independent program that trains students in the valuable skills needed to work in the global entertainment industry. Students get hands-on experience by designing, mounting and producing several fully staged dance productions, plays, musicals, operas and films each year. This volume of work and interdisciplinary exposure is unmatched anywhere in the country. Our graduates are highly recruited, with more than 95% employed by a diverse array of top-tier companies and productions.

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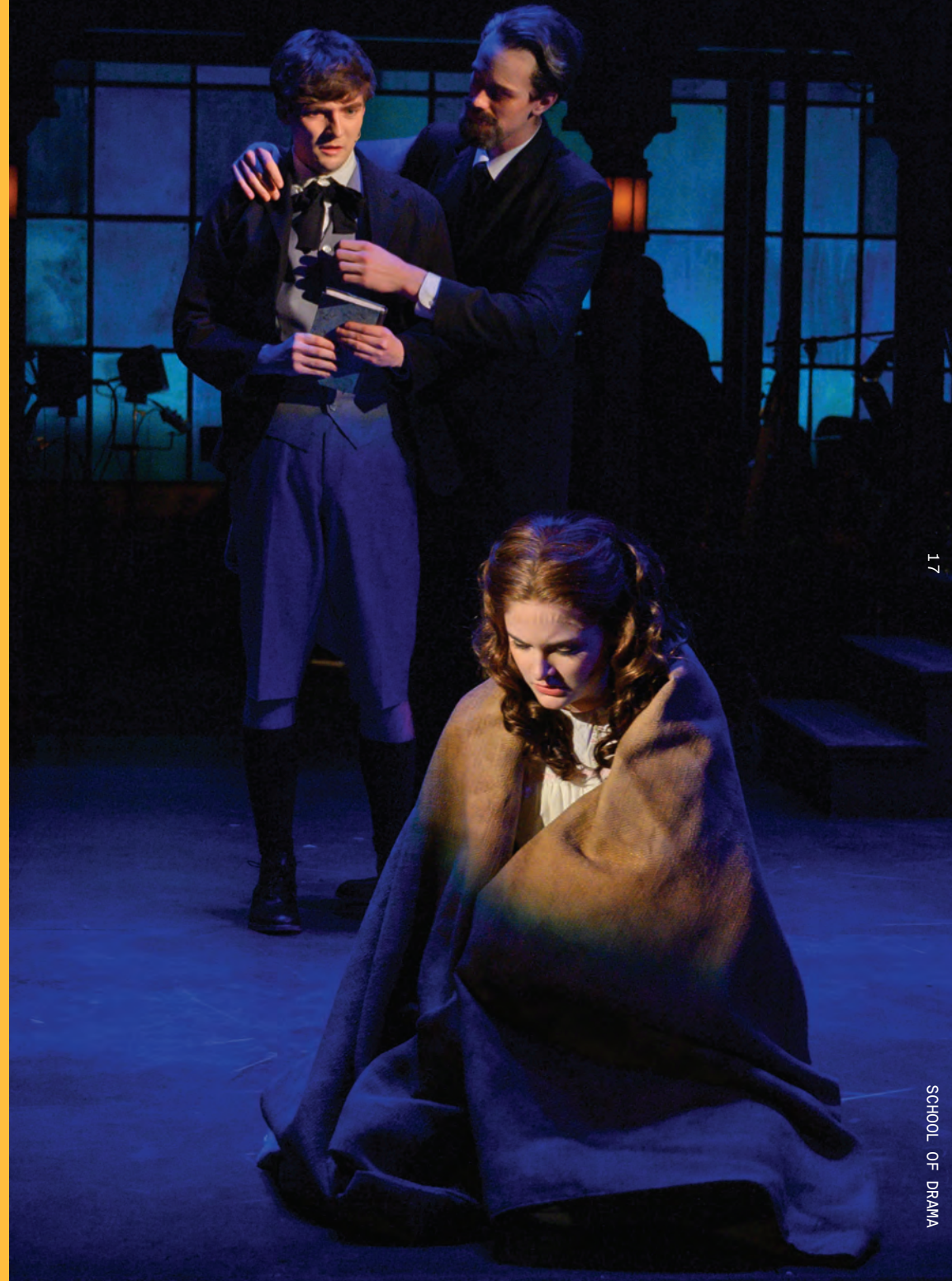
—Shannon Hacker
West Milford, New Jersey



CONCENTRATIONS

	Bachelor of Fine Arts	High School Diploma
Acting	●	●
Directing	●	

The School of Drama is ranked No.6 in the world and No.3 among B.F.A. programs in the United States by The Hollywood Reporter.



Drama

The highly ranked School of Drama produces some of the most versatile and successful actors in theater, film and television. Our rigorous conservatory training is grounded in classical values and forward-looking methodologies that prepare students for careers on stage, screen and the emerging media landscape. Plays are selected from different periods and styles and are intentionally curated to highlight voices from communities that historically have been neglected by the entertainment industry. Invaluable on-camera training is incorporated into all four years of study. Showcases in New York, LA, Chicago and Atlanta offer coveted exposure to industry professionals. Working with other UNCSA disciplines — Design & Production, Filmmaking, Music, and Dance — our students benefit from developing a variety of skills and knowledge.

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—Yasmin Varma
Lancaster, California



CONCENTRATIONS

	Bachelor of Fine Arts	Master of Fine Arts
Animation	●	
Creative Producing		●
Cinematography	●	
Directing	●	
Film Music Composition		●
Picture Editing & Sound Design	●	
Producing	●	
Production Design & Visual Effects	●	
Screenwriting	●	●

The School of Filmmaking is ranked as a top film school by The Hollywood Reporter, Variety, TheWrap, Backstage and MovieMaker.

Filmmaking

Ranked among the best film schools in the country, the School of Filmmaking produces experienced storytellers skilled in all aspects of the cinematic arts and new media. Students direct and shoot numerous projects alongside hands-on courses in every aspect of modern film production. After choosing a concentration, students collaborate with classmates on original short film projects and submit them to festivals worldwide. Industry executives and influential UNCSCA alumni engage with students regularly through screenings and guest lectures. Senior thesis films are screened for industry professionals. Students benefit from partnerships with Sundance, RiverRun International Film Festival and the Media and Emerging Technology Lab (METL). METL explores and develops immersive storytelling tools of virtual, augmented and mixed reality.



—Jo Hatcher
Concord, North Carolina

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SPEAKING ABOUT
MYSELF WITH
TRUE EARNEST.”



CONCENTRATIONS

	Bachelor of Music	Master of Music	Postgraduate Professional Artist Certificate	High School Diploma
A.J. Fletcher Opera Institute		●	●	
Brass: Euphonium, Horn, Trombone, Trumpet, Tuba	●	●	●	●
Composition	●	●	●	●
Guitar	●	●	●	●
Harp	●	●	●	●
Orchestral Conducting		●	●	
Organ	●	●	●	●
Percussion	●	●	●	●
Piano	●	●	●	●
Piano: Collaborative		●	●	
Strings: Cello, Double Bass, Viola, Violin	●	●	●	●
Voice	●		●	●
Woodwinds: Bassoon, Clarinet, Flute, Oboe, Saxophone	●	●	●	●

Our musicians perform in more than 200 recitals, concerts, ballets and operas in a variety of venues, often collaborating with artists from other UNCSCA conservatories.



Music

The School of Music offers a highly individualized conservatory experience that combines intensive study under professional artist mentors with a rich variety of performance opportunities, including collaborations with other UNCSCA arts schools. Students perform in ballet, opera and musicals and in recording sessions for film scores, as well as in recital, with student ensembles and in the Winston-Salem community. Composition students work with choreographers and filmmakers. Community engagement programs like ArtistCorps, career development opportunities and a focus on entrepreneurial skills create well-rounded professionals poised for successful careers.

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—Jane Koelsh
Pfafftown, North Carolina



Do you have what it takes?

Start with a Virtual Information Session to explore each conservatory, the admissions process and upcoming deadlines.

Join one of our Preview Week events with demonstrations from each discipline and information about academics and campus life.

Schedule a one-on-one video chat with an admissions counselor to talk about your artistic and academic goals. Check availability and schedule a campus tour at uncsa.edu/tour.

APPLY

Each of our five conservatories has its own admissions process and requirements, but our counselors are here to guide you and offer a personalized experience.

Visit uncsa.edu/apply to start the application process.

FINANCIAL AID

UNCSA has raised more than \$27 million in scholarship support in the past three years.

More than 77% of our college students receive institutional scholarships.

Learn more about financial aid support for students at uncsa.edu/finaid.

Get started.

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