find your future in fine arts
you know what you want!

You’re a doer, a thinker, someone who doesn’t mind getting your hands dirty. You are open-minded, deadline-driven and community-active. You perform well under pressure. You’re a team player who doesn’t mind a solo. A program in the School of Fine Arts is a good fit for you.

here’s why

“The experiences I have had performing plays at Fairmont State University have been some of the most rewarding of my life. I have learned what it means to truly collaborate and share ideas, as well as the satisfaction of following projects that I truly care about from their inception to their finish. I have gotten the opportunity to learn about many different time periods and artistic styles, and to be in the room with a lot of very educated and passionate individuals who are dedicated to helping me become the best version of me.”

Dana Sayre - Belle, WV
theatre graduate, working on a second BA with a double major in English/French
WANT TO REACH OUT. Volunteering with a youth arts camp, being part of a traveling theatre production or speaking in front of a group appeals to you.

YOU LIKE TO TRAVEL. Participating in a national debate tournament, a choir concert in Russia, a theatre festival competition or a trip to a major museum of art, you will see the world.

10 reasons to pick a program in the School of Fine Arts

African Drum Ensemble performs in the Falcon Center
YOU KNOW THAT “CREATE” IS A VERB. You know that the fine arts are hands-on, that practice makes perfect and hard work pays off.

YOU VALUE A RICH HISTORY. You’ll be attending a university that has been a leader in the fine arts since the 1920s.
YOU SEEK THE UNDIVIDED ATTENTION OF A FACULTY MENTOR. You’ll find out our talented faculty are respected in their fields and care about your personal success.

You can look at an idea from a different point of view. You’re a problem solver who enjoys showing others your unique personality.
You crave the opportunity to express yourself. From day one as a freshman, you’ll be able to have a concert experience, compete on the debate team, submit work for a juried art show or act on stage.

You enjoy being part of a team. Even when the spotlight isn’t directly on you, you feel satisfied with a job well done.
Your goals include graduate school. You know a future in the fine arts requires a strong mind and an impressive portfolio.
SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS

The School of Fine Arts is comprised of three departments: Art, Music, and Communication and Theatre Arts. We pride ourselves on our ability to provide you with individual attention from a dedicated teaching faculty who are also practicing artists. The opportunities for you to participate and practice your individual endeavors are numerous. You may begin your participation as a freshman. You will leave FSU with a resume full of academic course experiences, as well as production, ensemble or exhibition accomplishments that can be presented to a possible employer or graduate school.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATION AND THEATRE ARTS

An interdisciplinary approach and an emphasis on “doing” are the hallmarks of the Department of Communication and Theatre Arts. In addition to their programs of study, students will have opportunities for work with artists-in-residence and professional touring companies. You may qualify for subsidized travel to Washington, D.C., New York, London or the National Gallery of Art, and many other European countries.

Program of Study: Bachelor of Arts degree in Art Education

The Graphics/ Fine Arts program offers a four-year degree. This degree allows you to study drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpture, design, printmaking and art history with professors who are productive artists and scholars. Your education classes will challenge you to develop innovative lessons that you will present to children in actual field experiences. Every step of the way, you will find professors and peers who will help you to develop the confidence and skills you need when you begin your career as an art teacher in public schools.

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ART DEPARTMENT

If you are a student who is interested in art and teaching, the Art Education program at Fairmont State will provide you with the skills you need to create art and to deliver instruction in the classroom. You will study painting, drawing, ceramics, sculpture, design, printmaking and art history with professors who are productive artists and scholars. Your education classes will challenge you to develop innovative lessons that you will present to children in actual field experiences. Every step of the way, you will find professors and peers who will help you to develop the confidence and skills you need when you begin your career as an art teacher in public schools.

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STUDIO ART

The Bachelor of Arts degree in Studio Art provides an opportunity for a broad study of art and prepares students for careers as professional artists. You can also prepare for advanced studies in studio art, gallery education, and related design programs. The program also prepares you for positions in the corporate world which require creative problem solving. The program will give you a sound foundation in several studio disciplines.

After completing a series of introductory courses, you will select an area of concentration from ceramics, painting, or sculpture. In addition to the studio sequence, you will participate in the study of art history and you may pursue a course in gallery management. Your capstone experience will be a senior exhibition in Brooks Gallery. Since it is important for visual arts students to experience a wide range of media and interpretations, you will have opportunities to travel to museums and galleries. FSU supports travel outside Fairmont and the state of West Virginia. For example, past trips have included the Cleveland Museum of Art, Pittsburgh museums, Washington, D.C. museums such as the Hirshorn and the National Gallery of Art, and museums and galleries in New York. Students from Fairmont State's art department have traveled to such culturally rich destinations as China, England, and other European countries.

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Special Opportunity

• James David Brooks Memorial Gallery

You will have opportunities to
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whose art is on display in our
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in the B.A. in Studio Art or B.A.
in Art Education will exhibit work
in the Brooks Gallery as a part of
the capstone Senior Exhibition,
taken in their senior year.

Department of Music

You will develop musical and
leadership skills in university
and public school settings. You
will work closely with dynamic
college faculty and area music educators
with many areas of expertise
who help students achieve their
goals. Numerous performance
opportunities are available to all
students, including large
and small vocal and instrumental
ensembles and chamber music
groups. Performing groups offer
traveling opportunities to venues
such as New York City, Toronto,
the Bahamas and throughout
West Virginia. Students may also
participate in musical theatre.

The Department of Music offers
both a Bachelor of Arts degree
in Music Education and a minor
in music. Four-year scholarships
are available by audition for
qualified music majors, minors
and ensemble participants.
Non-music majors participate actively
in ensembles, take lessons and
join music student organizations
to keep their musical lives active.
As a music major, you will study
a comprehensive balance of
teaching, music history and music
education methods to prepare you for teaching music
at Pre-K through adult students
in a variety of settings. You will
gain experience using state-
of-the-art music technology
resources as well as traditional
instruments, and you will acquire
teaching methods for vocal
and instrumental music. Music
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Minor in Music

Minors are available in both
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Student Organizations

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West Virginia Collegiate Music Educators Association

The WVCEA is a professional organization for students,
especially music majors who
plan to teach music, and those
who have a strong interest
in music. Local Chapter 315
sponsor monthly meetings with
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It’s the only way to know if FSU is right for you.

To schedule your visit...

Contact our Office of Admissions toll-free at (800) 641-5678, Ext. 2 or (304) 367-4892 or reach us through our web site at: www.fairmontstate.edu

While you’re here, you can:

■ See the entire campus  
■ Meet professors and coaches  
■ Cover the ins and outs of financial aid  
■ Tour campus and see our new engineering technology building and other new additions

Every fall and spring, we schedule a Saturday Visitation Day so you, your family and friends can visit the campus and attend information sessions on admissions, financial aid and residence life. You can meet with faculty about the academic colleges, schools and departments. Be sure and catch one of the campus tours that are offered throughout the day.

You belong here.

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