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GUIDE TO SELECTING *YOUR* MAJOR



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A MESSAGE FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Welcome to **The Guide to Selecting Your Arts Major** at The School of Arts + Enterprise. The selection of your arts major is a key component to your success as a student artist at The SAE. Your arts major represents a large part of your student identity on our campus and your four-year home for your talents at our school.

At The School of Arts + Enterprise, we believe that dynamic arts are best paired with rigorous academics. After your graduation, you will have the skills necessary to pursue a degree in your artistic discipline at the best university programs in the country, take your talents straight into a professional setting, or apply the skills you've learned at The SAE into a career outside of the arts that fuels your passion. Between mentorship from our nationally-recognized arts faculty, pre-professional experiences, and collaboration with your peer group of fellow artists, your time at The SAE will allow you to reach the goals you set for yourself both academically and artistically. Each moment and each opportunity represents a chance for you to unlock your creativity in exciting and new ways.

The Guide to Selecting Your Arts Major at The School of Arts + Enterprise provides you insight from each of our art departments, ensuring you reflect on your artistic passions and offering you a knowledge promise upon completion of your major and graduation from The SAE. I encourage you to use this document to guide your thought process and support your decision-making.

Through your focus, dedication to your craft, and desire for artistic excellence...**anything is possible at The School of Arts + Enterprise.**

With Gratitude -



Mr. Rob Shields
Artistic Director
The School of Arts + Enterprise



HIGH SCHOOL ARTS MAJORS

Students in 9th-12th grades must choose an arts major prior to attending The School of Arts + Enterprise. Our arts pathways are aligned to make sure that students are well-prepared for college and their industry upon graduation.

DEPARTMENT OF CREATIVE ARTS GRAPHIC DESIGN MAJOR

PASSION PURPOSE

Graphic Design Majors are passionate about:

- ...what they imagine real.
- ...the possibilities and freedom.
- ...visual communication.

KNOWLEDGE OUTCOME

Graphic Design Majors will graduate with the ability to visually communicate their ideas, story, and message to a world-wide audience.

PHOTOGRAPHY MAJOR

PASSION PURPOSE

Photography Majors are passionate about:

- ...capturing the world as they see it.
- ...creating strong images that tell a story.
- ...using tools to master their craft.

KNOWLEDGE OUTCOME

Photography Majors will graduate with mastery of their cameras, industry-ready skills and the ability to tell a story with captivating images.

Dual Major Opportunity - AMOCA Ceramic Workshop

DEPARTMENT OF DANCE DANCE MAJOR

PASSION PURPOSE

Dance Majors are passionate about:

- ...their craft.
- ...performance + movement.
- ...being multidimensional.

KNOWLEDGE OUTCOME

Dance Majors will graduate with the power to communicate life through movement in live performance and powerful work ethic.

Dual Major Opportunity - Dance Education



DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC MAJOR

PASSION PURPOSE

Instrumental Music Majors are passionate about:

- ...self-improvement.
- ...self-expression through music.
- ...creativity and collaboration.

KNOWLEDGE OUTCOME

Instrumental Music Majors will graduate with the power to reflect and grow as musicians, and the understanding of what it takes to succeed in the professional music scene.

VOCAL MUSIC MAJOR

PASSION PURPOSE

Vocal Music Majors are passionate about:

- ...storytelling.
- ...their love for a variety of music.
- ...striving to be better musicians.

KNOWLEDGE OUTCOME

Vocal Music Majors will graduate as knowledgeable musicians who recognize the role of entrepreneurship, self-motivation, and grit required to make it in the professional music industry.

Dual Major Opportunity - Recording Technology

DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE ARTS THEATRE ARTS MAJOR

PASSION PURPOSE

Theatre Arts Majors are passionate about:

- ...the story.
- ...the collaboration.
- ...the stage.

KNOWLEDGE OUTCOME

Theatre Majors will graduate with the power to communicate a vision, experience, and story onto the stage.

Dual Major Opportunity - Live Event Management or Musical Theatre

DEPARTMENT OF VISUAL ARTS VISUAL ARTS MAJOR

PASSION PURPOSE

Visual Arts Majors are passionate about:

- ...fueling their creativity.
- ...connecting the arts to the human experience.
- ...developing symbolic language.

KNOWLEDGE OUTCOME

Visual Arts Majors will graduate with the ability to create, collaborate, connect, and visually communicate their idea in a variety of mediums.

Dual Major Opportunity - AMOCA Ceramic Workshop

WHAT IS CTE?

Career-Technical Education (CTE) is the core curriculum that the Arts and Enterprise programs are built on at The School of Arts + Enterprise. CTE is a nationally-recognized program of study that involves a multiyear sequence of courses that integrates core academic knowledge with technical and occupational knowledge to provide students with a pathway to postsecondary education and careers. All SAE CTE Faculty come directly from professional industry, are fully credentialed, and bring real world experience directly to our classrooms, stages, and exhibition walls.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ARTS

We believe that our 6th-8th Grade students should experience a wide variety of artistic disciplines before choosing a major in 9th Grade.

6th Grade students start out in **Integrated Arts**, a course that introduces them to the nationally award-winning artistic programs at The SAE.

Our **Middle School Arts Pathways** are aimed at providing our emerging and experienced artists a preview of the different majors that are available at the high school level. There isn't a one-size-fits-all approach here— some students choose to focus on one pathway in middle school, and others explore their unique abilities and unlock new skills in their artistic tool belts by taking a variety of arts courses throughout their middle school experience.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ARTS PATHWAYS

DANCE

- Dance Fundamentals
- Intermediate Dance
- Advanced Dance
- SAE Repertory Dance Company
(Audition Required)

MUSIC – INSTRUMENTAL

- Instrumental Music Foundations
- Jazz I
- Jazz II
- Mainstage Ensemble
(Audition Required)

MUSIC – VOCAL

- Vocal Music Foundations
- Mainstage Ensemble
(Audition Required)

THEATRE ARTS

- Theatre Fundamentals
- Advanced Theatre
- Musical Theatre
- Theatre Production & Design

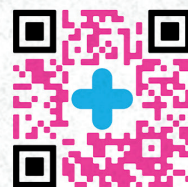
VISUAL ARTS

- Visual Arts Fundamentals
- Intermediate Visual Arts
- Character Design

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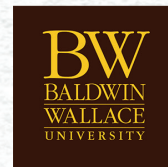


SAE GRADUATES ARE READY FOR COLLEGE

Student Artists from **The School of Arts + Enterprise** have gained acceptance and are attending some of the most prestigious university programs in the country to further their pursuit of their artistic dreams - *including but not limited to:*



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Knowledge is Power and Passion is Purpose