SUNY and the Arts

ART

University Centers and Doctoral Degree Granting Institutions
Albany (BA•)
Binghamton (BA•)
University at Buffalo (BA, BFA)
Stony Brook (BA•)
NYS College of Ceramics at Alfred University (BFA[P], BS[P])

University Colleges
Brockport (BA•, BS•, BFA[P])
Buffalo State (BA•, BFA[P], BS[P])
Cortland (BA•, BFA[P])
Fredonia (BA•, BFA[P])
Geneseo (BA[P])
New Paltz (BA[P], BS[P], BFA[P])
Old Westbury (BA•, BS•)
Oneonta (BA•, BS•)
Oswego (BA•, BFA[P])
Plattsburgh (BA•, BFA[P])
Potsdam (BA•, BS•, BFA[P])
Purchase (BA•, BS[P], BFA[P])

Technology Colleges
Alfred State (BS)
Farmingdale State (BTech[P])

Community Colleges
Broome (AS)
Cayuga (AS)
Columbia-Greene (AA)
Corning (AS)
Dutchess (AS)
Fashion Institute of Technology (AAS, BFA[P], BS•)
Finger Lakes (AS)
Fulton-Montgomery (AS)
Genesee (AAS, AS)
Herkimer (AA)
Hudson Valley (AS)
Jamestown (AS)
Mohawk Valley (AAS, AS, Certificate)
Monroe (AS)
Nassau (AA, AAS, AS, Certificate)
Niagara (AS)
North Country (AS)
Onondaga (AAS)
Orange (AAS)
Rockland (AS)
Suffolk (AS, AAS)
Tompkins Cortland (AA, AAS, AS)
Ulster (AS)
Westchester (AAS, Certificate)

MUSICAL THEATRE

University Centers and Doctoral Degree Granting Institutions
University at Buffalo (BFA[A])

University Colleges
Cortland (BA[A])
Fredonia (BFA[A])
Geneseo (BA[A])

Community Colleges
Genesee (Certificate)

MUSIC PERFORMANCE

University Centers and Doctoral Degree Granting Institutions
Binghamton (MusB[A])
University at Buffalo (MusB[A])
Stony Brook (BA[A])

University Colleges
Fredonia (MusB[A])
Potsdam (MusB[A])
Purchase (MusB[A])

Community Colleges
Broome (AS)
Dutchess (AS, Certificate)
Monroe (AS[A])
Nassau (AAS)
Onondaga (AAS[A])
Orange (AAS)
Rockland (AA)
Schenectady (AS[A])
Suffolk (AS)
Westchester (AAS)

ACTING/DRAMA/ THEATRE/DESIGN

University Centers and Doctoral Degree Granting Institutions
Binghamton (BA•)
University at Buffalo (BA, BFA[A, P])
Stony Brook (BA•)

University Colleges
Brockport (BA•, BS•)
Buffalo State (BA•, BFA•, BS•)
Canton (BTech)
Fredonia (BA•, BFA[A], BFA[I, P])
Geneseo (BA[A])
New Paltz (BA[A], BS[A])
Oneonta (BA•, BS•)
Oswego (BA•)
Plattsburgh (BA•)
Potsdam (BA•)
Purchase (BA•, BFA[A, I, P])

Community Colleges
Broome (AS)
Dutchess (AS)
Fashion Institute of Technology (AAS, BFA, BS)
Fulton-Montgomery (AS)
Genesee (AA, Certificate)
Hudson Valley (AS)
Mohawk Valley (AA)
Nassau (AA)
Niagara (AS)
Rockland (AA)
Suffolk (AS)
Ulster (AA)
Westchester (AAS)

DANCE

University Centers and Doctoral Degree Granting Institutions
University at Buffalo (BA[A], BFA[A])

University Colleges
Brockport (BA[A], BS[A], BFA[A])
Fredonia (BFA[A])
Potsdam (BA•)
Purchase (BFA[A])

Community Colleges
Nassau (AA)
Westchester (AAS)

MUSIC

University Centers and Doctoral Degree Granting Institutions
Albany (BA•)
Binghamton (BA•)
University at Buffalo (BA•)
Stony Brook (BA[A])

University Colleges
Buffalo State (BA[A], MusB[A])
Fredonia (BA•, BS•, MusB[A])
Geneseo (BA[A])
New Paltz (BA[A], BS[A])
Oneonta (BA•)
Oswego (BA•)
Plattsburgh (BA•)
Potsdam (BA•, BM[A], MusB[A])
Purchase (MusB[A])

Community Colleges
Adirondack (AS[A])
Broome (AS)
Finger Lakes (AS)
Herkimer (AS)
Jamestown (AS)
Nassau (AAS, Certificate)
Niagara (AS, Certificate)
Onondaga (AAS[A])
Schenectady (AAS[A], Certificate)
Suffolk (AS)
Rockland (AA)
Ulster (AS)
Westchester (AAS)

Key: A = Audition required
I = Interview required
P = Portfolio required
• Typically a BA or BS has no audition or portfolio requirement. BFA or MusB/BM programs usually require a portfolio and/or audition.

PERFORMING, VISUAL AND CREATIVE ARTS AT SUNY

How do I find an arts program at SUNY?
Whether you want to study theatre, dance, music, or art, there is a SUNY campus that offers your major. Conducting an academic search on the SUNY Web site (www.suny.edu/academicprograms) is an easy way to identify arts programs, the degree types offered, and campus locations. Some programs are specialized and offer professional training. Others may be a more generalized study of a discipline.

What's the difference between a BA or BS, and a BFA or a MusB/BM?
A Bachelor of Arts (BA) or a Bachelor of Science (BS) is a liberal arts degree.
A Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) or Bachelor of Music (MusB/BM) is more intense and focused on professional training in the arts.

Why do some campuses offer Drama or Art as a major, while others offer Acting or Visual Arts as a major?
Each SUNY campus offers unique programs under different academic departments at the various campus locations. It is important to use a wide variation of words when conducting your academic searches online to find the right program of study. Some examples of an inclusive search may include:

- Drama, Acting, Theatre
- Art, Studio Art, Visual Arts, Graphic Arts
- Music, Vocal Performance, Jazz Studies, Music Business

AUDITION GUIDELINES

How do I schedule an audition?
Each SUNY campus has its own process for scheduling auditions. In some cases, the department will contact you directly to schedule an audition after receiving your application. Other programs ask that you schedule your audition as soon as possible whether you have submitted your application or not. Check with each campus about how and where to schedule an audition.

What should I expect at the audition?
Audition protocols vary by program. You should become familiar with the audition process for each program by reviewing the academic department Web site or by contacting the admissions office directly.

What do I need to bring to my audition?
In some cases, you may be required to prepare material that will represent you at your best such as letters of recommendation or an artistic résumé or portfolio. Be sure to check with each campus as to what you should bring to your audition.

What should I wear to my audition?
Whether you are auditioning for dance, theatre, or music, you should dress comfortably, but appropriately. Dance students should have appropriate shoes for the dance audition.

Does it cost anything to audition?
Some programs do charge an audition fee that must be paid in advance or at the time of your audition. Be sure to ask each campus if there is a fee to audition for the program.

Where will the audition take place?
Auditions for SUNY programs may take place at individual campuses or regional locations throughout the United States. Check with each campus for a complete list of audition dates and locations.

Audition reminders
It is important to prepare for an audition. You should become familiar with the audition requirements, understanding that they may vary at each campus. Also, be aware of time restrictions on auditions and ensure that you do not exceed the time limit allotted.

PORTFOLIO GUIDELINES

What is a portfolio?
A portfolio is a visual résumé presenting and promoting your credentials, skills, talents and achievements through a collection of projects, illustrations, designs, and creative pieces.

What should my portfolio consist of?
Portfolios may include essays, photographs, illustrations, slides, or other forms of artwork. A portfolio should represent your best creative work from class projects or assignments, and be consistent with portfolio instructions given by an individual campus program.

What does SUNY look for in a portfolio?
SUNY does not have a common portfolio process. Each SUNY campus will send you detailed portfolio instructions after you submit your application.

When should I begin assembling a portfolio?
It is never too early to begin thinking about a portfolio. You should begin assembling your creative work as soon as you have decided that you are applying to a program. Follow portfolio instructions step-by-step and submit only what is requested for the program.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

SUNY Web site
The SUNY Web site allows students to identify academic programs of study through a curriculum and campus search. (www.suny.edu/student)

SUNY Campus Web sites
Each campus within the SUNY system maintains its own Web site. Please visit each campus Web site for a general overview and to learn specific information about the admissions process, as well as audition and portfolio information. (www.suny.edu/student/campuses.cfm)

National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC)
The National Association for College Admission Counseling sponsors Performing and Visual Arts College Fairs throughout the United States each year. They also provide general tips and guidelines for students interested in applying to performing, visual, or creative arts programs. (www.nacacnet.org)

For more information about these academic programs, contact SUNY campuses on the Web at **www.suny.edu/contactcampuses**