Aligning itself with the evolving trends of the 21st century arts world, Worcester State University offers its visual and performing arts students a Major in Interdisciplinary Visual and Performing Arts, one of the few interdisciplinary arts majors in the country. With this major, students go beyond the standard coursework in art, music, and theatre to understand the larger world of visual and performing arts. WSU’s VPA major allows students to gain an interdisciplinary view of the arts and an understanding of how to use one art form to inform the other, while also gaining an in-depth knowledge of the art forms that most excite them.

The major is designed to provide students with a strong foundation in art, music, and theatre, and both a theoretical and practical understanding about how they interact in an interdisciplinary environment. Core courses promote critical thinking, and prepare students intellectually and creatively to complete their capstone/senior thesis projects and launch careers in the arts. Students craft the major to fit their areas of interest – art, music, theatre, etc. - through electives chosen in consultation with advisors.

Students apply their coursework to the production, performance, and critical study of creative work through a multitude of exhibit and performance opportunities.

Minor in Music and Minor in Composition and Music Technology

(See Visual and Performing Arts Department for a complete listing of requirements and courses.)