

Academic Policies and Procedures

Academic Standards

Class Attendance and Absences

Regular and punctual attendance is required at all classes, laboratories, practice hours, and other activities for which the student is registered.

Absences from scheduled practice hours, rehearsals, and laboratories will be excused only for serious and substantiated reasons, and the final grade in the course may be lowered for unexcused absence. Absence from a theatre, dance, or music rehearsal, crew meeting, or performance may be deemed sufficient reason for giving the student a grade of *F* for the semester's work in the course concerned.

If an instructor indicates that a student has fallen below a passing grade in a course because of excessive absences, the dean, upon written recommendation of the instructor, may drop the student from that course and assign a grade of *F* for the semester.

Special Regulations of the College

Portable Computing Devices

Undergraduate majors in the Department of Art and Art History and the School of Design and Creative Technologies must provide their own portable computing devices and software suitable for use in the classroom and for completing course assignments. Information about specific technical requirements is available from the departmental undergraduate advising office.

Studio Courses

Students retain copyright to all two-dimensional, three-dimensional, time-based, and electronic artwork created in the Department of Art and Art History; they grant a nonexclusive license to exhibit, display, reproduce, perform, or adapt these works at the discretion of the faculty. Works left in any departmental facility at the end of any semester may be removed or destroyed at the discretion of the faculty.

Design and Arts and Entertainment Technologies Courses

Students retain copyright to all two-dimensional, three-dimensional, time-based, digital, and electronic artwork created in the School of Design and Creative Technologies; they grant a nonexclusive license to exhibit, display, reproduce, perform, or adapt these works at the discretion of the faculty. Works left in any departmental facility at the end of any semester may be removed or destroyed at the discretion of the faculty.

Honors

University Honors

The designation University Honors, awarded at the end of each fall or spring semester, gives official recognition and commendation to students whose grades for the semester indicate distinguished academic accomplishment. Both the quality and the quantity of work done are considered. Criteria for University Honors are given in the [General Information Catalog](#).

Graduation with University Honors

Students who, upon graduation, have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement are eligible to graduate with University Honors.

Criteria for graduation with University Honors are given in the [General Information Catalog](#).

Special Honors in Art History

The Honors Program in Art History gives undergraduate art history majors an opportunity to undertake an advanced research and writing project under the supervision of an art history faculty member. The notation "Special Honors in Art History" appears on the transcript of each graduate who completes all of the requirements of this program.

Admission to the Program

The honors program is available to qualified art history majors pursuing the degree of Bachelor of Arts with a major in Art History at The University of Texas at Austin. In the second semester of the student's junior year, during registration for the first semester of the student's senior year, an interested art history major should apply to the honors advisor for admission to the program. The criteria for admission are:

- Completion of at least 90 semester hours of coursework by the end of the junior year.
- Completion of at least 15 semester hours in art history. If the hours in art history were not earned at the University, admission is at the discretion of the honors advisor.
- A university grade point average of at least 3.00.
- A grade point average of at least 3.50 in all upper-division art history courses taken in residence required for the major.
- Completion of Art History 375, *Theories and Methods in the History of Art* with a grade of at least *B* before beginning the second semester honors course, Art History 379H.
- Selection and consent of a thesis advisor who is an art history faculty member or faculty affiliate.
- Completion of the Honors approval form by the 12th day of classes in the penultimate and final semesters of the thesis year. This document should include a brief one paragraph description of the thesis project and signed approval by the thesis advisor. This project may be developed in Art History 375, 376 (independent tutorial course), or any other upper division art history course with a substantial writing component. The student must earn a grade of at least *B* in any one of these courses to be eligible to take Art History 379H. Art History 376 may be counted toward the degree as elective art history credit.

Graduation with Special Honors in Art History

To complete the program, students must meet the following requirements by the end of the semester in which they graduate.

- Graduation as an art history major.
- Completion of at least 60 semester hours of coursework counted toward the degree in residence at The University of Texas at Austin.
- A university grade point average of at least 3.00.
- A grade point average of at least 3.50 in all upper-division art history courses taken in residence required for the major.
- Completion of Art History 375, *Theories and Methods in the History of Art* with a grade of at least *B* before beginning the second semester honors course, Art History 379H.
- Selection and consent of a thesis advisor who is an art history faculty member or faculty affiliate.
- Completion of the approval form by the 12th day of classes in the penultimate and final semesters of the thesis year. This document should include a brief one paragraph description of the thesis project and signed approval by the thesis advisor.

8. Completion of Art History 379H with a grade of A. This conference course, in which the student researches and writes a thesis previously developed in Art History 375, 376, or any other upper-division art history course with a substantial writing component, may not be counted toward the minimum number of hours of art history required for the degree.
9. Participation in the Undergraduate Art History Symposium or Honors Colloquium during the semester in which the thesis is completed.
10. Approval of the completed thesis by the thesis advisor.
11. Submission of an electronic copy of the final thesis, formatted according to the template guidelines posted on the Art History Honors Canvas page, to the thesis advisor, the honors advisor, and to TexasScholarWorks. Students who intend for their thesis to satisfy Honors requirements for other departments and programs, including Plan II and Humanities Honors, must also consult the formatting guidelines for these programs and departments as well.

For more information about the program and how to apply, students may consult the departmental undergraduate advising office.

Special Honors in Arts and Entertainment Technologies

The Honors Program in Arts and Entertainment Technologies gives outstanding arts and entertainment technologies students an opportunity to undertake an advanced research and writing project under the supervision of a faculty member. The notation "Special Honors in Arts and Entertainment Technologies" appears on the transcript of each graduate who completes the program.

Admission to the Program

The honors program is available to qualified students pursuing the degree of Bachelor of Science in Arts and Entertainment Technologies. At the beginning of the junior year, an interested arts and entertainment technologies student should apply to the honors advisor for admission to the program. The criteria for admission are:

- a. Completion of at least 60 semester hours of college credit.
- b. A university grade point average of at least 3.50.
- c. Completion of Arts and Entertainment Technologies 304 with a grade of at least A-.
- d. Completion of Arts and Entertainment Technologies 310 with a grade of at least A-.
- e. Approval of the honors advisor, who is responsible for maintaining the high standards for admission to and completion of the program.

Graduation with Special Honors in Arts and Entertainment Technologies

To complete the program, students must meet the following requirements by the end of the semester in which they graduate.

- a. Graduation from the arts and entertainment technologies program.
- b. Completion in residence at the University of at least 60 semester hours of coursework counted toward the degree.
- c. A university grade point average of at least 3.50.
- d. A grade point average of at least 3.60 in all arts and entertainment technologies courses taken at the University.
- e. Completion of Arts and Entertainment Technologies 170, *Research Methods Proseminar*.
- f. Approval of the honors advisor or a designate.
- g. Completion of Arts and Entertainment Technologies 378H, *Honors Senior Thesis* with a grade of A. This conference course, in which

the student researches and produces a thesis, may not be counted toward the minimum number of hours of AET required for the degree.

- h. Completion of one of the following courses with a grade of A:
 - i. Arts and Entertainment Technologies 376
 - ii. Arts and Entertainment Technologies 377

Special Honors in Theatre and Dance

The Honors Program in Theatre and Dance gives outstanding theatre and dance majors an opportunity to undertake an advanced research and writing project under the supervision of a faculty member. The notation "Special Honors in Theatre and Dance" appears on the transcript of each graduate who completes the program.

Admission to the Program

The honors program is available to qualified theatre and dance majors pursuing the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Theatre and Dance. At the beginning of the junior year, an interested theatre and dance major should apply to the honors advisor for admission to the program. The criteria for admission are:

- a. Completion of at least 60 semester hours of college credit.
- b. A university grade point average of at least 3.30.
- c. A grade point average of at least 3.60 in all theatre and dance courses attempted in residence.
- d. Completion of at least 15 semester hours in theatre and dance. If the hours in theatre and dance were not earned at the University, admission is at the discretion of the head of the Theatre and Dance Honors program or a designate.
- e. Approval of the head of the Theatre and Dance Honors program or a designate, who is responsible for maintaining the high standards for admission to and completion of the program.

Graduation with Special Honors in Theatre and Dance

To complete the program, students must meet the following requirements by the end of the semester in which they graduate.

- a. Graduation as a theatre and dance major.
- b. Completion in residence at the University of at least 60 semester hours of coursework counted toward the degree.
- c. A university grade point average of at least 3.30.
- d. A grade point average of at least 3.60 in all theatre and dance courses taken at the University.
- e. Completion of Theatre and Dance 375H with a grade of at least B.
- f. Approval of the head of the Theatre and Dance Honors program or a designate.
- g. Completion of Theatre and Dance 379H with a grade of A. This is a conference course, in which the student researches and produces a thesis. To enroll in Theatre and Dance 379H, the student must have the consent of the head of the Theatre and Dance Honors program or a designate. Consent is based on a written prospectus for the student's honors thesis and a letter of support from the theatre and dance faculty member who will supervise the thesis. The prospectus and the letter of support must be submitted to the head of the Theatre and Dance Honors program or a designate by the end of the semester preceding the semester in which the student plans to take Theatre and Dance 379H. The student may develop the honors project and prepare the prospectus either in Theatre and Dance 376H or in another theatre and dance course:
 - i. With the approval of the head of the Theatre and Dance Honors program or a designate, the student must complete the independent study course Theatre and Dance 376H with a

theatre and dance faculty member who agrees to supervise the student's work. Theatre and Dance 376H may be counted toward the degree as elective theatre and dance credit. The student must earn a grade of at least *B* in order to progress to Theatre and Dance 379H.

- ii. The student may also base the prospectus on a project undertaken in another theatre and dance course in which he or she earned a grade of at least *B*.
- h. Submission of a departmental honors degree audit application to the Office of the Dean of the College of Fine Arts. This degree audit application may be submitted when the student is admitted to the honors program; it must be on file when the student applies for graduation. Failure to meet this requirement will preclude graduation with special honors in theatre and dance.

Recognition in Music Performance

This recognition is offered to encourage undergraduate music students who are not music performance majors to pursue the intensive study of their instrument beyond the minimum requirements for their degree.

Eligibility

To apply for a Recognition in Music Performance, a student must be enrolled as an undergraduate music major pursuing the Bachelor of Music degree or the Bachelor of Arts in Music degree. He or she must be enrolled in principal instrument course 260.

Procedure

A student who meets the eligibility criteria must submit a petition to the appropriate music performance jury for permission to audition before the Butler School of Music faculty—that is, to perform at a full faculty jury examination. This petition may be submitted during any semester in which the student is enrolled in principal instrument course 260. Ordinarily, the student may not audition for the full faculty before the conclusion of his or her second semester of principal instrument course 260. If the petition is approved, the student may audition at a full faculty jury examination.

If the student obtains approval at the full faculty jury examination, then he or she must present a recognition recital during the following academic year. The student may also enroll in Music 420R rather than principal instrument course 260 for the semester in which the recognition recital is to be given. A recognition recital must be equivalent to the junior recital required of a performance major and must offer a repertoire equivalent to that of an upper-division performance major. The recital is heard by the faculty of the student's principal instrument, who vote to approve or disapprove the granting of Recognition in Music Performance. If approval is given by the division faculty, the recognition is issued by the Butler School and signed by both the student's music performance instructor and the director of the school.