



ABOUT UCLA ARTS

“From the lofty achievements of virtuosos to the aesthetics of everyday life in communities worldwide, the arts are the most powerful symbol of our shared human heritage, the truest mirror of our cultural diversity, and a primary bellwether of our future. We believe that practical and critical knowledge of the arts is an indispensable foundation for enlightened citizenship in an increasingly complex and challenging world.”

Christopher Waterman, Dean
UCLA School of the Arts and Architecture (UCLA Arts)

Artists, architects, dancers, designers, musicians and scholars come to the School of the Arts and Architecture (UCLA Arts) to draw on its unique curriculum, which interweaves work in performance, studio and research studies, providing them with a solid creative, artistic and intellectual foundation as well as a liberal arts education from one of the country’s finest research universities. Our students gain a global view of the arts while integrating contemporary practice and theory in their chosen discipline.

Providing a full range of course offerings and programs, the School is comprised of six degree-granting departments: Architecture and Urban Design, Art, Design | Media Arts, Ethnomusicology, Music, and World Arts and Cultures. The school also houses The UCLA Herb Alpert School of Music (comprising the departments of ethnomusicology, music and musicology), five centers (the Art | Sci Center, the Art | Global Health Center, the Center for Intercultural Performance, the Experiential Technologies Center and the Grunwald Center for the Graphic Arts), two museums (the Fowler Museum at UCLA and the UCLA Hammer Museum) and a major performing arts program, UCLA Live.

A faculty of international stature provides a depth of expertise that supports the most ambitious visions our students can pursue. Coursework is enriched by access to leading technology in art making, opportunities for community outreach and a commitment to social responsibility, as well as interdisciplinary programming with the School’s acclaimed museums and UCLA Live.

The wealth of cultural treasures and programs — museums and concert halls, theaters and dance studios, galleries and sculpture gardens, libraries and archives — makes UCLA the leading arts and cultural center of the West and the flagship arts campus of the UC system.

The School offers a truly cosmopolitan arena for study and experimentation, which matches well the diversity of its students and faculty. Los Angeles, still young by most standards, continues to attract pioneers in the arts and sciences who are drawn to the forward-looking spirit, dynamism, freedom and possibilities for experimentation and innovation which characterize this city. While the heart of the School remains in the Los Angeles community, we prepare professionals whose visions and contributions will influence the future of our nation and the world.