

# Bachelor of Art Degree in Fine Arts

O'Kane Gallery  
*The Ties That Bind*  
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## MAJOR MAPS

REFERENCE YOUR DEGREE PLAN FOR FULL  
COURSE INFORMATION

### FRESHMAN

### SOPHMORE

### JUNIOR

### SENIOR

The BA in Fine Arts offers a solid foundation with broad application toward working in the arts. With a BA in Fine Arts, you might consider the following careers:

- ❖ Arts Administration (non-profit and for-profit organizations)
- ❖ Gallery Work including preparation and handling of art, curating, public relations and outreach
- ❖ Technical Theater

With further certification or a graduate degree, you might consider the following careers:

- ❖ Archivist
- ❖ Arts Educator
- ❖ Audio and Video Technician
- ❖ Curator
- ❖ Fine Artist (painter, sculptor, illustrator)
- ❖ Graphic Designer
- ❖ Museum Technician and Conservator

## TAKE THE RIGHT CLASSES (SUCCESS MARKERS)



Begin with your Core Curriculum Courses. Enroll in a fine arts lower-level concentration class both long semesters. Apply for Art or Drama scholarships!

Continue taking Core Curriculum Courses. Complete graphic design courses and lower-level concentration work. Enroll in 2000- and 3000-level fine arts courses in your concentration area.

Ensure you are taking a good mix of required and elective Fine Arts courses. Add arts administration classes to your schedule. Apply for Art or Drama scholarships!

Time for your Fine Arts Field Experience and completion of any required or elective courses. Don't forget to enroll in the Fine Arts Senior Portfolio class and apply for graduation!

## TALK TO YOUR ADVISOR



Meet with your CHSS advisor before registration each semester to stay on track. Ask about CHSS and other scholarships – and apply each year!

Meet with your CHSS advisor before registering for classes to stay on track. Get involved with the fine arts on campus – and check out the O'Kane Gallery and O'Kane Theatre.

Meet with your CHSS advisor before registering for classes to stay on track. Ask about study abroad opportunities and apply for a study abroad scholarship.

Meet with your CHSS advisor before registering for classes to stay on track. Interested in graduate school? Talk with your degree coordinator!

## YOUR MAJOR IN ACTION



Get to know your faculty. Take part in professional development opportunities in the Department of Arts + Communication.

Find a peer and/or faculty mentor. Continue to engage by attending Fine Arts events on campus. Visit area museums, galleries, theatres, and music venues.

Seek out courses and opportunities that fit your career aspirations. Talk to faculty and advisors about how to engage in this career field.

Continue to take courses and engage in professional development to build the skill set needed for your future career.

## GET INVOLVED



Get involved in the O'Kane Theatre – audition for an acting part or learn design skills as a member of the crew and check out the A+C Spring Festival events!

If you haven't joined yet, get involved in a student organization. Begin building your resume by looking for work-study opportunities.

Participate in job fairs, recruiting events, and other networking events. Check out the Student Art Show each spring at the O'Kane Gallery – or better, participate!

Continue to engage in campus activities. Join a student organization if you haven't already. Stay involved!

## GET HIP (HIGH IMPACT PRACTICES)



Seek out community service course sections to get involved. Use your free MFAH membership when taking an art class to see the arts in Houston.

Begin to obtain career advising in the Department. Think about the Fine Arts Field Experience course. Look into Study Abroad options

Use UHD's career resources and career advising in Fine Arts. Consider a Service-Learning class or participate in an O'Kane Theatre production!

Enroll in ART 4380 Fine Arts Field Experience to gain work experience in line with your career aspirations.

## LIFE AFTER GRADUATION



While you are now at the beginning, keep the finish line in sight! Visit UHD's Main Career Center to learn about career options.

Think about your career focus. There are tons of careers in the arts and arts administration. What is the best fit for you?

Plan your course plan around your career goals. If you're thinking about graduate school, start talking to your advisor..

Seek department career advising. Apply for jobs. The process may be lengthy.

*Prepare for*  
**CAREER SUCCESS**  
**MAJOR MAPS**

O'Kane Theatre  
*In the Blood*



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**TOP 10 SKILLS  
employers look for:**

- Ability to work in a team structure
- Ability to make decisions and solve problems
- Ability to verbally communicate with persons inside and outside the organization
- Ability to obtain and process information
- Ability to analyze quantitative data
- Technical knowledge related to the job
- Proficiency with computer software programs
- Ability to create and/or edit written reports
- Ability to sell or influence others

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**CHECKLIST  
FOR SUCCESS:**

- Create a Job Mine Account
- Check in with your advisor
- Review your degree plan to stay on track
- Apply for scholarships
- Attend a financial literacy workshop
- Visit the Student Engagement & Leadership Center
- Seek out career advising.
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