ARTS, MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION

Art + Design, Art History, Art Education

The Department of Art + Design, Art History, Art Education (http://catalog.towson.edu/undergraduate/fine-arts-communication/art-design-art-history-art-education) provides a rich experience in the fine arts for students and for the larger Towson area community. The department hosts lectures by prominent artists, critics, art historians and curators in addition to annual exhibitions showcasing the work of undergraduate and graduate students in the fine arts. Student organizations in the department arrange for trips to museums, outreach opportunities and community service learning.

Communication Studies

The Department of Communication Studies (http://catalog.towson.edu/undergraduate/fine-arts-communication/communication-studies) offers many workshops and seminars sponsored by our student chapter of Pi Kappa Delta, which serves as both an honors society in speech and debate and as the primary student organization of the department. The department also runs a Public Communication Center, where students, staff and faculty from across the university can work with a public speaking coach to craft a class presentation, public speech or advocacy project. The department faculty and students regularly participate at annual conferences including the Maryland Communication Association, the Eastern Communication Association and the National Communication Association. Students are encouraged to participate in department-run Study Abroad programs in the United Kingdom, Spain and Scotland.

Dance

The Department of Dance (http://catalog.towson.edu/undergraduate/fine-arts-communication/dance) undergraduate programs offer professional dance training within the context of a comprehensive liberal arts education. Dance majors experience rigorous preparation, including extensive study in studio technique, choreographic studies, dance history and dance education. The department supports the performance and choreographic training of the B.F.A. major in yearly concerts: Inertia and Dance Majors Performance Project. These student works are mentored and often selected to represent Towson University at the American College Dance Festival each year. Student Performance opportunities are supported by elective repertory and company courses each term, culminating in a formal production at Stephens Hall Theatre. Our two Dance Student organizations, Sigma Rho Delta and National Dance Honors Society Dance Arts (NHSDA) Collegiate Program, support leadership training and community service opportunities. Guest artists regularly impact our curriculum. Opportunities to perform with VT Dance and Deep Vision Dance Company offer curriculum enhancement.

Electronic Media & Film

The Department of Electronic Media & Film (EMF) (http://catalog.towson.edu/undergraduate/fine-arts-communication/electronic-media-film) sponsors a film series each fall. The films are screened on Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in Van Bokkelen Hall Auditorium. EMF also co-hosts the TU Military & Veterans Film Series (in October) and the student-run Halfway There Film Festival (in December). During the spring term, EMF sponsors the Bridges to the World International Film Festival, Women and Minorities in the Media (WAMM) Fest and a Media Arts Festival showcasing student work. Alumni screenings are scheduled throughout the year. EMF has a number of student groups, including student run radio (XTSR) and TV (WMJF) stations.

Mass Communication

The Department of Mass Communication (http://catalog.towson.edu/undergraduate/fine-arts-communication/mass-communication) sponsors TUDay, an annual lecture series in Spring, which features a prominent keynote speaker in journalism. The department also co-sponsors an annual Media and Culture lecturer series in Fall with the Department of Communication Studies. Both lecture series are open to all TU students and the general. In addition, many guest lectures are organized by faculty for students within and outside the department. A number of professional networking opportunities are sponsored by student chapters of the Public Relations Society of America, American Advertising Federation and the Society of Professional Journalists.

Music

The Department of Music (http://catalog.towson.edu/undergraduate/fine-arts-communication/music)’s vocal and instrumental ensembles – including University Chorale, Chamber Singers, Vocal Jazz Ensemble, Choral Society, Orchestra, Symphonic Band, Percussion Ensemble, Guitar Ensemble, Jazz Ensembles (large and small), Popular Music Ensemble, Improvisation Ensemble, Chamber Ensembles, Early Music Ensemble and World Music Ensemble – present more than 50 concerts each year in the Harold J. Kaplan Concert Hall and Recital Hall at Towson University’s Center for the Arts.

Theatre Arts

Each year, the Department of Theatre Arts (http://catalog.towson.edu/undergraduate/fine-arts-communication/theatre-arts) presents a full season of performances in our main stage and three studio theatres. Audiences may enjoy productions of plays from a range of periods, directed by our faculty and area professional artists, and featuring our students in a range of artistic roles from performers to designers and technicians. Student-produced work includes undergraduate performances of contemporary plays as well as original experimental works created by students in our M.F.A. program.