In addition to the learning goals of an individual major, all Millikin University students are required to participate in core curriculum, which includes Non-Sequential University Studies Fine Arts course. The Fine Arts Requirement for non-majors has the following specific learning outcome goals:

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOME IN THE FINE ARTS NON-SEQUENTIAL REQUIREMENT

1. STUDENTS WILL DEMONSTRATE ENGAGEMENT IN THE CREATIVE PROCESS.

2. STUDENTS WILL DEMONSTRATE THE ABILITY TO RESPOND TO AND REFLECT ON THE AESTHETIC EXPERIENCE OF THE ARTS.

3. STUDENTS WILL DEMONSTRATE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN AESTHETIC EXPERIENCE AND THE LARGER CULTURAL CONTEXT OF CREATION.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

An executive summary should precede each full-length report. The summary gives a brief overview of the contents of the report: the program review, student learning assessment for that year, as well as plans and initiatives for the future.

SNAPSHOT

The assessment report will provide a brief overview of curricula, facilities and faculty/staff of the Music, Theatre Arts and Dance, and the Visual Art departments. The classes that meet the FAR requirement are included in this report. The FAR representative to identify those classes that incorporate the Far learning goals collects syllabi each semester. The list is shared for advising purposes.
The Learning Story

The report will include the variety of options for a student to meet the requirement. How non-fine art majors develop and fulfill the learning outcome goals: to engage, respond and connect reflectively, and how these goals connect to the mission of the university are reviewed.

ASSESSMENT METHODS

1) FAR SURVEY ASSESSMENT
2) STUDENT SURVEY
3) FACULTY ASSESSMENT.

Assessment Data

The report will include the resulting data on each assessment. Assessments will use a 3 level performance matrix, a three level achievement signal and be collected each semester. The student engagement survey will be electronically administered or available in hard copy and information will be tabulated and assessed. We conduct quantitative assessment of student learning outcome goals by way of 1) Library Instruction Coordinator Joe Hardenbrook’s library assessment surveys and 2) a survey of student perceptions on how successfully they accomplished the three goals for the two credits and 3) collections of faculty’s distribution of R/Y/G through percentages by the FAR representative.

Rubrics to assess student’s performance, their understanding of the importance of the arts and how the arts can influence personal and professional growth will be shared. By focusing the bulk of our assessment on the qualitative evaluation of student artifacts, we keep students at the center of the program and its decision-making processes.

1) FAR SURVEY ASSESSMENT: A questionnaire measures the student’s progress and experience in meeting the goals. The survey indicates points of engagement in relation to each learning goal (addendum A). This survey will be available through MU online. This assessment has been restructured Spring of 2008 and that assessment will replace the FAR Survey. (addendum B)

2) STUDENT SURVEY: Attached is the FAR survey assessing only NON fine art majors is a self assessment. This survey is for those taking a fine art MPSL non-sequential requirement.

The Student Assessment of student performance: Green, Yellow or Red is a self-assessment embedded in the FAR survey. Both Hard copy and electronic
assessments are distributed to the secretaries of the Fine Arts Dept to administer to the faculty post mid term. The survey asks students to self evaluate their ability to meet the three standards. The most Spring 2008 survey will be administered through the Millikin Office of Institutional Research, which will research the measurement of students’ perceptions of their successful completion of the goals. The surveys are collected after finals week and percentages are compiled.

3) FACULTY ASSESSMENT: Faculty are asked to provide the percentage of the students they feel were successful in reaching the three goals of the requirement through an assessment using R, Y or G.

**Performance Indicators**

Each point of data collection will receive a performance indicator using the following rubric:

**Red:** Student did not meet any of the three FAR Goals. No engagement in the creative process, No ability to respond or reflect and no demonstration of a connection between the aesthetic experience and the larger cultural context of creation was exhibited.

**Yellow:** Student was able to demonstrate understanding in some of the goal areas of the: Demonstrated minimal engagement in the creative process. Demonstrated limited ability to respond to and reflect on the aesthetic experience of the arts and made some connections between aesthetic experience and the larger cultural context of creation.

**Green:** Student work met the three goals by showing growth in the areas. Student was able to demonstrate engagement in the creative process and was able to respond and reflect on the aesthetic experience and made connections to the larger cultural context of creation.

**Green:** A high level indicating clear movement in the right direction, not requiring any immediate change in course of action. Continuing support should be provided.

**Yellow:** An average, acceptable level indicating either some improvement, but not as quickly as desired, or indicating a slight decline in performance. Strategies and approaches should be reviewed and appropriate adjustments made to reach an acceptable level or desired rate of improvement.

**Red:** An unacceptable status or direction of change. Immediate, high priority actions should be taken to address this area.

**Blank:** Insufficient information available (or governance decision pending).
The reported percentage findings will be examined and shared with the Fine Arts Department. Meeting the expectations of the Fine Art Requirement for the non-major includes measurement of the student's engagement in a creative process, evidence of a reflective exercise, and evidence of connection between aesthetic experience and the larger cultural context of creation of an art experience. Percentages could correlate with a need for more teaching in one or more of the goals areas, trainings on how to integrate the three goals successfully or changes in the FAR list of classes that meet the requirement.

The FAR Assessment Representative/s will present the annual report from the previous academic year at the opening Fine Art Faculty meeting each fall semester. Based on the results of the report, plans and recommendations for enhancing and improving the delivery of student learning outcome goals for FAR will be discussed. FAR faculty recommendations for improving assessment methods and processes will also be taken at that time.

This section should include statements about the ways in which the CWRR Program learning goals embody, reflect, and advance Millikin University’s core mission, goals, and values. Emphasis should also be given to the ways in which

**Fall 2007/ Spring 2008**

Hard Copy results: 44 respondents

1. Y – 38 N- 6
2. Y- 37 N-7
4. Y – 37 N -7 No response - 1
5. A(23) B(21) C (22) D (23) E(36) No response -1
6. Y – 14 N – 8 Maybe 20
7. R -5 Y – 27 G 9 NO response -4
8. F -6/ S -15/ J – 14/ S 8
9. Interdisc (1), Undec. (5), Poly Sci – 2, English 1, Music 2, History 1, Communications 1, Math Ed 1, Theatre 2, Sports Management 1, El ed 2, Ex Sci 7, Nurse 3, Account / Bis . 3, Psych 3, El ED 3, Bio 1, Bis Management 1, Mkt, 1 Physical Therapy 1, Finance 2, No response – 1

Questions # 10 and# 11 are what class they took – all were in the same FAR class.

Electronic results:

he survey has 42 entries. Show details of all entries
Please answer the following questions as they relate to the particular course that you took (or are taking) to fulfill the Fine Arts requirement for the Millikin Program of Student Learning.

1. Have you had "hands-on" experience--that is, have you actually played an instrument, made art, acted, or danced in your MU fine arts course?
   Yes  27  (64%)
   No   15  (36%)
   no answer  0  (0%)

2. Did you engage in any writing or discussion that reflected upon that activity (for example, How was the work you saw "artistic"? What artistic elements or principles did it incorporate? Or how was the work created and composed?)
   Yes  36  (86%)
   No   6  (14%)
   no answer  0  (0%)

3. Do you feel that you learned any of the following about yourself? (Choose all that apply).
   Increased your sensitivity, understanding and appreciation for an art form.  33  (79%)
   You feel you have broadened your outlook in any way.  31  (74%)
   You might seek out opportunities to enjoy an art form.  23  (55%)
   You found that fine arts contribute towards a life of meaning and value.  32  (76%)
   You may find a way to integrate an aspect of the arts or something you have learned into your chosen profession.  23  (55%)

4. Do you feel that this class helped you to appreciate the cultural, historic or artistic context of creation?
   Yes  34  (81%)
5. Did the fine arts class that you took (or are taking) present a new way to: (choose all that apply)

Understand people 28 (67%)
Understand another environment 20 (48%)
Understand another time 25 (60%)
Understand a place 22 (52%)
Understand an approach to ideas 33 (79%)

6. Do fine arts allow you to access another part of living in the world that is difficult to express?

Yes 21 (50%)
No 7 (17%)
Maybe 13 (31%)
no answer 1 (2%)

7. Student Assessment: Please choose ONE of the following descriptions as it relates to the Fine Arts course you took (or are taking) and rate it on the red/yellow/green scale below.

**RED:** I did not understand or get much value from this course. 3 (7%)

**YELLOW:** I gained some understanding and appreciation for the arts, learned techniques, and/or how to respond and reflect on the experiences. 16 (38%)

**GREEN:** I find value in the arts, invested in the class and experienced growth in technique, response, and reflection. 23 (55%)

no answer 0 (0%)

8. What year are you?

Freshman 20 (48%)
Sophomore  8  (19%) | 
Junior    7  (17%) | 
Senior    7  (17%) | 
no answer 0  (0%)

9. What is your degree & major area. 
42 responses  view this question  view all questions

#1: 2007-10-16 18:18:35
BS Biology

#2: 2007-10-16 19:29:39
Right now undecided, but if anything i will go into music business here

#3: 2007-10-17 10:32:38
BFA Acting

#4: 2007-10-17 14:10:20
BA Theatre

#5: 2007-10-17 14:20:09
human services

#6: 2007-10-18 23:15:54
BA Theatre

#7: 2007-10-21 19:49:43
BA Theatre

#8: 2007-10-22 15:05:44
Communication

#9: 2007-10-30 15:40:35
Entrepreneurship/ Business

#10: 2007-10-31 16:14:40
BA Theatre

#11: 2007-11-14 12:47:34
Accounting

Exploratory

#13: 2007-12-06 17:50:39
Business
#14: 2007-12-07 12:42:39
Exploratory Studies

#15: 2007-12-07 13:18:27
Nursing

#16: 2007-12-07 13:37:50
Biology

#17: 2007-12-07 14:18:48
BS Sports Management

#18: 2007-12-07 14:33:36
Exploratory Studies

#19: 2007-12-07 17:49:17
Nursing

#20: 2007-12-10 08:38:24
exploratory studies

#21: 2007-12-14 14:51:13
BA Theatre

#22: 2007-12-14 15:02:41
marketing

#23: 2007-12-15 02:11:03
English writing

#24: 2008-04-04 16:12:29
Early Childhood Education

#25: 2008-04-05 21:00:39
Elementary Education w/ a concentration in music.

#26: 2008-04-06 23:48:07
Human Services

#27: 2008-04-07 12:32:34
nursing

#28: 2008-04-07 12:41:32
Nursing

#29: 2008-04-07 12:49:09
Music Business

#30: 2008-04-07 13:02:38
10. Which area of study did you choose to fulfill the Fine Arts requirement?

Art  2  (5%)  |
Music  35  (83%)  |
Theatre  4  (10%)  |
Dance  1  (2%)  |

no answer  0  (0%)
11. What is the course title/course number you took to fulfill the Fine Arts requirement?
41 responses  view this question  view all questions

#1: 2007-10-16 18:18:35
MO 120

#2: 2007-10-16 19:29:39
Concert Band, Percussion Courses,

#3: 2007-10-17 10:32:38
Play Analysis

#4: 2007-10-17 14:10:20
Class Voice

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MO120

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Acting 1

#11: 2007-11-14 12:47:34
Concert Band & Percussion Ensemble

Music Fundamentals and Class Voice

#13: 2007-12-06 17:50:39
Jazz Dance 2

#14: 2007-12-07 12:42:39
MH 110 Understand World Musics

#15: 2007-12-07 13:18:27
Understanding World Musics
Student Self Assessment Results:
83/100 students were successful in meeting all three goals—GREEN.
15/100 met two of the goals—YELLOW
2/100 met 0 or one of the goals—RED

Faculty Assessment Results:
Here are the assessment percentages we talked about for ART 101:

89% = "green"
06% = "yellow"
03% = "red"
Data Collection Links to Student Learning Outcome Goals

- The student survey measures students’ perceptions of their abilities to understand, reflect and connect the arts to their lives. The faculty use of performance indicators is used to evaluate FAR goals 1, 2 & 3:

Analysis of Assessment Results

The annual report will analyze the each point of data collected and will evaluate the effectiveness of our courses in helping students meet the CWRR learning goals. Each year, the annual report will provide trend data for CWRR Artifact Collection assessment, including data on each artifact collected and the criterion used for assessing.

Student Survey

Each year, the CWRR Program’s Self-Study Team in coordination with the Millikin Institution for Research, will assign an indicator for this point of data collection. The CWRR Director may include trend data analysis in the report, when relevant.

Goal 1— Students will demonstrate engagement in the creative process.
   - Goal 1 is assessed by survey questions 1, 2, 3

Goal 2— Students will demonstrate the ability to respond to and reflect on the aesthetic experience of the arts
   - Goal 2 is assessed by survey question 2, 3

Goal 3— Students will demonstrate connections between aesthetic experience and the larger cultural context of creation.
   - Goal 3 is assessed by survey question 2, 4

EXAMPLE:
MPSL Fine Arts requirement Assessment Student Questionnaire – Post Test
   http://surveys.millikin.edu: 8080/survey/entry.jsp?id=1161203100955

Please answer the following questions as they relate to the particular course that you took (are taking) to fulfill the FAR of the MPSL.

Performance Indicators

Each point of data collection will receive a performance indicator using the following rubric:

Initiatives and Improvement Plans
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Appendices for Guide to Coordinating the Assessment of Student Learning in FAR

1. Program Review Appendix Items

Class Offering Review

In Chapter Three of *The Higher Learning Commission Handbook of Accreditation*, under “Criterion Three: Student Learning and Effective Teaching,” Core Component 3a recommends that “[the organization’s goals for student learning are clearly stated for each educational program and make effective assessment possible” (3.1-4). We want to be sure we are communicating our student learning outcome goals to our students, so faculty syllabi is collected annually to assess the effectiveness of our communication. We also gather from these documents specific information regarding the knowledge and skills emphasized.

Reminders to Assess

Example announcement:

>>> Annette Russo 4/4/2008 2:46 PM >>>

Yeah! It is that time of year again.... Assessment!

Please refer students (who are taking the Fine Art Requirement (FAR) for the Millikin Program of Student Learning (MPSL)) to this site to complete an assessment:

http://surveys.millikin.edu:8081/survey/entry.jsp?id=1190919680493

Any Fine Art Class in Art, Dance, Theatre or Music is an opportunity for non fine art majors to experience all three goals of the requirement:

1. Students will demonstrate engagement in the creative process. (DO)
2. Students will demonstrate the ability to respond to and reflect on the aesthetic experience of the arts. (Respond & Reflect)
3. Students will demonstrate connections between aesthetic experience and the larger cultural context of creation. (Connect)

Here is a list of classes that meet these goals though many classes in the areas of the fine arts are available to Non Art Majors through faculty consent as listed in the MU bulletin:

Art 3 credit 123
AR 101 Cordulack  Introduction to Visual Culture  xxx
AR 107 Staff (2004)  Introduction to Studio Art  xxx
AR 103, 104 Kotewa  Drawing Orientation  xxx
AR 235 Kotewa  Beginning Photo  6 in 2007  xxx
AR 160 Kotewa  Intro to Contemporary Drawing  xxx
AR 105, 106 Russo  Design Orientation  xxx
AR 125 Augustine  Commercial Art: Production Tech.  xxx
AR 121, 122 Schietinger  Ceramics  xxx
AR 235 Kotewa  Introduction to Photography  xxx
AR 360 Staff  Topics in Art History  xxx
(On and Off campus)
Music  1-3 credit classes

MC 101 Rubel  Introduction to the Music Industry
MC 273/274, 373/374, 473/474 First Step Records  Steve Widenhofer
ME 251  Introduction to Music Education  Neal Smith  xxx
MH 100  Understanding Classical Music  Georgia Hornbacker  xxx
MH 101  Understanding Jazz  xxx
MH 110 Martin- Frost  Understanding World Musics  xxx
MH 211 Survey of Western Music  Sara Hoffee  xxx
MH 213 Burdick The Rock Experience w/ lab  Dave Burdick  xxx (offered in fall only)
Applied Music Courses - 1-3 credits  xxx
MU 103, 104  *Cobb Huang Mancinelli Yun, Yadeau  Piano
MU 105….Gibbons  Voice
MO 153  Jazz Piano  (there are some jazz piano lessons given by Stephen Widenhofer, but listed under ML)

Music Organizations, Ensembles - 1 credit  xxx
Chair directed groups:
MO 110/210/310/410. Luxner Millikin-Decatur Symphony Orchestra
MO 120/22/320/420  Smith  Concert Band
MO 122/222/322/422 Shaw  Symphonic Wind
MO 130-140  Holmes  Choral Organizations
MO 133/233/333/433  Forbes  Women’s Ensemble
MO 134/234/334/444  Hesse  Concert Choir
MO 135/235/335/435 Hesse University Women
MO 137 Hesse Millikin Men
MO 139/239/339/439 Forbes Chamber Chorale
MO 140/240/340/440 Holmes University Choir
MO 160 Reyman Rask Jazz Bands 1 and 11
MO 161 Reyman Rask Studio Ensembles
MO 170-190 Chamber Ensembles
MO 172/272/372/472 Mallard Guitar Ensembles
MO 173 Justison Percussion Ensembles
MO 174 Widenhofer One Voice
Carberg Tudor Voices
Holmes Vocal Jazz Authority, Madrigals
Stafford Vocal Jazz Ensembles
MO 183 Rask Saxophone quartet
MU 105/106, 205/206, 305/306, 405/406 Hadi Gibbons xxx (Hadi Gibbons is in charge of class voice, different instructors teach it, including Matt Leese, Fran Daniels & Jodi Kienzler)

Music Theory Courses - 2-3 credits
MT 100 Hornbacker Music Fundamentals Georgia Hornbacker xxx
MT 111, 112 Hesse Theory xxx
MT 113, 114 Hesse Ear Training xxx
MT 111, 113 Nicholson

Theory instructors:
Ted Hesse, Tina Nicholson, Tim Schmidt, Ron YaDeau, Kevin Long, Laurie Glencross

xxx
Theatre Courses - 3 credits
TH 103 Borders Acting: Non-Majors xxx

Dance Courses - 1 credit
DA 101/201/351/352 Jagger-Taylor/Morrissey Jazz Dance xxx
DA 102/202/302/303 Shull/Morrissey Tap xxx
DA 105/205/305/306 Miller Modern xxx
DA 107/207/311/412 Miller Ballet xxx
DA 108/208/312/413 Miller Ballet xxx
DA 420 Morrissey Musical Theatre Choreograph
DA 430 Morrissey Dance Concert
DA 490 Morrissey Music Theatre Choreography xxx
## TYPES AND NUMBERS OF COURSES TAUGHT

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Facilities, Technology and Class size

Classes in the arts are conducted in the studios that correspond with the medium explored.

Technology is area specific as well.
Numbers of students in the classes are limited to the capacity of the facility or studio. The range of students in a lecture class varies from that of the studio. Most studios on campus are limited to 17 and most lectures can range from 20-100.
### Assessment Analysis Appendix Items

#### Assessment Rubric

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<td>Student demonstrates that s/he understands the expressive possibilities and techniques in the arts area studied</td>
<td>An excellent response contains either careful, well-supported, and well-positioned judgments with language of the medium and/or active conversation concerning personal or an individual’s or group’s response. [5 points]</td>
<td>An adequate response contains only some careful, supported and positioned judgments and/or passive engagement with the arts. [3 points]</td>
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<td>Demonstrate the ability to respond to and reflect on the aesthetic experience of the arts</td>
<td>An excellent response demonstrates the student’s ability to understand expression, method of production or performance of others and of his or her work. [3 points]</td>
<td>A good response demonstrates the student’s attempt to understand expression, method of production or performance of others and of his or her work. [2 point]</td>
<td>A nominal reading response demonstrates the student did not attempt to understand expression, method of production or performance of others and of his or her work. [1 points]</td>
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Total Points for this Student:
Final Signal Rating:

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1. Have you had "hands-on" experience—that is, have you actually played an instrument, made art, acted, or danced in your MU fine arts course? 
   ☐ Yes ☐ No

2. Did you engage in any writing or discussion that reflected upon that activity (for example, How was the work you saw "artistic"? What artistic elements or principles did it incorporate? Or how was the work created and composed?) ☐ Yes ☐ No

3. Do you feel that you learned any of the following about yourself? (Choose all that apply).
   ☐ Increased your sensitivity, understanding and appreciation for an art form.
   ☐ You feel you have broadened your outlook in any way.
   ☐ You might seek out opportunities to enjoy an art form.
   ☐ You found that fine arts contribute towards a life of meaning and value.
   ☐ You may find a way to integrate an aspect of the arts or something you have learned into your chosen profession.

4. Do you feel that this class helped you to appreciate the cultural, historic or artistic context of creation? ☐ Yes ☐ No

5. Did the fine arts class that you took (or are taking) present a new way to: (choose all that apply)
   ☐ Understand people
   ☐ Understand another environment
   ☐ Understand another time
   ☐ Understand a place
   ☐ Understand an approach to ideas

6. Do fine arts allow you to access another part of living in the world that is difficult to express? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe

7. Student Assessment: Please choose ONE of the following descriptions as it relates to the Fine Arts course you took (or are taking) and rate it on the red/yellow/green scale below.
   ☐ RED: I did not understand or get much value from this course.
   ☐ YELLOW: I gained some understanding and appreciation for the arts, learned techniques,
and/or how to respond and reflect on the experiences.

☐ GREEN: I find value in the arts, invested in the class and experienced growth in technique, response, and reflection.

8. What year are you?
Freshman ☐  Sophomore ☐  Junior ☐  Senior ☐

9. What is your degree & major area.

10. Which area of study did you choose to fulfill the Fine Arts requirement?
Art ☐  Music ☐  Theatre ☐  Dance ☐

11. What is the course title/course number you took to fulfill the Fine Arts requirement?  

Findings For 2008

Approximate results for each year indicate that the Fine Art Requirement is meeting the three goals of the requirement. The biggest challenge has been to elicit participation of the professors to refer student to the survey or the site or to encourage students to do the survey. As a solution academic technology has been contacted. Students do conduct many surveys and may not participate when they are requested to do so.

Academic Technology’s assistance is needed. When students register for the above classes they would have their names added to the FAR survey site. All students who sign up for the above classes will receive the survey electronically at the start of May.

Faculty who teach the classes listed on the survey results will be asked to submit percentages of students who meet the red/yellow or green assessment status.

Findings also indicate that the majority of students who self assess circled the yellow area of understanding. The rubric indicates that some knowledge is gained but perhaps not enough for a student to circle the green rating of appreciation:

RED: I did not understand or get much value from this course.

YELLOW: I gained some understanding and appreciation for the arts, learned techniques, and/or how to respond and reflect on the experiences.

GREEN: I find value in the arts, invested in the class and experienced growth in technique, response, and reflection.

Perhaps we have set the indicators at too high of a level of expectation. Perhaps more research and consideration needs to be done to adjust the descriptors of the survey.
Newest Developments and Changes in Assessment - Received in June 2008

An Arts Consortium met while administering the NSSE (National Survey of Student Engagement) to our freshmen and seniors. This was approved by Barry Pearson. The Fine Arts questions associated with this consortium are attached; we will receive the survey results in the fall.

Additional Questions

Your school has requested that you answer some additional questions regarding your undergraduate experience.

These questions take about three minutes to answer. Your continued participation is voluntary.

A1. In your experience at your institution during the current school year, about how often have you done each of the following?

a. Talked about an art exhibit, play, dance, music, theater, or other performance with other students, friends, or family
b. Participated as an artist, performer, or crew member in an art exhibit, play, dance, music, theater, or other performance
c. Used your experiences and interest in the visual and performing arts in class discussions or assignments
d. Explored a new subject area as a result of your attendance or participation in the arts

Often
Sometimes
Never
Very
often

A2. To what extent has your experience at this institution contributed to your knowledge, skills, and personal development in the following areas?

a. Developing an understanding and enjoyment of an art exhibit, play, dance, music, theater, or other performance
b. Developing a commitment to be involved in the arts (attendance or participation)

Quite
a bit
Some
Very little
Very much
Continued on back

A3.

0
1-5
6-10
11-15
16-20

In a typical 7-day week, about how many hours do you spend in arts experiences on or off campus?

21-25

More than 30

26-30

A4. How many arts courses (art, music, theater, dance) have you taken since coming to college?

0

1

2

3

4 or more

A5.

Class requirement
Encouragement from friends
Enthusiastic professor
Personal interest
Proximity

What motivates you to attend arts events (art, music, theater, dance)?

(Select all that apply.)

Quality of the facility
To be involved on campus
Opportunity to meet people
Promotion of the event on campus
Quality of the event

A6.
Expense
Parking availability
Lack of awareness of events
Difficulty getting tickets
Coursework demands

What keeps you from attending arts events (art, music, theater, dance)?
(Select all that apply.)
Facility is rundown
Job demands
Location is not convenient
No one to go with
Extracurricular activities/meetings
Lack of quality events
Limited interest in arts events

A7. Select the three (3) places you perceive to be the most active spaces on campus:
Sports venues (football stadium, basketball arena)
Public plaza (main campus quadrangle or green)
Arts venues (performing arts center, museums/galleries, rehearsal halls, art studios)
Student union
Dining hall
Residence hall
Library
Coffee shop or restaurant
Campus main street
Recreation area (fitness center, intramural fields)

A9. To what extent have arts experiences at this institution contributed to your abilities in the
To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

A10. To what extent do you agree with the following statements?

a. The arts are visible on my campus.
b. My institution encourages students to study the arts.
c. The arts curriculum at my institution is open to everyone.
d. My institution encourages students to participate in arts events.
e. The university community values the arts.
f. The arts contribute to the vitality of this campus.
g. The presence of the arts enhances my collegiate experience.

Agree
Disagree
Strongly disagree
Strongly agree

A8. Where have you attended arts events (art, music, theater, dance) while attending this institution?

(Select all that apply.)

Theater buildings (performing arts center, recital hall)
Museums/galleries
Coffee shop or restaurant
Large concert venues (stadiums, arenas, band shell, etc.)
Random places, such as street performances
Residence halls
Arts festivals
Off-campus (downtown or in the local community)