



## Letter from the Dean

Dear future Griz,

Welcome to the College of the Arts and Media (CAM) at the University of Montana! CAM is committed to developing well-informed, skilled citizens through the study of visual and performing arts, journalism and new, emerging forms of media and artistic expression.

A CAM education cultivates vital life skills through hands-on application. Our disciplines are fundamental components of a creative, adaptive workforce. Doctors must practice with empathy. Business executives must think imaginatively. Civic leaders must serve with ethical integrity. These are fundamental outcomes of a CAM education. Likewise, students in the arts and media gain exposure to the wealth of knowledge available across campus. Classical musicians explore commercial music and the entertainment industry. Contemporary dancers apply human physiology, health and wellness. Our student legislative reporters deploy political theory on assignment.

CAM is composed of four schools: Journalism, Music, Theatre and Dance, and Visual and Media Arts. We offer 22 distinct majors, minors and certificate programs for students at all levels of interest. Programs range from degrees for students with a multidisciplinary mindset, as well as intensive programs in art, media arts, game design, music, musical theatre, acting, design and dance.

To support and enrich our expanded academic programs, we also have three affiliate centers of excellence that produce some of the finest professional art, culture and media programming in Montana. The Montana Media Lab hosts a full slate of hands-on media workshops for all skill levels taught by industry experts. The Montana Museum of Art & Culture is the state's oldest and largest collection of publicly held art with exciting exhibitions and interdisciplinary programming for our students. Montana Repertory Theatre is the professional theatre in residence and features work by UM students and professionals from across the country.

We also partner with a wealth of extracurricular opportunities on and off campus, including the Montana Kaimin student newspaper, KBGA college radio, the Music Student Union and hundreds of professional and private arts and media organizations across the region, including the Missoula Symphony Orchestra and Missoula Children's Theatre. We also are proud to host the first competitive eSports team in the state.

These are just some of the many reasons UM is a great choice for students with a passion for the arts and media. We are committed to experiential learning through performances, exhibitions and the practical application of the skills learned in coursework to real-world experiences.

CAM students ask big questions, tackle the important issues of our day, connect with diverse audiences and communities, and make art that matters. Join us!

Sincerely,

John Kenneth DeBoer  
Interim Dean



## Student success is at the center of all we do

When you choose to study at the University of Montana, you gain access to a campus-wide team of supporters whose sole focus is your success as a student and in life.

Need help staying on track to graduate on time? Stop by the Office for Student Success to sign up for tutoring or learn more about our Four Bear program. Got your eye on a specific scholarship or internship? Our dedicated faculty and staff are ready to help you fine-tune your resume and cultivate a working portfolio. Eager to connect with fellow Grizzlies? Join one of more than 200 student groups that span the arts and media, as well as various academic, spiritual, political, service and special interest areas.

In the classroom, your professors know more than your name. They know your goals and understand how to help you achieve them. That's the beauty of our smaller class sizes. Our faculty are working professionals who are excited to bring you into their networks, their studios and their artistic practice.

Calling UM your home over the coming years will be a fulfilling experience unlike anything you could imagine. You'll have the opportunity to live, learn and grow on our breathtaking campus surrounded by an inclusive and supportive community that holds you close. You'll take classes that challenge you and make friends that will last a lifetime. With support, guidance and mentoring we will help you achieve your goals at UM and beyond.

No matter what you're working toward or where you are in your academic journey, we're here to help you succeed.

### Did you know?

UM's Marching Band is open to any student, regardless of major. Nearly every major and discipline on campus is represented in the band!



## Grizzlies up close – meet Georgia!

Georgia Littig, from Missoula, is a junior working toward her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance, Choreography and Performance at the University of Montana. She began dancing as a sophomore in high school and discovered the Dance Program through UM Dance Days.

Throughout her past few years in the UM Dance Program, Littig has had numerous opportunities to perform. She also has created duets with her best friend, spent Monday nights student teaching New Visions Dance, experimented with dance film and even performed as a featured dancer in guest professor Brooklyn Draper's "Void" at the American College Association's National College Dance Festival.

Littig says that modern dance and improvisation resonate with her the deepest, as well as barre in ballet. After graduating from UM's Dance Program, she hopes to put continue building a career in dance and travel.

Outside of classes and performances, Littig heads UM's Dance Club, trains to become a certified yoga instructor and bakes in her kitchen (while dancing). She recommends any student – dance major or not – takes a movement course through the UM School of Theatre and Dance and that everyone take time out of their busy day just to move and breathe.



**"If you are looking for a place to be unapologetically yourself, the Dance Program at the University of Montana is the place to be. The professors are kindhearted, passionate and so are all the students you share the space with."**  
– Georgia Littig



# Programs of study

## JOURNALISM

If you're interested in telling stories of the world's people, places and issues through the written word, video, photography or audio, this is the place for you. Through hands-on experiences, students think critically about the communities they live in and the world – and find and tell stories that matter. Through the years, our alumni continue to distinguish themselves by winning Pulitzer Prizes, Emmys and other professional accolades. Journalism's program is fully accredited by the Accrediting Council for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication which mandates classes of 20 or fewer for hands-on courses. Professional quality still/video cameras and audio recorders are available to check out to complete your class projects.

### JOURNALISM DEGREES AND OPTIONS

- Minor
- Bachelor of Arts
- Master of Arts, Environmental and Science and Natural Resource Journalism
- 4+1: Get your bachelor's and master's in five years.
- Certificate in Documentary Film

## MUSIC

The UM School of Music provides you with dynamic studio, classroom and performing opportunities to prepare you for a dream career in music. Offering undergraduate and graduate degrees in education, performance, composition and jazz, we are fully accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music. Our music education graduates enjoy a 100% job placement rate, and our alumni are distinguished professional musicians around the world. Pair your musical training with certificates in entertainment management and nonprofit administration to fine tune your skills for today's job market. Make music that matters at UM.

### MUSIC DEGREES AND OPTIONS

- Minor
- Bachelor of Music Education
- Bachelor of Music, Performance, Composition and Piano Pedagogy
- Bachelor of Arts, Jazz and Musical Studies
- Master of Music, Performance and Composition/Music Education (online or blended)

## THEATRE AND DANCE

Our programs balance high-quality productions with exciting coursework. The size of our school guarantees numerous opportunities to work both onstage and behind-the-scenes from the day you arrive until you graduate. Students work alongside faculty as actors, dancers, choreographers, designers and technicians gaining real-world experiences. You'll enjoy small classes and individualized training in spacious and well-equipped studios, shops and performance venues. Gain professional experience with local theatre and dance organizations, including the professional company in residence, the Montana Repertory Theatre.

### THEATRE AND DANCE DEGREES AND OPTIONS

- Minor, Dance
- Minor, Theatre
- Bachelor of Arts, Dance
- Bachelor of Arts, Theatre
- Bachelor of Fine Arts, Acting
- Bachelor of Fine Arts, Dance
- Bachelor of Fine Arts, Design and Technology
- Bachelor of Fine Arts, Musical Theatre Performance
- Master of Arts, Theatre
- Master of Fine Arts, Theatre



## VISUAL AND MEDIA ARTS

For those who want to be a part of the creative community of the 21st century, this is the school to join. Our school will surround you with people from a wide range of backgrounds who are looking to develop unique, dynamic artistic practices while attaining mastery of the techniques and theoretical foundations necessary to create innovative work of lasting value.

### VISUAL AND MEDIA ARTS DEGREES AND OPTIONS

- Minor, Media Arts
- Bachelor of Arts, Art (online option available)
- Bachelor of Arts, Media Arts (online option available)
- Bachelor of Fine Arts, Art
- Bachelor of Fine Arts, Media Arts
- Bachelor of Fine Arts, Game Design and Interactive Media
- Master of Arts, Art and Art History
- Master of Fine Arts, Art
- Master of Fine Arts, Media Arts



## The numbers don't lie ...



### JOURNALISM OFFERS

10+ professional-level capstone projects to choose from.



### 100% JOB PLACEMENT

of music education graduates.



### UM'S STUDENT THEATRE

organization was formed in 1904.



### 94% OF JOURNALISM GRADUATES

land jobs after graduation.



### THEATRE AND DANCE

produces an average of five productions each year.



### FIVE MOUNTAIN RANGES

converge around the Missoula Valley.



### UM IS A TOP PRODUCER OF UDALL SCHOLARS,

with 43 students earning the honor since 1992.



### LOCAL SKI HILL

just 25 minutes from campus.



### FREE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

to campus and around town.



### A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT:

The Clark Fork River borders campus and flows through the middle of Missoula.



### MISSOULA IS KNOWN

as the arts and cultural capital of Montana.



### THREE HOURS FROM

Glacier National Park and four hours from Yellowstone National Park.



## College of the Arts and Media

at the University of Montana

## Hear more from us!

Come visit the College of the Arts and Media. Spend a day with us. Sit in on one of our classes. Meet our faculty and our students. See what a tomorrow-proof education is all about at the University of Montana.

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