Arts (GA)

Requirement: One 3-credit or 4-credit hour course.

GenEd Arts courses develop artistic literacy. Courses may be centered on one of the arts (e.g. dance, fine arts, music), may be interdisciplinary in nature (e.g. creative writing and theater, film and dance), or may address larger themes (e.g. creativity, the arts and political statement, technology and the arts), but all Arts courses make some connection to other perspectives, disciplines, or subject areas.

GenEd Arts courses are intended to teach students how to:

• Experience and respond to a work of art or creative process;
• Recognize or interpret a work of art or creative process in its social, historical and cultural context;
• Describe or evaluate a work of art or creative process using appropriate terminology;
• Demonstrate an “appreciation” for the value of art in our lives and in society; and
• Function as a member of an audience.

Arts Courses

Below, you will find a list of GenEd courses in this area.

Please be advised that GenEd offerings vary from semester to semester and that all GenEd courses will not be offered every semester. For the most current list of GenEd offerings, please consult the Class Schedule.

In addition, a single GenEd course may be offered by more than one department. GenEd courses offered by more than one department will have the same course number and the same course title. A student may not take the same course from multiple departments and earn credit toward graduation. However, if a student wishes to replace her/his grade in a GenEd course, s/he may replace the grade with any course bearing the same course number and the same course title regardless of department.

• Arts of the Western World: The Visual Experience
• Arts in Cultural Context
• Creative Acts
• Dramatic Imagination: The Performing Arts in Society
• Exploring Music
• Greek Theater & Society
• Philadelphia Arts & Culture
• Shakespeare and Music
• Shakespeare in the Movies
• Shall We Dance? Dance as Narrative in American Film
• The Art of Acting
• The Art of Listening
• The Art of Sacred Space
• The Creative Spirit: A Multidisciplinary View
• The Future of Your TV
• The History of Art in Rome (Rome Campus only)
• The Jazz Century in America
• The Meaning of the Arts
• World Musics & Cultures
• Honors Art of Acting
• Honors Art of Sacred Space
• Honors Creative Acts
• Honors Greek Theater & Society
• Honors: Philadelphia Arts & Culture
• Honors Shakespeare in the Movies
• Honors Shall We Dance? Dance as Narrative in American Film
• Honors: The Art of Listening
• Honors The Creative Spirit: A Multidisciplinary View
• Honors The Meaning of the Arts
• Honors Transnational Cinema
• Honors World Musics & Cultures

Waiver

Students pursuing undergraduate degrees in the Boyer College of Music and Dance and the Tyler School of Art may be exempted from the GenEd Arts requirement upon completion of collegiate requirements.

Boyer College of Music and Dance

Students may satisfy the GA requirement by successfully completing one of the following four-course sequences:

- DANC 1811, DANC 2813, DANC 2814, and DANC 3812. All courses must be completed to receive waiver.
- MUST 1711, MUST 1712, MUST 2711, and MUST 2712. All courses must be completed to receive waiver.
- A transfer course or courses equivalent to the waivers described in the bullets above.

Courses must be completed with a C- or better to satisfy GenEd waiver requirements.

Department/schools/colleges may stipulate a higher grade to satisfy department/school/college requirements.

Tyler School of Art

Students in the following degree programs at Tyler School of Art may satisfy the GA requirement by successfully completing a specified multi-course sequence:

- Bachelor of Arts Visual Studies
- Bachelor of Science Art Education
- Bachelor of Fine Arts

ARTH 1156, and FDPR 1511 or VS 1151. All courses must be completed with a C- or better to receive waiver.

TUJ students in the BA in Art degree program may satisfy the GA requirement by successfully completing the following set of courses:

ARTU 1101, ARTU 1201, ARTU 1401 and ARTU 1501. All courses must be completed with a C- or better to receive waiver. Note that this specific waiver is only for TUJ students in the BA in Art degree program.

Department/schools/colleges may stipulate a higher grade to satisfy department/school/college requirements.

Consult an academic advisor for details.

School of Theater, Film and Media Arts

Students may satisfy the GA requirement by successfully completing the following three-course sequence:

Theater Majors:

THTR 1003, THTR 1096, and THTR 1231. All courses must be completed with a C- or better to receive the waiver.

Musical Theater Majors:

THTR 1096, THTR 1202, and THTR 1231. All courses must be completed with a C- or better to receive the waiver.