The School of Fine and Performing Arts comprises nationally accredited programs in Art Education, Art History, Art Studio, Music, and Theatre Arts. We are committed to providing a significant range of opportunities to research, study, create, produce, perform, and present ideas and issues of the arts, so that students can explore how aesthetic experiences offer particular insights and ways of communicating in and about the world.

Undergraduate studies prepare students for graduate work and employment in many dynamic cultural professions. Graduate studies prepare students for college and university teaching and other professional careers in the arts. The academic programs of the School are complemented throughout the year by public presentations, performances, and exhibitions of the Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art. National conferences and competitions, workshops and public lectures by distinguished visiting artists enrich the stimulating academic environment.

An interdisciplinary minor in Film & Video Studies (http://catalog.newpaltz.edu/undergraduate/majors-minors/liberal-arts-sciences/film-video-studies), coordinated through the Departments of Art History (http://catalog.newpaltz.edu/undergraduate/majors-minors/fine-performing-arts/art-history) and Communication & Media (http://catalog.newpaltz.edu/undergraduate/majors-minors/liberal-arts-sciences/communication-studies) (College of Liberal Arts & Sciences), offers students an opportunity to read the art of cinema as cultural critics, while having the option to learn the basics of screenwriting and production.

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