



HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMICS

HIGH SCHOOL PROFILE

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General Information: Founded in 1963, and opened in 1965, the University of North Carolina School of the Arts (formerly the North Carolina School of the Arts) prepares exceptionally talented students at the high school, undergraduate, and graduate levels for professional careers in the performing, visual, and moving image arts. Students are admitted by audition to the Schools of Dance, Design and Production, Drama, Filmmaking, and Music, and receive professional instruction from artist-faculty chosen for their achievement and professional standing in the arts. The requisite liberal arts education at UNCSA is provided by the High School and Undergraduate Academic Program faculties, who are especially prepared for their essential role in the broader education of young artists. In addition, supporting programs and services in Student Life assist students in their personal development within a residential setting.

The arts and academic curricula culminate in a high school diploma with an arts concentration in dance, drama, music, or visual arts; the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in dance, design and production, drama, or filmmaking; or the Bachelor of Music degree. Graduate degree programs in the School of Music, School of Design and Production, and School of Filmmaking lead to Master of Music and Master of Fine Arts degrees.

A constituent institution of the seventeen-campus University of North Carolina system since 1972, the University of North Carolina School of the Arts has an average student enrollment of 1100 (with approximately 100 graduate students, 700 undergraduate students and 300 high school students). Of that total, approximately one-half are from North Carolina, and the other half represent over 40 states and 20 foreign countries. UNCSA has a total minority enrollment of approximately 15 percent.

Accreditation: Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

CEEB/ACT Code: 344438

Calendar: Two semesters, fall and spring, with each academic class taught as a yearlong course. There is an additional two week period, called Intensive Arts, as a part of the Fall Semester.

High School Graduation Requirements: In addition to intensive training in an art form, students are also enrolled in a full range of college- preparatory academic courses, including College Board Advanced Placement course options in Art History, Calculus AB, Statistics, English Language and Composition, English Literature and Composition, European History, Psychology, United States Government and Politics, and United States History. All required units must be earned in grades 9 through 12; one unit represents study of a subject for a full school year, a minimum of 130 instructional hours.

English	4 units
Social Studies (U.S. History; Civics and Economics; World History)	3 units
Mathematics (including Algebra I – which, if taken before grade 9, does not count as one of the three required units)	3 units
Science (including Biology and a physical science)	3 units
Wellness/Physical Education (Dance and Drama students meet the physical education requirement through regularly scheduled arts classes.)	1 unit
Electives (including arts courses)	6 units
	TOTAL: 20 units

Although not required for graduation Foreign Language study is strongly recommended to meet college admissions requirements.

Full-time high school academic faculty with graduate degrees in their instructional fields: 100%

Grading System: Grade point averages are calculated using a graduated four-point scale.

Class Rank and Grade Point Average: Students transfer to UNCSA from a variety of schools, many with different grading systems. Translating these systems into one produces a limited interpretation of a student’s total record, as well as an inequitable comparison of all students’ records. Furthermore, at least half of the students in our twelfth grade are new to UNCSA each year. Therefore, grade point averages computed for our students are unweighted, and our students are not ranked. Even so, we will compute a grade point average for a student at his or her request, and we will forward whatever additional information might be needed to

make sure that the lack of a rank-in-class designation will not jeopardize the candidacy of our students for college admission or special awards. UNCSA fully encourages and supports the college and scholarship applications of its high school students. **NOTE:** The grade point average is based upon all courses given credit, including arts courses, with the exception of "Pass/Fail" courses.

Graduating Seniors: The UNCSA graduating high school class averages 120 students annually. Typically, students in the top 50% of the class hold grade point averages above 3.5.

Class of 2016 SAT/ACT Data:

- Total graduates: 125

SAT (mean scores):	Population	Percent of Graduating Class Tested	Crit. Reading	Math	Writing
	UNCSA	60%	579	555	557
	NC		502	508	475
	National		494	508	482

• ACT (mean score)	UNCSA	35%	Mean Composite Score: 25
	NC		Mean Composite Score: 19
	National		Mean Composite Score: 20.

Class of 2017 SAT/ACT Data:

- Total graduates: 122

SAT (mean scores):	Population	Percent of Graduating Class Tested	Crit. Reading	Math
	UNCSA	82%	625	592
	NC		546	537
	National		538	533

• ACT (mean score)	UNCSA	40%	Mean Composite Score: 26
	NC		Mean Composite Score: 19
	National		Mean Composite Score: 21

2017 AP Exams	Average Score	Students taking exam
AP Art History	3.83	6
Calculus AB	4.1	25
Eng Language & Comp	3.7	49
Eng. Lit & Comp	3.7	55
U.S. History	3.8	30
European History	3.0	6
Statistics	3.77	18
Psychology	3.9	14
US Gov and Politics	4.1	26

In 2017, 122 UNCSA High School students (47.5%) took 224 AP Exams with a mean score of 3.8.

UNCSA Mean 3.8

NC Mean 2.7

National Mean 2.8

Recent graduates have been accepted to these colleges, universities, and conservatories:

American Univ., Appalachian State Univ., Art Institute of Boston, Atlanta College of Art, Bard College, Barnard College, Berklee College of Music, Boston College, Boston Conservatory, Boston Univ., Brandeis Univ., Brown Univ., Butler Univ., California Institute of the Arts, Carnegie Mellon Univ., Cleveland Institute of Music, Columbia Univ., Curtis Institute of Music, Davidson College, De Paul Univ., Duke Univ., East Carolina Univ., Eastman School of Music, Elon Univ., Emerson College, Emory Univ., Florida State Univ., Georgia Tech., George Washington Univ., Hampshire College, Hollins Univ., Howard Univ., Indiana Univ., Ithaca College, Johns Hopkins Univ., Juilliard School, Kenyon College, Manhattan School of Music, Mannes College of Music, Maryland Institute College of Art, Marymount Manhattan College, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Michigan State Univ., New England Conservatory of Music, New College of Florida, New School Univ., New York Univ., NC State Univ., NC A&T State Univ., Northwestern Univ., Univ. of Notre Dame, Oberlin College, Otterbein College, Parsons School of Design, Peabody Conservatory Penn State Univ., Pratt Institute, Princeton Univ., Rhode Island School of Design, Rice Univ., Roosevelt Univ., Rutgers Univ., Salem College, San Francisco Conservatory, Sarah Lawrence College, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, Smith College, Southern Methodist Univ., Spelman College, Stanford Univ., SUNY-Fashion Institute of Technology, SUNY-Purchase, SUNY-Stony Brook, Syracuse Univ. Swarthmore College, Tufts Univ., Univ. of the Arts, UC-Berkeley, UCLA, Univ. of Chicago, Univ. of Cincinnati, Univ. of Florida, Univ. of Georgia, Univ. of Hartford (The Hartt School), Univ. of Kentucky, Univ. of Louisville, Univ. of Mass.- Amherst, Univ. of Miami, Univ. of Michigan, UNC-Asheville, UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC-Charlotte, UNC-Greensboro, UNC School of the Arts, UNC-Wilmington, Univ. of Pennsylvania, Univ. of Richmond, Univ. of Southern California, Univ. of Texas-Austin, Univ. of Utah, Univ. of Virginia, Vanderbilt Univ., Vassar College, Virginia Commonwealth Univ., Wake Forest Univ., Washington Univ. in St. Louis, Wellesley College, Western Carolina Univ., Yale University