

Office of Admissions

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Programs of Study

The Council on Accreditation and School Improvement of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accredits the high school program. Students receive concentrated training in dance, drama, music or the visual arts while taking a full complement of academic courses to fulfill the high school diploma requirements set by the High School Academic Program of the University of North Carolina School of the Arts.

The Dance and Music programs may begin at grade 9. The Visual Arts Program begins at grade 11, but students may enter in the 12th grade. The High School Drama Program is a 12th –grade program only. The Drama and Visual Arts Programs are primarily open to North Carolina residents with limited space for out-of-state students. An audition/ interview and, where appropriate, a review of the applicant’s portfolio are required for admission to all arts programs.

A policy of the UNCOSA Board of Trustees requires that all high school students, beginning in the 9th grade, live on campus in the School’s residence halls or with parents and/or legal guardians.

Transfer Students

High school transfer students are given full credit value for high school units satisfactorily earned in grades 9 through 12 from an accredited secondary school. However, the High School Academic Program will decide how or if transferable courses meet particular UNCOSA high school subject-area diploma requirements.

Upon enrollment in the University of North Carolina School of the Arts, a high school transfer student is placed at the appropriate arts instruction level by the relevant arts school. The School makes every effort to place the student at the arts level that best reflects his or her proficiency at the time of admission. Upon placement, the student proceeds through the remaining sequence of arts courses, regardless of age or academic level. High school students who complete all requirements in their arts area are eligible for the arts concentration designation on their high school diploma. A UNCOSA high school diploma may be awarded upon completion of all academic courses required for graduation.

International Students

International applicants should plan on applying no later than March 1 of the year they intend to enroll in the University of North Carolina School of the Arts. Following are guidelines for international student applicants:

- Applicants must submit the application and application fee along with the documentation outlined by each department.
- Applicants must audition and/or interview.
- Transcripts must be received from each high school/secondary and post-secondary schools attended and bear a seal of validation or signature by a school official. Each original transcript must be translated into English by a certified translator and the translation notarized.
- Courses in which the applicant is enrolled at the time of application must accompany the application.
- High school applicants for whom English is not the primary language must supply an official TOEFL Jr. test score before they can be accepted.
- Applicants must submit an Artistic Statements

- Applicants must fill out the Financial Statement Form found on the UNCSCA website and supply a bank statement or a certificate of finance proving sufficient funds to cover all educational and personal expenses while studying at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts. The statement must be translated into English and detail the amount of U.S. dollars on account. A bank official must notarize the certificate.
- The Office of Admissions completes the I-20 paperwork only after an applicant has been accepted and paid his or her advanced tuition and housing deposit. I-20 paperwork will show the anticipated length of study of the applicant's chosen program of study.
- Applicants who are transferring from a college or university in the United States must supply a copy of his or her current I-20 and visa to the Office of Admissions at the time of application.
- All international applicants must obtain a visa prior to enrollment.
- International applicants are not eligible for state or federal financial aid.
- A special health insurance policy is required of every international student except applicants from Canada. This policy is obtained through the University of North Carolina School of the Arts and the premium will be billed on the student's tuition bill. The coverage is required even if the student carries health insurance in his or her home country. United States federal law mandates this particular coverage.

Application and Admissions Procedures

Guidelines for applying to the high school programs vary. Applicants should follow the guidelines provided with the application. Applicants must submit the following:

- A fully completed application signed by the applicant and a parent, along with the nonrefundable application fee.
- Applicants who complete an online application must print the application agreement statement, complete all required information, sign the application agreement statement along with a parent signature and mail the statement along with the nonrefundable application fee.
- Two letters of recommendation, preferably one from an arts instructor and one from an academic instructor.
- Official transcript(s) and test scores of high school work. The documents must bear the school seal or signature of a school official. High school applicants to grades 9 and 10 must provide standardized test scores.
- A résumé.
- Mandatory Information Form.
- Artistic Statement

Auditions/Interviews

Admission to the University of North Carolina School of the Arts is based on demonstrated talent, achievement and career potential. Faculty members of the school to which the applicant is applying assess these areas at the audition and/or interview. The dean and faculty of each school set performance standards and levels of achievement for their professional training program.

Specific audition/interview dates, instructions and information are provided with the Application for Admission and are available from the Office of Admissions. Auditions and interviews are scheduled on the University of North Carolina School of the Arts campus in Winston-Salem and at selected locations throughout the United States.

Acceptance Procedure

Applicants who pass the audition and have been accepted by the Admissions Review Committee into the high school program will be notified by letter of their acceptance.

Wait List Policies

The University of North Carolina School of the Arts places students recommended for acceptance on a wait list when enrollment capacity has been reached in the arts school of the student's choice. Students on the wait list must be processed for admission academically to be ready to accept a position should one become available when notified by the high school. Out-of-state high school students needing financial assistance should follow financial aid application procedures as indicated by the Office of Student Financial Aid. A student on the wait list who is notified of an opening will have three business days to confirm their acceptance into the program. At the time their admission status changes, out-of-state high school students should contact the Office of Student Financial Aid to discuss their financial aid status. The Wait List for high school students will be in effect until the start of classes.