

Arts & Architecture

Media and Theatre Arts

The Department of Media and Theatre Arts (MTA) offers two distinct options leading to the Bachelor of Arts degree either in Motion Picture/Video/Theatre or in Photography. The majority of classes offered within the MTA Department are production oriented which provides students a unique "hands on" approach to teaching by plunging students straight into the action. Both the Motion Picture/Video/Theatre (MPVT) degree program and the Photography degree program are in heavy demand.

The Department of Media and Theatre Arts has extensive film and video facilities and is the home of Montana Public Television. Its fourteen full-time faculty have a broad array of production credits in fiction and non-fiction. In the field of science and natural history, members of the faculty have produced nationally for The Discovery Channel, National Geographic, NOVA, and PBS. They have also produced internationally for Japanese, German, British, and Swedish television

Master of Fine Arts in Science and Natural History Filmmaking

The Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Science and Natural History Filmmaking is the only degree program of its kind in the world. The Discovery Networks have sponsored this graduate program with the intent of developing a new generation of filmmakers who are proficient at explaining the complexities of science and the natural world to the public. Designed for students with strong backgrounds in science, engineering, or technology. The program is unique because of its relationship with national broadcasters and exhibitors and offers students a variety of opportunities to work professionally. Students produce films for major science museums, NASA, television broadcasters, the National Park Service, and a variety of other federal and corporate partners.

Admission is open to students who have at least an undergraduate degree in science, engineering or technology. Students who have a degree in other dis-

ciplines with a declared minor in science, engineering or technology may also be considered. The sixty credit hour curriculum takes three years to complete.

Undergraduate Admission requirements:

GPA: freshman: 2.5/4.0
transfer: 3.0 – competitive process
SAT: is suggested, but not required, for international students
TOEFL: 195/525

Graduate Admission requirements (MFA):

GPA: 3.0
GRE: Contact department
TOEFL: 213/550
Resume and Statement of Interest

MFA Program in Science and Natural History Filmmaking

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Architecture

The School of Architecture's tradition of excellence and its dramatic setting have created a cosmopolitan community of vision and creativity. Comprehensive and challenging design studios form the heart of architectural study at Montana State. To enhance the studio experience, during the fourth year of study students may choose to participate in a foreign study or internship program.

Environmental design at Montana State stresses an aesthetic rather than technical orientation to architecture. Though students are taught technical and computer applications, the program emphasizes design creativity and the role of the hand and the eye in contributing to a more beautiful, healthy and prosperous built environment. The rigorous four-year Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Design program prepares students for a wide variety of career and educational options.

To provide technical support for architectural creativity, computers are employed in the design studio so that students can utilize this technology to aid in the design

process. Computer integration is intended to provide MSU architecture students with unconfined access to computer technology, opportunities to learn new technology, and the ability to use this technology successfully in the design process.

The professional curriculum, which leads to the Master of Architecture degree, is fully accredited as a professional degree in architecture by the National Architectural Accrediting Board.

The Montana State **Masters in Architecture** program continues and intensifies the school's commitment to excellence in design and creative thinking as well as the technical skills required to advance the profession of architecture. Admission into the architecture graduate program is highly competitive. The school is able to admit 60 graduate students per year, and placement in the graduate architecture program is determined primarily on the basis of portfolio review. An intense design exploration of theoretical architecture, urban design, community development, historic preservation, and other

fields of interest in architecture define the graduate study program. Each student completes a course in thesis research and subsequently must put architectural excellence into practice in the final, semester-long thesis project.

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Portfolio of Architectural Work

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The College of Arts and Architecture

Departments and Majors

- **Architecture**
 - Environmental Design *OPTION*
 - Master of Architecture
- **Art**
 - Art Education K-12 Broadfield *OPTION*
 - Art History *OPTION*
 - Liberal Arts Studio *OPTION*
 - Graphic Design *OPTION*
 - Studio Arts *OPTION*
 - Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A.)
- **Media and Theater Arts**
 - Motion Picture/Video/Theater *OPTION*
 - Photography *OPTION*
 - Science & Natural History
 - Filmmaking (M.F.A.)
- **Music**
 - Music Education *OPTION*
 - Music *OPTION*

Graduates of the School of Architecture enjoy an extremely high job placement rate!

Accreditation

National Architecture Accrediting Board (NAAB) which is the sole agency authorized to accredit US professional degree programs in architecture.

College Highlights

- Over 100 concerts and recitals performed by the music department every year.
- Architectural students have won numerous national and international design awards, including: 2nd place in an Architecture and Sustainability Challenge sponsored by the American University of Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates.
- Graduates of the Motion Picture/Video major have worked on or directed numerous feature films, such as: *Beaches*, *E.T.* and *Who Framed Roger Rabbit*.



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Profile of Achievement

Ulf Michalek from Germany is a senior in the Department of Media & Theatre Arts, focusing specifically on Motion Picture, Video and Theatre. During an internship at home in Germany, Ulf learned about the fantastic opportunities at MSU and applied that same year. In his words:



"The Media & Theatre Arts Department offers a very customizable film education. Students are required to explore each aspect of film production to gradually find their niche within the field. Having put my focus on directing, I specifically enjoy the "hands-on" aspect of the program – be it on film sets, theatre productions, or in the studio of the local PBS station which collaborates with the department. Having lived in Bozeman and attended MSU for three years now, I can only say that I had a great time while growing intellectually as well as personally. And as a side effect, I happened to make some of the best friends I've ever had."

Best of Both Worlds

MSU's College of Arts and Architecture offers the best of both worlds: a nationally recognized education in a friendly, small city atmosphere. Here students will find a program large enough for their highest aspirations, and personal enough to appreciate their individuality. For example, in the School of Art, small class size and an active, involved faculty guarantee one-on-one relationships essential to a student's artistic and professional growth. The possibilities are endless: painting, graphic design, sculpture, ceramics, drawing, printmaking, metalsmithing, art education and art history.

In the Department of Music students can take part in one of the most prestigious regional programs in the field of music education. Many performing ensembles ranging from the Chamber Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, and Chorale, to the "Spirit of the West" Marching Band and Gamelan Sekar Gunung, Balinese Percussion group perform throughout the year.

Opportunities Beyond the Classroom

Over 120 College of Arts and Architecture students and faculty studied abroad last year in Italy, France, Spain and Bali. These programs provide enriching opportunities for students to participate in intensive studio work and gain valuable art history experience by immersing them in the art and culture of foreign study.

The acclaimed professional touring company, Shakespeare in the Parks, calls MSU its home. Touted in the *New York Times* for its cultural influence with a natural background, this energetic troupe of 10 actors travel across the state for sixty-nine performances each summer.

Students and faculty showcase their work across campus at a number of galleries, theatres and performance halls. For example, the Exit and Copeland galleries host popular revolving exhibits of student, faculty and local artists. The Mainstage Theatre in the Student Union Building, one of the state's best mid-sized stages, hosts performances throughout the year by the Bozeman Theatre Guild as well as student performances.

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