WELCOME TO THE SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

In the moment of creation, each artist faces a question: “What will I make of this?”

You stand positioned to take the next step in your training, to grow in the craft you love, and to prepare for a fulfilling career in the arts. And the question is the same, “What will you make of this?”

The School of the Arts at Converse College delivers dynamic training and exhilarating performance opportunities to enhance your talents. Your journey to achieve your personal and professional goals will be guided by our faculty ready to show you the path to achieve your true potential.

In our new Creativity that Works initiative you will begin turning your passion into your profession from the moment you arrive on our campus. By developing your personal artistic brand and cultivating skills in professional management, you will be able to make a career doing what you love.

With excitement, belief, and commitment to you, we in the School of the Arts look forward to seeing how you answer: “What will I make of this?”

Dr. Boone J. Hopkins
Dean, School of the Arts

MISSION STATEMENT
The School of the Arts at Converse College inspires, teaches, and trains artists; fosters communication, creativity and scholarship; and nurtures appreciation of the visual and performing arts.

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With intimate class settings, world-class faculty and beautiful facilities, Converse is where you can nurture your talents and achieve your full potential!

TALENT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS
Converse's School of the Arts provides scholarships based on artistic merit. To be considered for talent-based scholarships in the areas of Art, Dance, Music, Musical Theatre, or Theatre, students may register for our Performing and Visual Arts Scholarship Days. Bring your portfolio or participate in a live audition, and show us your talents!

PETRIE PREVIEW
This two day event is for high school women in grades 9-12 who are hoping for a career in music. At Petrie Preview, you will learn how to audition and attend workshops.

Register today: converse.edu/PetriePreview

SCHOOL OF THE ARTS SHOWCASE
If you are a high school junior or senior who is interested in Art and Design, Theatre, Music or Musical Theatre, join us for this event to learn and refine your craft from our expert faculty.

Register today: converse.edu/Showcase

YOUNG WOMEN IN ART
This event is open to high school female students grades 9-12. We will be accepting artwork through March 10, 2017 and will be exhibiting work from March 14 – 25, 2017. We also invite you to our closing reception on March 25th.

For more information go to converse.edu/ywia
DEPARTMENT OF ART & DESIGN

In our 30,000 square foot award-winning Miliken Fine Arts Building, you will learn at the hands of dedicated professional artists and award winning educators. The Department of Art and Design encourages students to not only learn art and design, but to live art and design!

Undergraduate Degrees
- BA in Studio Art
- BA in Art History
- BA in Art Education
- BA in Art Therapy
- BFA in Studio Art
- BFA in Interior Design (CIDA Accredited)
- Minor in Studio Art
- Minor in Art History
- Minor in Arts Management
- Minor in Studio Art

Co-Ed Graduate Degrees
- MEd in Art Education
  - On-Campus
  - Low-Residency
- MAT in Art Education

LEARN MORE AT converse.edu/ArtDesign

Jordan Raska '16
BFA Interior Design
Williston, SC

2012
Emerging Leaders, Alpha Lambda Delta, Art Club

2013
Secretary of Art Club, Student Ambassador

2014
President of Art Club, Community Advisor for Pell Hall

2015
Study Travel to Spain for Interior Design

“I have completed a 40 hour paid internship by working with Sherman College to create renderings for their Student Clinic as a proposal for their Board of Trustees. I was able to work with real clients and had to oversee the project from start to finish. I will be pursuing another 40 hour internship with a firm in Aiken, SC.”
THE PETRIE SCHOOL OF MUSIC

Converse College’s Petrie School of Music is the only liberal arts women’s college in the country with a comprehensive professional school of music. With more than 200 recitals, operas, concerts and other performances staged annually and a 7:1 student to faculty ratio, you will find ample opportunities for hands-on learning and performing.

Undergraduate Degrees

- BM in Performance
- BM in Music Education
- BM in Music Therapy
- BM in Composition
- BMA in Contemporary Music (Media Applications)
- BA in Music
- BA in Musical Theatre (in collaboration with the Department of Theatre and Dance)
- Minor in Music
- Minor in Arts Management
- Certificate in Music Business & Technology

Co–Ed Graduate Degrees

- MM in Performance
- MM in Music Education
- MM in Music Education with initial Certification

Lydia Baker ’16
Music Therapy: Flute
Clemson, SC

“Converse College means community. It’s an atmosphere that challenges you but also encourages growth. Because Converse is so diverse in her student body, it has been a learning experience not only from professors but from fellow students, as well. Converse is a place where you can broaden your horizons, as well as solidify your personal beliefs.”

LEARN MORE AT converse.edu/Music
Converse has meant the world to me. Without it, I would not be as confident, self-assured and accomplished as I am today. Converse has pushed me past my limits and helped me to be who I am. The friendships I have made will always stay with me as a network of support and care, and it is one of the best feelings in the world to have such a network of people behind me.

DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE & DANCE

The Department of Theatre and Dance provides students the opportunity to shine onstage, backstage and off the stage. Engaged by rigorous intellectual challenges that offer dynamic undergraduate training, students are prepared for a career in the arts, allied fields or advanced studies. Our new Musical Theatre major enhances student learning by providing additional opportunities for collaboration within the School of the Arts.

Undergraduate Degrees

BA in Theatre
BA in Musical Theatre
Minor in Theatre
Minor in Dance
Minor in Arts Management

LEARN MORE AT converse.edu/TheatreDance
All School of the Arts students have access to numerous studios and practice rooms, as well as five primary on-campus performance spaces!

Acclaimed for its outstanding acoustics, **Twichell Auditorium** has 1,500 seats and a 57-rank Casavant Frères organ with 2,600+ pipes.

**Blackman Music Hall** houses 30 practice rooms, soundproof classrooms, an electronic piano lab and a comprehensive music technology lab.

The 340-seat **Daniel Recital Hall** has been cited in Chamber Music America as an exemplary performance venue. Students use this space to perform weekly student recitals and various other performances throughout the year.

**Hazel B. Abbott Theater**, an intimate 265-seat theatre, also serves as a classroom for courses in acting, directing, movement and many others.

**Laird Studio Theater** is a flexible “black box” theatre that can seat up to 75 in a thrust, arena or proscenium style arrangement.

**Montgomery Dance Studios** feature natural light, spring dance floors, full-length mirrors, ballet barres, a tap floor and sound systems.

**Milliken Fine Arts Building** has lecture studios, computer-aided design (CAD) labs, faculty studio lofts, ceramic kiln and sculpture yards, a student art gallery and a history preservation studio.
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND APPLY TODAY!

November 1: Early Action Deadline
March 1: Regular Decision Deadline
June 1: Transfer Application Deadline

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$200 TRAVEL VOUCHER
We think your visit to Converse is so important, we’ll help you offset the cost to get here.
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