

COMMUNITY ARTS (CA)

Community Arts (CA) Courses

CA 2601. Community Arts Practicum. (0-3) 1 Credit Hour.

Students in this course will engage in arts practices facilitated by culture bearers in local community arts organizations. May be repeated for credit when topics vary, but not more than 6 hours, regardless of discipline, will apply. Course Fee: LRLF \$10.27; STLF \$6.16.

CA 2803. Imagining San Antonio: How Arts and Culture Drive Change. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

This course considers the role of local artists and cultural institutions in shaping San Antonio's civic identity. Students will explore how San Antonio's arts and culture scene has changed over time, engaging with concepts of placemaking, urban revitalization, and gentrification. Course Fee: LRLF \$10.27; STLF \$18.48.

CA 2813. Global Perspectives on Community Arts. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

This course introduces students to community-based arts practices across diverse cultural contexts. Through case studies, readings, and collaborative projects, students examine how artists and communities use creative expression to address civic issues, preserve heritage, and build collective power. The course emphasizes comparative analysis of approaches from around the world, highlighting strategies for fostering participation, equity, and resilience through the arts. Students will engage critically with questions of cultural identity, ethics, and sustainability while developing skills to design arts initiatives that respond to global challenges and strengthen local communities. Course Fee: LRLF \$10.27; STLF \$18.48.

CA 4003. Foundations of Arts Leadership. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Develop advanced leadership skills for managing arts organizations. Explore topics such as strategic planning, fundraising, advocacy, and team building. Learn to navigate challenges and drive innovation in the arts sector. Course Fee: LRLF \$10.27; STLF \$18.48.

CA 4013. Arts and Community. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

An examination the intersection of art and community development. Exploring how creative practices empower social change, foster belonging, and address local challenges. Students will engage in case studies, discussions, and project-based learning. Course Fee: LRLF \$10.27; STLF \$18.48.

CA 4203. Community Arts Education in Theory and Practice. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

This course is an exploration of the principles and methods of community arts education. Students will analyze theoretical frameworks, examine successful programs, and design participatory arts experiences that inspire learning, creativity, and engagement in local communities. Course Fee: LRLF \$10.27; STLF \$18.48.

CA 4213. Arts Education Geographies. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Investigate the spatial dimensions of arts education, examining how location, culture, and access shape learning opportunities. Explore strategies to address inequities and foster accessible, place-based arts education practices. Course Fee: LRLF \$10.27; STLF \$18.48.

CA 4403. Foundations of Public Practice and Arts Based Research. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Students in this course will explore public engagement through the arts and arts-based research methods. Students will analyze community-centered practices, develop participatory projects, and apply creative inquiry to address social and cultural challenges. Course Fee: LRLF \$10.27; STLF \$18.48.

CA 4413. Place and Civic Imagination. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

How do the arts inspire civic engagement and shape collective identities tied to place? This course examines creative strategies for fostering belonging, addressing social challenges, and promoting cultural democracy. Students will engage with case studies, participatory projects, and theoretical frameworks to understand the transformative potential of the arts in public life. Course Fee: LRLF \$10.27; STLF \$6.16.

CA 4603. Building Healthier Communities Through the Arts. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

This course explores how creative practices foster individual and collective well-being. Students examine case studies in which the arts address public health challenges, ranging from mental health and social isolation to environmental justice and cultural resilience. Through interdisciplinary readings and hands-on projects, participants investigate the role of storytelling, performance, visual arts, and design in promoting health equity and community care. The course emphasizes collaboration with local organizations to imagine and implement arts-based interventions that strengthen connections, nurture healing, and inspire systemic change. Students gain tools to harness the arts as catalysts for healthier, more vibrant communities. Course Fee: LRLF \$10.27; STLF \$18.48.

CA 4613. Addressing Health Disparities with Arts Interventions. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

This course examines how creative practices can challenge inequities and improve health outcomes in rural and urban communities. Students study the intersections of public health, medicine, and the arts, analyzing how structural factors such as race, class, and environment shape disparities. Through case studies, collaborative projects, and community engagement, the course explores how arts-based interventions—ranging from theater and music to participatory visual arts—support healing, amplify historically excluded voices, and foster resilience. Emphasizing culturally responsive approaches, students learn to design and evaluate arts initiatives that advance equity, promote well-being, and address systemic barriers to health. Course Fee: LRLF \$10.27; STLF \$18.48.

CA 4673. Directed Research. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Independent study in arts leadership, community arts education, or public practice in the arts. May be repeated for credit when topics vary, but not more than 6 hours, regardless of discipline, will apply. Course Fee: LRLF \$10.27; STLF \$18.48.

CA 4683. Field Experience. (0-0) 3 Credit Hours.

Internship in arts leadership, community arts education, or public practice in the arts. May be repeated for credit when topics vary, but not more than 6 hours, regardless of discipline, will apply. Course Fee: LRLF \$10.27; STLF \$18.48.

CA 4813. Special Problems in Community Arts. (3-0) 3 Credit Hours.

An organized course offering the opportunity for specialized study not normally or not often available as part of the regular course offerings. May be repeated for credit when topics vary, but not more than 6 hours, regardless of discipline, will apply to the Bachelor of Arts degree. Course Fee: LRLF \$10.27; STLF \$18.48.