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DEPARTMENT OF CONTEMPORARY ART AND THEATER

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Shepherd University, a West Virginia public liberal arts university, is a diverse community of learners and a gateway to the world of opportunities and ideas. We are the regional center for academic, cultural, and economic opportunity.

Shepherd University is situated in the Shenandoah Valley, on the banks of the Potomac River, in historic Shepherdstown, West Virginia. The oldest town in the state, Shepherdstown is a quaint university community, with the town and campus combining to offer a unique learning-living environment. Located in the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia, Shepherdstown is within 20 miles of nearby Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. It is only 65 miles from the metropolitan areas of Washington, D.C., and Baltimore, Maryland.

The Department of Contemporary Art and Theater offers a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in art education (K-12) and a Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) degree in graphic design, photography/computer imagery, painting and drawing, printmaking, or sculpture. The Department also offers a minor in Art, Graphic Design, Photography/Computer Imagery, or Theater.

The Department of Contemporary Art and Theater is designed to provide students with a diversified experience in art, as well as an in-depth experience in one concentration area. Through a series of courses, students will develop the technical skills, language, and critical thinking associated with the visual arts, along with the broad-based knowledge of the liberal arts—both essential for growing creatively and professionally as artists, graphic designers, photographers, and future educators.

The Department of Contemporary Art and Theater has adopted a contemporary approach to teaching and is constantly evolving to accurately reflect contemporary practices. Contemporary art is concept driven, process oriented, and more socially conscious than before; it is often interdisciplinary and uses unconventional tools and materials to create more symbolic meanings.

At each level, there are courses that focus on professional development, including self-promotion and career advancement opportunities. Self-promotion includes establishing a professional portfolio and associated promotional materials. Career Advancement includes joining in professional organizations, enrolling in internships, collaborating with clients, curating and marketing exhibitions, etc. Many students secure graduate or professional placement prior to graduation.

The Department of Contemporary Art and Theater travels extensively, providing students the opportunity to experience art in the U.S. and abroad. We travel to the Baltimore / Washington D.C. area monthly and to New York City every fall. In addition, we travel to international destinations annually, including major cities all across Europe, along with more exotic locations such as Peru, Cuba, Africa, Egypt, China, etc.

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