## Department of Art, Music and Language Education

In the Department of Art, Music, and Language Education students gain advanced theoretical, performance, and production competencies for careers as educators and practitioners in the fine arts, music and foreign languages, as well as further study for advanced degrees. Successful students will graduate with a baccalaureate degree in one of the department's three fields of focus and a certification to teach (P-12) in that field. Many successful graduates will go on to teach, while others will become accomplished in the music industry, arts administration, media production, design, international relations, business, and as performers and creatives. The professional applications of what you will learn in our department are almost endless!

The interdisciplinary AM&LE Department offers a broad liberal arts degree program, combining general education with studies in pedagogy and the practice of art, music and foreign languages – primarily ones the US State Department deems strategically important. In order to earn the degree and teaching certification, students majoring in this department will fulfill the College's general education requirements, the School of Education's requirements, and major requirements, including a capstone exhibition or recital and thesis. Also, the Alabama State Department of Education requires students to maintain a minimum GPA of 2.75 to qualify for teacher certification.

Our mission is to: Empower students to forge genuine, joyful, and purposeful lives in a diverse and changing world through creative and original self-expression; assist students to discover their voice, refine their talents, and make bold, courageous choices; and prepare students to contribute to local and global society with their heads and their hearts. Join us!