



The Warren M. Angell  
College of Fine Arts  
Oklahoma Baptist University



# Find your Place Tell your Story

Yours is a wonderful story –  
beautifully and  
purposefully crafted  
by a sovereign God.

And it is meant to be told.

**WHO KNOWS**, it may be destined for the New York Times Best Sellers list or, no less important (maybe more), a bedtime ritual with your grandchildren.

No matter the ultimate audience, the point of your story is the same as all stories: to be shared with others.

Our goal in the Warren M. Angell College of Fine Arts is to help you **Find Your Place** and **Tell Your Story**.

Some of you will learn to tell your story through music; others through drama. You may employ paint or computer graphics as your medium. It could be a camera or a lectern that provides you the platform.

Regardless, we are excited to imagine with you, honored to exchange tales, and ready to guide you as you develop your story-telling skills.

We will study with you how others have told their stories and how telling someone else's story can shape our own understanding even as we seek to inspire our audiences.

And, we will think together carefully about the role of art and how our own creations can allow us, as C.S. Lewis notes, "to present what the narrow and desperately practical perspectives of real life exclude."

Whether you are drawing or debating, investigating or composing, recording or performing, singing or acting, we look forward with delight to watching and listening as your life is transformed and **your story is told**.





Artists play a critical role in any culture that values beauty. Art is a vehicle for expression, worship, and meaning-making. When artists create, we epitomize what it means to be made in the image of God.

As an OBU art student, you are encouraged to pursue your giftedness, hone your skills in a particular medium, and to ultimately find purpose and joy as you explore your calling as a creative artist.

### ART DEGREES

- Bachelor of Arts in:
  - Animation
  - Art
  - Graphic Design
- Bachelor of Fine Arts in Studio Art

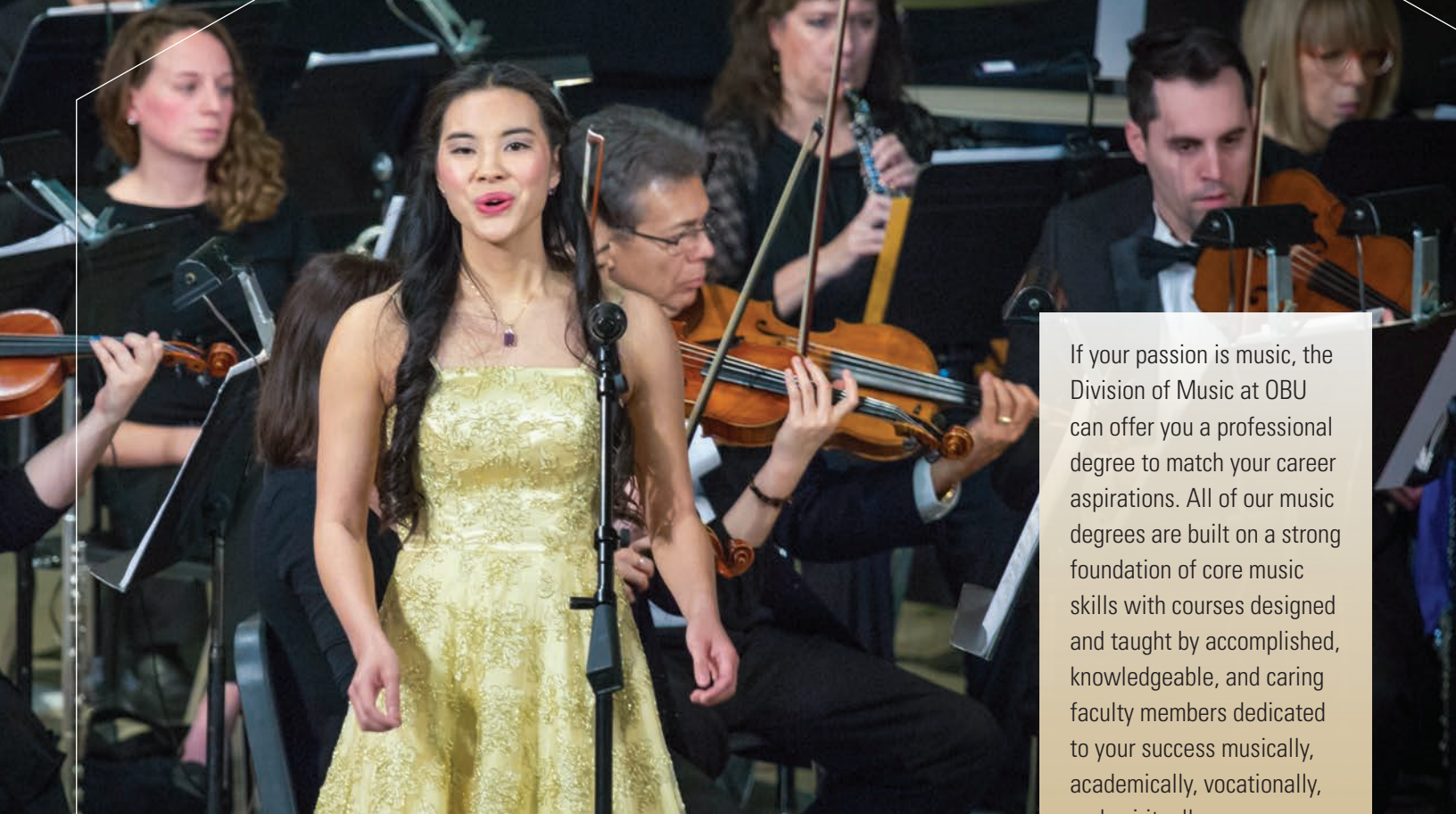
### MINORS

- Art
- Graphic Design



### ART HIGHLIGHTS

- Biennial Trips to NYC for J-Term Study Tour
- Opportunities to create work for local non-profits and the OBU campus community
- Award-winning student work (as recognized by the American Advertising Federation)
- Seasoned and caring faculty who regularly exhibit and publish work



If your passion is music, the Division of Music at OBU can offer you a professional degree to match your career aspirations. All of our music degrees are built on a strong foundation of core music skills with courses designed and taught by accomplished, knowledgeable, and caring faculty members dedicated to your success musically, academically, vocationally, and spiritually.

## MUSIC DEGREES

OBU music degrees, accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music, include:

Bachelor of Musical Arts *(minor required)*

Bachelor of Music Education  
*(vocal or instrumental)*

Bachelor of Music in:

Composition

Piano Performance  
*(with optional emphasis in Pedagogy)*

Vocal Performance

Worship Studies

## MINORS

Music

Music Composition

Worship Studies



## Music Performance Opportunities

Even if you decide not to pursue one of our degrees in music, we still hope you will participate in one of our exceptional vocal or instrumental ensembles, including:

[Bison Brigade Marching Band](#)

[Bison Glee Club](#)

[Bison Jazz Orchestra](#)

[Bisonette Glee Club](#)

[Chamber Music](#)

[OBU/Shawnee Community Orchestra](#)

[Piano Ensembles](#)

[Symphonic Winds](#)

[University Chorale](#)

[University Ringers](#)

You can also enroll for private piano, voice, or instrumental lessons or audition for one of our musical productions.



## THEATRE DEGREE

Bachelor of Arts in Theatre

### MINOR

Theatre

### THEATRE HIGHLIGHTS

Three main stage productions with opportunities for acting, design, stage management, crew, and front-of-house

Annual New Works Festival featuring original student-written plays

Award-winning involvement and recognition in the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival

A broad-based theatre education rooted in the Christian liberal arts tradition, where the theory of the classroom manifests in the work on the stage

Whether you are interested in performance, design or technology, you can find your place with OBU Theatre. We present a wide variety of productions, including musical theatre, classical plays, children's theatre and original works.

Each of our productions is student-driven, with students fulfilling design and management duties as well as performing. No matter what your theatrical interests are, there is a place for you with OBU Theatre!





### JMAS HIGHLIGHTS

- Attendance of national and local conferences and competitions for media students and professionals
- Opportunity to produce, anchor, and create news and feature content for OBU-TV News, a weekly, online campus production
- Development of portfolio via a weekly student newspaper and annual yearbook production. Student positions offer hands-on publication experience
- Professional internship opportunities allow students to gain real-world experience in their field
- An engaged and supportive faculty who work to develop student potential and create qualified media professionals

### JMAS DEGREES

Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Mass Communication:  
 Journalism Emphasis  
 Media Emphasis

### MINORS

Journalism  
 Media

My transition from undergrad to the real world was seamless because of my experience in the journalism program. I learned firsthand how to be an effective communicator and how to be successful in my career path. The journalism program created a foundation that has led me to success in every professional endeavor.

**ANDREW, '10**  
 Marketing Manager  
 Maschoff Brennan | Sandy, Utah

The challenging JMAS program offers you a multi-faceted skills set, a strong foundation for journalistic scholarship and application, and professional internship opportunities.

While completing the academic program, you will work with professionals from the industry as you build your portfolio by participating in various co-curricular contexts.



I loved how my professors gave me the freedom to guide my coursework to topics that interested me, which I still reference and discuss in my career today. The one-on-one attention you receive at OBU is second to none, whether it be continuing an academic discussion or just chatting with your professor, they take the time to get to know you personally and help put you on a path to success.

**JORDAN, '14**

Athletics Development Associate  
Fordham University | New York, New York

### COMMUNICATION STUDIES HIGHLIGHTS

You will have the opportunity to compete with our nationally recognized debate team.

You will be challenged to design original research projects that celebrate the intersection of your passion and communication studies scholarship; these projects often make their way to the national stage at communication conferences.

You will have a strong voice in shaping your undergraduate experience to meet your future goals as you interact one-on-one with your professors.

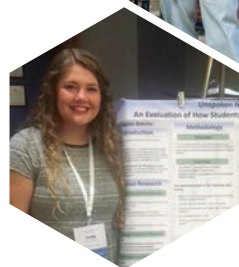
You will be prepared for communication-focused internships.

### COMMUNICATION STUDIES DEGREE

Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies

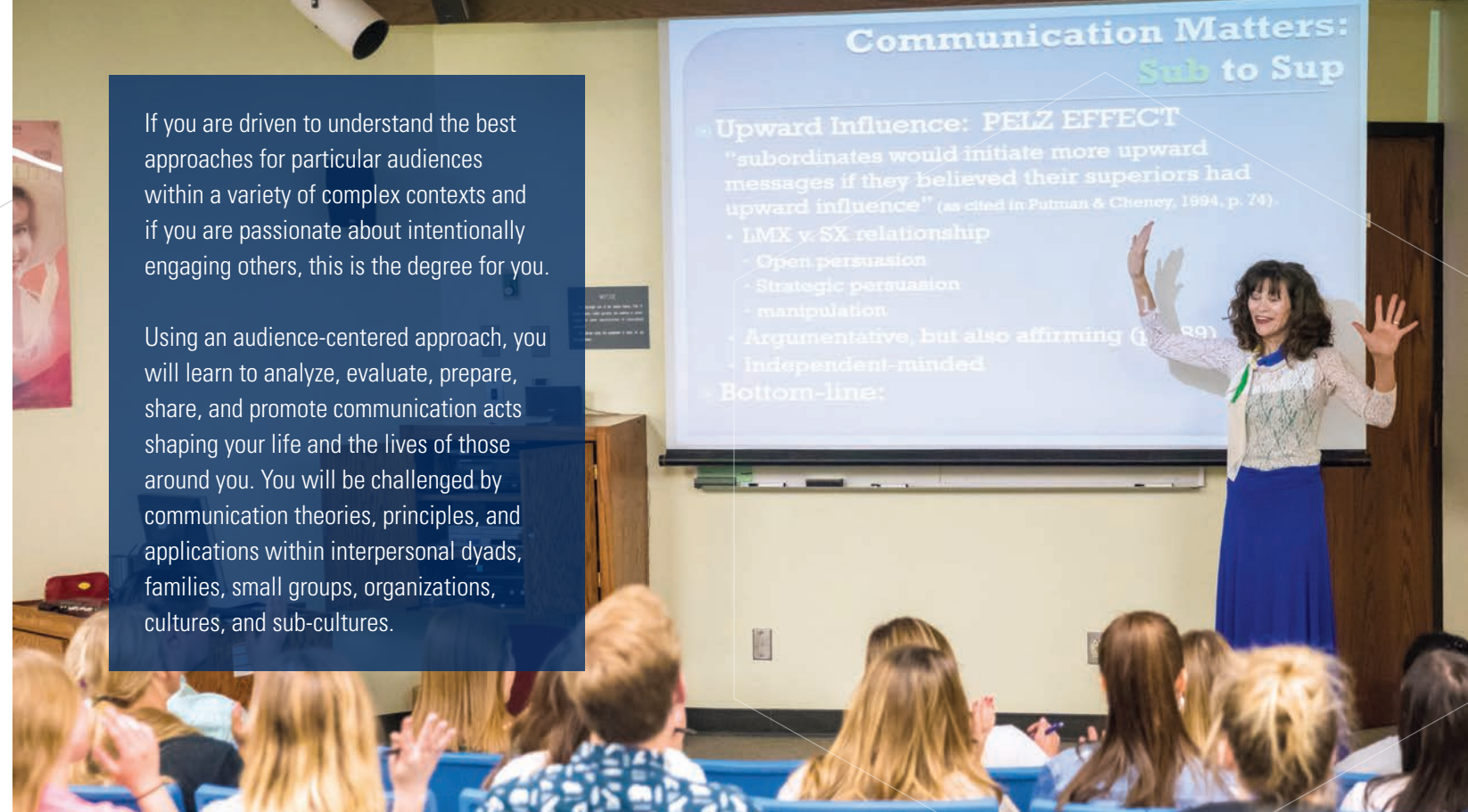
#### MINOR

Communication Studies



If you are driven to understand the best approaches for particular audiences within a variety of complex contexts and if you are passionate about intentionally engaging others, this is the degree for you.

Using an audience-centered approach, you will learn to analyze, evaluate, prepare, share, and promote communication acts shaping your life and the lives of those around you. You will be challenged by communication theories, principles, and applications within interpersonal dyads, families, small groups, organizations, cultures, and sub-cultures.



### Communication Matters: Sub to Sup

- Upward Influence: PELZ EFFECT
  - "subordinates would initiate more upward messages if they believed their superiors had upward influence" (as cited in Putman & Cheney, 1994, p. 74).
  - LMX v. SX relationship
    - Open persuasion
    - Strategic persuasion
    - manipulation
    - Argumentative, but also affirming (1989)
    - Independent-minded
  - Bottom-line:



# once upon a time

The quintessential opening to countless stories.

“As for the beginnings of fairy-stories,” wrote Tolkien, “one can scarcely improve on the formula.”

With but five syllables, our minds are quickened, our hearts are readied, and our imaginations fueled.

Though we do not yet know the before or the after, nor have we been introduced to our characters or welcomed to our new world, we are filled with anticipation, curiosity, and hope.

And so, your story begins. “Once upon a time,” there was you. With all of your talents, all of your dreams, all of your fears, and all of your passion, you have walked, crawled, leaped, inched, danced, and drug yourself through each page as the Author has introduced you to the world. Your environments have challenged you, characters have enriched you, and plot twists have revealed you. And with a turn of the page, a new chapter is ready to begin.

We hope that chapter, perhaps entitled “On Bison Hill,” will be where our stories intertwine. Smiles sneak onto our faces as we imagine how OBU’s story and your story might intersect. We can feel our pulses increase as we anticipate how other characters we know and love will influence your story and how yours will impact theirs. We can hardly wait to learn what God has in store for you in the next pages, the days he has ordained for you and written in His own book before one of them came to be.

Yet, as exciting as it is and as carefully and lovingly as the Author has crafted each sentence of it, your story will find fulfillment and purpose only as it echoes **the story: God’s story**. As Jerram Barrs writes in his book, Echoes of Eden, “The true artist sees his or her work within the context of and as a subset of God’s larger and infinitely more creative work. The true artist values something more than self. The true artist holds up a mirror to what God has made.”

We want you to have a great “college experience” at OBU and will do all we can to foster it.

We want you to thrive artistically, academically, and socially in the College of Fine Arts and are dedicated to guiding your development. We want you to know your vocation and will prepare you to successfully pursue a career that connects with it. Finding a job and earning enough to pay your bills is a reasonable return for your hard work to earn a degree.

Far greater, however, is our desire that you genuinely, resolutely embrace **the story of Christ** and that in Him, through Him, and for Him, you will forever find your place and tell your story.

May your “once upon a time” be filled with the goodness and knowledge of God and may your “ever after” always find on your mind and lips:

***This is my story, this is my song:  
Praising my Savior, all the day long.***





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