



We aspire to create an educational community that nurtures and challenges young people to become more curious, kind, empathetic, engaged, and willing to grapple with complex problems in order to create a just, sustainable, and joyful world.

ACADEMIC SCHOOL PROFILE 2021 - 2022

CEEB Code: **192109**

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Graduation date: May 13, 2022

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About New Orleans Center for Creative Arts (NOCCA)

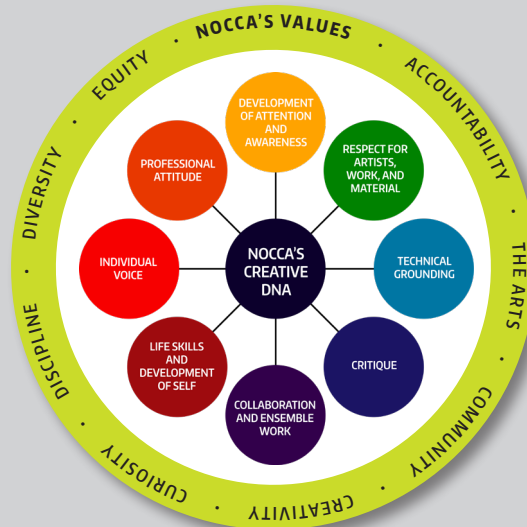
- Founded in 1973, NOCCA is an agency of the State of Louisiana and Louisiana's Conservatory for the Arts for high school students.
- Artist-Teachers offer students intensive instruction in culinary arts; dance; media arts (filmmaking and audio production); music (classical, jazz, vocal); theatre arts (drama, musical theatre, theatre design); visual arts; and creative writing, while demanding simultaneous academic excellence.
- NOCCA is designated as a 2018-2023 Exemplary School by The Arts Schools Network, the nation's largest professional membership organization of specialized arts schools.
- Curriculum is delivered in the artist apprentice model. Arts faculty are all working professionals.
- NOCCA's Academic Studio full-day school has received Grade "A" from the State of Louisiana every year since its inception.
- Admission to NOCCA's tuition-free programs is by arts audition. Students enroll in only one art program for intensive study. There is no academic screening.
- Students apply for full-day (arts and academics) or half-day (arts) instruction.
- Full-day students enroll in NOCCA's Academic Studio, a diploma-granting innovative and rigorous academic program. Admission to Academic Studio is by lottery.
- Half-day students enroll in a "partner school" for academic coursework. NOCCA partners with 85+ public, private, parochial and home schools across the region. The student population represents 13 Louisiana parishes.
- Since students spend additional hours involved in their art (studio, rehearsal, performances, etc.), NOCCA does not offer sports or a wide range of traditional clubs.
- Louisiana State Department of Education ranks NOCCA in the top 98th percentile of Louisiana schools in support of African American students and in the top 99th percentile in support of Economically Disadvantaged students
- NOCCA is located at the corner of Chartres Street and Homer Plessy Way, at the very site where Homer Plessy was arrested in 1892 for boarding a whites-only train car. This led to the Supreme Court's historic *Plessy v Ferguson* ruling in 1896 which legalized "separate but equal." The same working railroad still runs directly through campus.



Values: Accountability, Arts, Community, Creativity, Curiosity, Discipline, Diversity, Equity

2021-22 Schoolwide Focus: Equity

While equity has always been a NOCCA value, we committed this year to reexamining all policies, procedures, practices, and curricula through an equity lens. Additionally, faculty, staff and students are participating in mandatory antiracist trainings throughout the year.



2021 Graduating Class

- 54 Attending colleges, universities, conservatories or post-secondary programs in Louisiana
- 73 Attending colleges, universities, conservatories or post-secondary programs out of state
- 3 Pursuing an arts or professional career directly following high school
- 8 Undeclared at time of graduation
- 34m Class of 2021 received \$29M in scholarships and \$5M in grants, for a total of \$34M in gift aid. This averages \$246,000 per student.
- 60+ 2021 graduates matriculated at 60+ colleges, universities and conservatories including: Ball State University, Bennington College, Berklee College of Music, Boston University, Columbia College Chicago, Columbia University, The Cooper Union, Howard University, Johns Hopkins University, The Julliard School, Louisiana State University, Oberlin College, New York University, Parsons School of Design, Ringling College of Art and Design, Savannah College of Art and Design, Tulane University, Xavier University, and more.

Academic Overview

Schedule

- Academic courses are generally completed in the morning in NOCCA's Academic Studio or at a partner school
- Arts Instruction: 1:15 – 3:45 p.m. (12.5 hours/week)
- Level I, Foundation, and/or Non-Credit arts instruction is offered 4 - 6:30 p.m.
- Additional daily practice, rehearsal, or studio work is expected

Honors

- All arts courses are conducted at honors level and students earn 3 credits per class.
- NOCCA offers a total of 44 honors classes in the arts, representing 11 arts disciplines.
- Each arts discipline offers four year-long courses: Level I Honors; Level II Honors; Level III Honors; Level IV Honors.
- Academic Studio students may elect to work towards honors credit in academic classes (not all classes offer an honors track each semester).

Dual Enrollment

- Partnership: University of New Orleans
- Classes taught by NOCCA faculty
- Courses vary by year and department

Articulation Agreements: University of New Orleans, Nicholls University, Northwestern State University

ACT

The ACT was offered to NOCCA Academic Studio juniors in spring 2021 and as seniors in fall 2021.

Advanced Placement

Visual Arts AP

Arts Certificate Designations:

- Certificate of Artistry: Successful completion of all curriculum requirements (minimum 9 arts credits.)
- Certificate of Performance: Completion of essential elements of curriculum including an advanced-level performance in Dance, Music or Theatre Arts
- Certificate of Achievement: Completion of essential elements of curriculum including a successful presentation of work in Creative Writing, Culinary Arts, Media Arts or Visual Arts
- Certificate of Recognition: Completion of at least one year of training

Academic Calendar: Semester schedule

Grades and credits are sent to students' partner schools for inclusion in the high school transcript

Grade Scale	Regular	Honors/DE/AP
A	100-93	4.0
B	92-85	3.0
C	84-75	2.0
D	74-67	1.0
F	66-0	0.0
P	Pass	1.0

* Students are not ranked.

TOTAL SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

517

TOTAL SENIOR CLASS

130

2021-22 Senior Class Profile

	Academic Studio Seniors	All Seniors	All School
Female	71%	73%	69%
Male	29%	27%	31%
American Indian or Alaska Native	3%	5%	3%
Asian	2%	3%	3%
Black or African American	37%	38%	38%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	8%	8%	9%
White	49%	46%	46%
Hispanic or Latino	12%	10%	12%
Not Hispanic or Latino	88%	90%	88%
Free/Reduced Lunch Status	44%	NA	NA

	Academic Studio	Partner Schools
Total Senior Enrollment	57	73
Classical Instrumental	1	1
Creative Writing	2	4
Culinary Arts	3	1
Dance	7	3
Drama	3	13
Jazz	9	3
Media Arts	5	14
Musical Theatre	8	7
Theatre Design	3	0
Visual Arts	13	24
Vocal Music	3	3



NOCCA's Academic Studio Full-Day School

- Launched in 2011
- Designated Grade "A" school in Louisiana
- 50% AS faculty hold a PhD
- Integrated courses are team taught by faculty
- All students take the same academic courses
- For some classes, students may elect to take on extra challenges to receive honors credit

The Academic Studio (AS) is NOCCA's full-day, diploma-granting high school. Admission to NOCCA is by arts audition, and students are selected for Academic Studio by lottery. The AS instructional model is inspired by the arts and emphasizes collaboration, project-based learning, interdisciplinary inquiry, creativity and mentorship by intellectuals who are experts in their fields.

Integrated Humanities (English and History):

Across the chronology from Big Bang to present, students explore case studies that incorporate literature, arts, primary and secondary historical documents, and socio-political theory, allowing students to critically and comparatively engage with what it has meant to be human across time and space.

NOCCA's Integrated Sciences (Math and Science):

Instruction focuses on the observation-based reasoning provided by math and science, emphasizing the importance of creativity in logical thinking. Students precisely collect, analyze, and communicate real-world data using technology as professional tools. Topics emphasize historical context and connection to humanities and arts.

NOCCA Course

Integrated English I
Integrated English II
Integrated English III
Integrated English IV
Integrated Math I
Integrated Math II
Integrated Math III
Integrated Math IV

Integrated Science I
Integrated Science II
Integrated Science III
Integrated Science IV
Integrated World History I
Integrated World History II
Integrated World History III
Integrated World History IV

State Equivalent

English I
English II
English III
English IV
Algebra I
Geometry
Algebra II
Advanced Math
Functions & Statistics
Physical Science
Biology
Environmental Science
Chemistry
World Geography
World History
Civics
U.S. History

100%
ENGAGED IN
RIGOROUS ARTS
TRAINING

96%
GO ON TO COLLEGE
AND CONSERVATORY
PROGRAMS ACROSS
THE COUNTRY

80%
RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIPS
TO PURSUE HIGHER
EDUCATION

COVID-19/Hurricane Ida

Spring 2021

- Hybrid instruction was offered, accommodating students both virtually and in-person.
- All arts and academic departments maintained high standards and rigor.
- 100% of NOCCA students had internet access, including through NOCCA-issued hotspots.

Fall 2021

- NOCCA began the school year offering in-person classes.
- School was closed August 30 - September 20 due to Hurricane Ida. Many students suffered losses and damage to their homes, and are still rebuilding.

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Class of 2021 at a Glance

Total number of students attending colleges, universities, conservatories or post-secondary programs in Louisiana54

Delgado Community College	4
Dillard University	1
Louisiana State University	13
Loyola University New Orleans	15
Nicholls State University	2
Northwestern State University of Louisiana	1
Southeastern Louisiana University	2
Tulane University	1
University of Louisiana Lafayette	2
University of New Orleans	11
Xavier University of Louisiana	2

Total number of students attending colleges, universities, conservatories or post-secondary programs out of state 73

Alabama State University	1
Bennington College	2
Boston Conservatory at Berklee	1
California College of the Arts	1
California Institute of the Arts	1
Carnegie Mellon University	1
Case Western Reserve University	1
Cleveland Institute of Music	1
College of Charleston	1
Columbia College Chicago	1
Columbia University	1
DePaul University	1
Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University	1
Full Sail University	1
Georgia Tech	1
Hofstra University	1
Hollins University	1
Howard University	3
Illinois Wesleyan University	1
Johns Hopkins University	1
The Juilliard School	2
Laguna College of Art + Design	1

Maine College of Art	1
Maryland Institute College of Art	3
Memorial University of Newfoundland	1
Missouri State University	1
New England Conservatory	1
New York University	1
Nossi College of Art	1
Nottingham Trent University	1
Oberlin College & Conservatory	2
Parsons School of Design The New School	1
Point Park University	1
Pratt Institute	1
Ringling College of Art + Design	1
Rochester Institute of Technology	1
Roosevelt University Chicago College of Performing Arts	1
Sam Houston State University	1
Sarah Lawrence College	2
Savannah College of Art and Design	4
School of the Art Institute of Chicago	4
School of Visual Arts	1
Southern Methodist University	2
State University of New York Purchase College	1
St. John's College	1
Texas State University	1
United States Coast Guard Academy	1
The University of Alabama	1
The University of Alabama at Birmingham	2
University of Central Florida	1
University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music	1
University of Colorado Denver	1
University of Houston	1
University of North Carolina School of the Arts	1
University of South Carolina	1
Viterbo University	1
Webster University	1

Total number of students pursuing an arts or professional career directly following high school 3

