

**Fine Arts Department
2021-2026 Strategic Plan
Dr. Sean Daniels, Chair**

Mission. Alcorn State University is a public historically Black, comprehensive land-grant institution of higher education that provides access and opportunity for diverse students to excel intellectually, build character, and overcome barriers so they can become productive leaders who make meaningful contributions to society. Enhancing its historic strengths in agriculture, education, and nursing, Alcorn State offers a range of undergraduate and graduate programs, including fine arts, business, humanities, social and behavioral sciences, and STEM.

The Fine Arts Department strategic plan aligns with the mission and goals of Alcorn State University.

University Goals

Student-Centered: Continue to offer students an engaging, trans-formative learning and living environment, empowering them to become globally competitive, socially and environmentally sensitive, and technologically competent leaders.

Academic Excellence: Consistently enhance its academic excellence and become nationally recognized as a premier comprehensive land grant University offering engaging intellectual experiences and collaborative research opportunities.

Shared Governance and Professionalism: Assess its processes to ensure that honest and transparent communications, merit-based systems, and accountability prevail.

Enhancement of Infrastructure and Technology: Develop and implement a strategy to ensure that the technology and infrastructure exist to achieve the University's vision and mission.

Enhancement and Diversification of Resources: Enhance its resources and diversify the sources of funding through partnerships, creative fundraising strategies, leveraging its intellectual property, and entrepreneurship.

Diversity: Engage all stakeholders in developing an environment which embraces diversity of thought and encourages the acceptance of differences.

Community Outreach and Engagement: Strengthen its community outreach and engagement efforts by encouraging continuing education, expanding community partnerships, and developing new service and outreach programs.

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I. Student Centered

2021-2026 Review curricula of Music, Art and Theater offerings in reference to trends of the Fine Arts. Determine relevant changes that will improve students learning outcomes and abilities to become globally competitive leaders,

2021-2026 Review performance outcomes in the areas of student recital class, junior and senior recitals. Develop performing programs that promote an engaging trans-formative learning environment.

II. Academic Excellence

2021-2022 Revise courses that were no longer taught do to covid-19 restrictions

2021-2022 Submit new courses to the curriculum committee in Music Technology and Film Study

2021-2024 The Fine Arts department will seek Title III Grant funds to purchase appropriate instruments for Woodwind, Brass, String and Percussion method classes.

2021-2026 The Fine Arts department will maintain a calendar of events that encourage students to participate in various performing ensembles, competitions, conferences and professional concerts

2021-2026 Each academic year 30% of Fine Arts faculty will attend a conference or other development workshop.

2021-2024 The Fine Arts Department will seek and achieve re-affirmation from the National Association of the Schools of Music.

2021-2026 The Fine Arts department will update and unify junior and senior recital requirements.

2021-2026 Fine Arts department Music Faculty will present a performance Recital at the beginning of the academic year.

2021-2021 The Fine Arts department will seek to maintain current faculty positions and add full time positions in Music , Art and Theater.

III. Shared Governance and Professionalism

2021-2026 The Fine Arts department will have monthly department meetings and maintain minutes from each meeting. The meeting minutes will be available online in the Music library and the Fine Arts department main office.

2021-2026 The Fine Arts department will adhere to University policies in regard to course syllabus requirements.

2021-2026 The Fine Arts department will adhere to University policy for assessment, and evaluation of program learning objectives and student learning outcomes.

IV. Enhancement of Infrastructure and Technology

2021-2026 The Fine Arts department will maintain piano tuning annually overall and bi-annually for Theater grand and upright pianos in FAB103.

2022-2026 The Fine Arts department will seek Title III Grant funds to improve technology.

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2021-2026 The Fine Arts department will seek Title III Grant funds to complete renovations of the Little Theater to include seating, audio, lighting and concert shells.

2021-2026 The Fine Arts department will seek Title III Grant funds to update the Piano Laboratory.

2021-2026 The Fine Arts department will seek Title III Grant funds to improve sound and acoustic panels for the Choir rehearsal room, Ensemble room and Percussion studio.

2023-2026 The Fine Arts department will propose an Auxiliary building to accommodate Instrument storage, large ensemble practice, Band auxiliaries and practice room needs.

V. Enhancement and Diversification of Resources

2023-2026 The Fine Arts department will development a partnership with alumni to improve resources for students through sponsorship and charitable donations.

2023-2026 The Fine Arts department will develop corporate relationships that will lead to culturally enhanced experiences for our students.

VI. Diversity

2021-2026 The Fine Arts department will encourage diversity by recruiting students from international and minority cultures.

2021-2026 The Fine Arts department will invite guest artist presentations form diverse cultures.

2023-2026 The Fine Arts department will impart on field trips and performances that will allow our student body to experiences values and people from diverse environments.

VII. Community Outreach and Engagement

2021-2026 The Fine Arts department will continue to provide performances to the local community through our student ensembles.

2021-2026 Th Fine Arts department will continue to provide lectures and performances for the local community through our professional faculty.

2022-2026 The Fine Arts department will continue to provide the Alcorn State University Summer Music Camp for 12 to 17 year old students

2021-2026 The Fine Arts department will continue to present the annual ASU Jazz Festival