

Top 20 Art Schools in America, By Degree

Top 20 Art Schools in America, listed by School, Average Tuition, Population and Acceptance Rate (arranged by acceptance rate low to high).

Rank	School	Average Tuition	Undergraduate Population	Acceptance Rate
1	Yale University	\$31,250	5,409	9%
2	Columbia University	\$20,580	5,604	12%
3	University of California—Los Angeles	Instate \$10,781 Outstate \$22,021	24,811	26%
4	Bard College	\$40,840	1,864	27%
5	Carnegie Mellon University	\$41,500	5,623	28%
6	Rhode Island School of Design	\$38,000	1,878	31%
7	California Institute of the Arts	\$37,684	828	32%
8	CUNY—Hunter College		15,631	34%
9	Maryland Institute College of Art	\$34,550	1,497	37%
10	Pratt Institute	\$16,056	3,259	42%
11	Otis College of Art and Design	\$32,000	1,040	42%
12	University of California –San Diego	Instate\$8,116 Outstate\$23,370	20,679	46%
13	University of Texas—Austin	Instate\$10,430 Outstate \$21,048	36,878	51%
14	Ohio State University	Instate \$11,310 Outstate\$ 27,387	37,411	59%
15	Virginia Commonwealth University	Instate\$8,616 Outstate \$17,844	20,327	62%
16	School of Visual Arts--NY	Varies by program	3,171	69%
17	Art Center College of Design	\$17,900	1,499	72%
18	Alfred University—New York State College of Ceramics	\$34,294	1,961	74%
19	School of the Art Institute of Chicago	Varies by Program	2,099	80%
20	Rochester Institute of Technology	\$33,234	12,119	65%

Areas of study at Yale University include Graphic Design, Paintmaking & Printmaking, Photography, Sculpture, Film, Video and Interdisciplinary. The Sculpture program allows students to develop their own style, while acknowledging different works.

Columbia University educates students in areas such as Theatre, Film, Visual Arts, and Writing. The Film Program includes the MFA in Screenwriting, MFA in Creative Producing, and the Master of Arts in Film Studies.

Students at the Theater Department in University of California—Los Angeles may major in Acting, Directing, Playwriting, Theater; among others. Students in the Film, Television and Digital Media Department may choose to obtain an MFA in Animation, Cinematography, Producers Program, Production/Directing and Screenwriting; an MA in Cinema & Media Studies, Moving Image Archive Studies is also available.

Bard College administers art programs through three different schools, schools include the International Center of Photography which awards an MFA in photography, as well as a two year summer and winter program through the Graduate School of Arts. It offers specialties in areas such as film/video, music/sound, painting, photography, sculpture and writing.

The College of Fine Arts at Carnegie Mellon University awards a Master of Design degree in majors such as Communication Planning & Information Design (CPID) and Interaction Design (IxD). Graduate degrees are also awarded in Drama for design in performing arts; areas include scenery, costumes, lightning and sound design.

Ranked as one of the best in the United States, Rhode Island School of Design offers art programs in Ceramics, Glass, Jewelry & Metalsmithing, Painting, Photography, Printmaking, Sculpture, and Textiles, the Master of Fine Arts degree is awarded.

California Institute of the Arts awards graduate and undergraduate degrees through its six art schools. Schools include the School of Theater, School of Film/Video, School of Art, the Sharon Disney Lund School of Dance, School of Critical Studies and the Herb Alpert School of Music at CalArts.

CUNY—Hunter College offers a MFA program in studio art, curriculum was designed to offer training in critical and analytical visual thinking. Students are encouraged to develop their own art through peer, faculty, and tutor contact.

Ranked among the Top 4 programs in the nation, Maryland Institute College of Art offers an array of programs that engages the student. MFA's are awarded in areas such as Community Arts, Curatorial Practice, Graphic Design, Painting, Sculpture; among others.

Pratt Institute aims to provide a complete professional art and design education. Areas of study include Fine Arts, Digital Arts, Design Management, Creative Arts Therapy, Communications Design and many others.

Otis College of Art and Design allows students to gain the technical and theoretical skills necessary for professional practice. Program motivates students to produce work that mirror their own ideas; students learn to converse in the language of art.

University of California –San Diego offers an MFA program that provides the training necessary in the field of art, students are educated in art-making, criticism and theory. Program covers areas such as painting, sculpture, performance, installation, environmental art; among others.

University of Texas—Austin awards degrees in Art & History, Music, and Theater & Dance through its College of Fine Arts. Degrees offered by the Department of Art and Art History Includes Studio Art, Design and Art Education.

The Department of Art at Ohio State University offers seven professional areas of study; these include Ceramics, Glass, Painting/Drawing, Photography, Printmaking, Art &Technology as well as Sculpture. Graduate and undergraduate degrees are awarded.

Virginia Commonwealth University offers a comprehensive education in many areas of the arts, a Master of Fine Arts Degree (M.F.A) is awarded in Ceramics, Design, Fine Arts, Furniture Design, Glass Working, Jewelry/Metal Working, Painting, Photography, Printmaking, Sculpture and Theater.

School of Visual Arts is a school that specializes in all areas of the Arts, many graduate degrees are offered, students may obtain an Masters in Art Criticism & Writing, Art Practice, Computer Art, Fine Arts, Illustration as Visual Essay, Interaction Design, Photography Video & Related Media, Social Documentary Film, Fashion Photography, Digital Photography, Branding and Art Therapy.

Art Center College of Design awards a Master of Fine Arts degree in Broadcast, Arts, Cinema, and Media Design. A Master of Science degree is awarded in Industrial Design. Most graduate programs are six semesters long, Broadcast, Cinema and Media Design offer four semester programs.

Alfred University—New York State College of Ceramics is the best ceramic school in the country; it offers a M.F.A in Ceramics Art. Other programs include the Master of Fine Arts in Sculpture, and Master of Fine Arts in Electronic Integrated Art; admission is very selective.

School of the Art Institute of Chicago was ranked 3rd amongst all Fine Art programs in the U.S (US News). It aims to provide students with a well diverse Art education. Degrees include a M.F.A in Studio and a M.F.A in writing.

Rochester Institute of Technology offers numerous Fine Art programs, students may choose to study Animation, Ceramics, Computer Graphics Design, Film/Video Production, Glass, Graphic Design, and many others. Undergraduate degrees are also awarded.