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Fashion Design – BFA
Fashion Merchandising – BA
Film (documentary and experimental filmmaking) – BFA
Graphics Design – BFA
Interior Design – BFA
Kinetic Imaging (video, sound, animation) – BFA
Music – BA, BM
Painting & Printmaking – BFA
Photography – BFA
Sculpture – BFA
Theatre – BFA

BFA = Bachelor of Fine Arts
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VCU da Vinci Center

VCU Schools of the Arts, Business and Engineering have collaborated to create the da Vinci Center: Innovation in Product Design and Development.

Students from these disciplines collaborate on a product development or design challenge posed by one of the Center’s industry partners, as well as pro bono projects suggested by the VCU community.

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VCUQatar
Since 1998, VCUarts has had a sister campus in the Middle Eastern state of Qatar. VCUQatar offers BFA degrees in Fashion, Interior Design, and Painting & Printmaking, as well as a master’s degree in Design Studies, the first in the region. VCUQatar has 230 students, 45 faculty members and 270 alumni. In 2007, we went from an all-female student body to a co-ed body. Select students from each of our campuses visit the others, take classes and get a taste of a completely different culture.

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Travel Opportunities
There are many different ways to study abroad, including VCU faculty-led programs, exchange programs, and travel grants. VCU has partnerships with universities around the globe, including schools in China, Brazil, Spain, Australia, and Italy.
Visit VCUarts
The best way to get to know whether a school is right for you is to visit.
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Admission Information Sessions and Tours begin at 12:30 pm, Monday—Friday, except holidays. VCUarts tour guides are current art students who will show you their personal experiences and show you the studio and classroom facilities that you are most interested in visiting.
VCUarts Information Sessions and Tours begin at 10:30 am, Monday—Saturday, except holidays. All tours begin at the VCU Welcome Center at 1111 W Broad Street. No reservations are needed.
arts.vcu.edu/visit

Richmond: A Well-Kept Secret
Richmond is Virginia’s capital, part of a new region that includes D.C., the beach and the mountains. This city on the James River is a vibrant arts community with a top-10 art museum (Virginia Museum of Fine Arts/VMFA) and an impressive performing venue, Virginia Opera. Richmond also boasts many great restaurants and coffee shops and is just blocks from VCU. Richmond is urban, green, historic and filled with surprises.
Is it hard to get into VCUarts?

The best way to answer is by letting you know that annually, we have approximately 600 available freshman seats and we receive over 2500 applications. Review committees carefully evaluate all application components, including GPA, SAT/ACT scores, portfolios or auditions, personal statements, extracurricular activities, and letters of recommendation.

What kind of high school GPA and test scores should I have?

VCUarts does not have set minimums for SAT scores or GPA; we examine your overall application to determine your potential for success in the School of the Arts. The average SAT of accepted students in Fall 2010 for Math and Verbal was 1149. For Math, Verbal, and Writing, it was 1685 (ACT composite = 25). The average GPA was 3.60.

Application Process

All of the VCUarts application criteria can be found at arts.vcu.edu/apply. There is only one application for admission to both VCU and VCUarts. Applications are only accepted online. Applicants to the visual arts apply to our first-year program, Art Foundation. Details about the application process may be found at arts.vcu.edu/apply.

Other Questions

Answers to most frequently asked questions can be found at arts.vcu.edu/faq. If you can’t find what you’re looking for online, contact us by emailing arts@vcu.edu or calling 804-VCU-ARTS.

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Additional Schools of Art and Design

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School of Visual Arts: 28,140
Cecilien College of Art and Design: 29,180
Kansas City Art Institute: 28,886
Savannah College of Art and Design: 31,010
School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston: 31,585
The University of the Arts in Philadelphia: 32,200
Ringling College of Art and Design: 32,289
College for Creative Studies: 32,785
Parsons The New School for Design: 37,810

Rankings come from U.S. News and World Report’s rankings of graduate school programs. You can see the complete directory at usnews.com/education. VCUarts in-state tuition is $8,817. Annual undergraduate cost of tuition comes from CollegeBoard at 2010-2011 college prices as of March 2011. You can add up college costs at collegeboard.com. Actual cost of attendance for any school can be different than stated on college publications. You can calculate your total cost of attendance at VCUarts at www.enrollment.vcu.edu/calculating.

Summer Intensive Program for High School Students