About Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts

VCUarts has been the top-ranked public university visual arts and design program in the country for more than 10 years, according to U.S. News & World Report. Undergraduate and graduate classes in the school’s 16 departments and programs are taught by a distinguished faculty of professional artists, designers, and scholars. VCUarts is part of a vibrant, arts-centered community with global influence. The School is part of a major, urban public research university with national and international rankings in sponsored research and a deep commitment to diversity, community, discovery, and innovation.

Fast Facts

Campus

VCUarts is made up of 16 buildings on the urban VCU campus in Richmond, Virginia. Students enjoy close proximity to many arts and cultural institutions within the city.

VCU
- Established in 1838
- 31,036 students representing 101 countries
- 188,745 alumni
- 11 schools and three colleges
- 500+ student organizations
- $275 million in sponsored research in fiscal year 2017

VCU School of the Arts
- Founded in 1928
- 3,021 students enrolled
- 2,874 undergraduates
- 147 graduate students
- 174 full-time faculty members
- 202 adjunct faculty members
- 17 students in the average-sized studio class
- 17 bachelor’s degrees
- 5 master’s degree
VCUarts admissions data, Class of 2022

- 2,663 freshman applications for approximately 742 seats
- Average high school GPA: 3.71
- Average SAT (Math + English): 1190
- Average ACT: 26

*numbers are from fall 2018

VCU is an accredited institutional member of:

- National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD)
- National Association of Schools of Dance (NASD)
- National Association of Schools of Music (NASM)
- National Association of Schools of Theatre (NAST)
- Virginia Department of Education (VDOE)
- Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA)
- National Council for Accreditation for Teacher Education (NCATE)
- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACS COC)

VCUarts Qatar

- Founded in 1998
- VCUarts’ branch campus located in Doha, Qatar
- 62 Faculty representing 18 nationalities
- 339 Students representing 38 nationalities
- 737 Alumni representing 51 nationalities
- 162 employees representing 31 nationalities
- Five bachelor’s degrees
- One master’s degree

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