University of Virginia
Commonwealth University
School of the Arts
in Qatar

About VCUarts Qatar

VCUarts Qatar is the Qatar campus of the prestigious Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts in Richmond, Virginia. Established in 1998 through a partnership with Qatar Foundation, VCUarts Qatar offers students the opportunity to earn a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in graphic design, interior design, fashion design and painting & printmaking, a Bachelor of Arts degree in art history and a Master of Fine Arts degree in design.

In addition to a comprehensive annual public events program that includes a wide range of exhibitions, lectures and fashion events, the University hosts the biennial international design conference Tasmeem and the biennial Hamad bin Khalifa Symposium on Islamic Art, attracting globally recognized designers, academics and thinkers while fostering sustainable, university-community partnerships that enhance the educational, economic and cultural vitality of Qatar.

VCUarts Qatar students have access to the latest technology and state-of-the-art facilities, from a visual effects studio and other media facilities, to 3D digital fabrication laboratories, and a mineral library.

VCUarts Qatar graduates are pursuing successful careers within the government, non-profit and private sector industries in Qatar and around the world. Many graduates have gone on to establish their own businesses, thereby contributing to the development of the small and medium enterprise culture in Qatar.

Education City

Qatar Foundation’s Education City is one of the world’s most exciting campuses dedicated to education, research, and technology. Right of the most respected universities from across the world offer top-ranked undergraduate and graduate programs at their Qatar-based branch campuses.

At Education City, students have access to the Student Center which houses art galleries, theatres, a bowling center, an arcade, TV lounges, game rooms, fitness rooms, sports courts, coffee shops, cafeterias, and a large food court. Additionally, students can access recreation facilities such as football fields, multi-purpose gyms, squash courts, outdoor basketball courts, horseback riding stables, an Olympic-size swimming pool, and tennis courts. Education City Student Housing includes one, two, or three-bedroom furnished apartments with full kitchens.

VCUarts Qatar was the first campus established in Education City, followed by branch campuses of the Virginia Commonwealth University School of the Arts, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, University of Strathclyde, and University of London (Queen Mary and Imperial College London).

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