



ACADEMY *of* ART UNIVERSITY®

DEFY THE ORDINARY. CREATE THE EXTRAORDINARY

Academy Life

Defy The Ordinary

Create The Extraordinary

Make Art Work

ACTING MUSIC PRODUCTION & SOUND DESIGN FOR VISUAL MEDIA
 GAME DEVELOPMENT INDUSTRIAL DESIGN
 ADVERTISING **CHECK OUT** ART EDUCATION
LIFE PHOTOGRAPHY
 ARCHITECTURE FASHION
 ART HISTORY JEWELRY &
 COMMUNICATION & MEDIA METAL ARTS
 TECHNOLOGIES MOTION PICTURE
 INTERACTION & TELEVISION
 UI/UX DESIGN LANDSCAPE
 ILLUSTRATION ARCHITECTURE
 INTERIOR VISUAL
 ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN DEVELOPMENT
 ANIMATION &
 GRAPHIC DESIGN VISUAL EFFECTS
 FINE ART WRITING FOR FILM, TELEVISION & DIGITAL MEDIA



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We Believe

You Can Defy the Ordinary and Create the Extraordinary



You Will Make Art Work

Work that connects with your audience
Work that makes you proud
Work that demonstrates your skills
Work that leads to a career

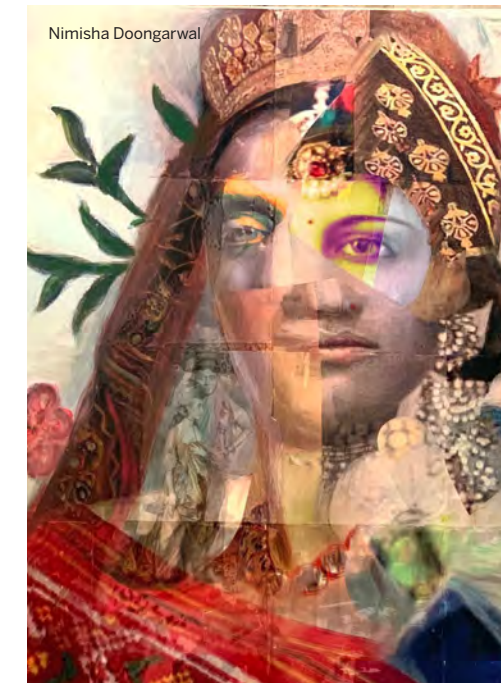


Eva Concepcion



Karla Hanon

All featured artwork is student-generated.



Nimisha Doongarwal



Youyou Hu



Chelsea Grays



Luka Radovic



Jaichin Xu



Jinheng Li

Housing

You will live in a welcoming and inclusive community of diverse artists and designers. Residence halls have free wi-fi, lounges, and communal areas with TVs, computers, and games. Some also have gyms, dining halls, communal kitchens, and pools.



Dining

We offer a variety of meal plans to fit your schedule and dietary preferences, with locally-sourced, delicious meals served in our dining halls. Our Knight Kash program turns your student ID into a debit card for on- and off-campus dining, giving you convenience, variety, and value.

Shuttles

Our free, University-wide shuttle system transports you from dorms to classrooms around the city of San Francisco, seven days a week.

For more information, please contact the Department of Housing and Residence Life at housing@academyart.edu.



Extended Campus

“If you’re alive, you can’t be bored in San Francisco. If you’re not alive, San Francisco will bring you to life.”
— William Saroyan, American Author

From beaches to vineyards, parks to museums, the Bay Area is a dynamic and beautiful location. San Francisco is famous for its outdoor recreation, festivals, and sporting events, all waiting for you to explore.



Online Education

Study whenever and wherever you want. We offer two forms of online education.

Asynchronous

Go at your own speed, on your own schedule. Receive written or video comments from your instructors.

Virtual (Zoom)

Join classrooms in San Francisco with classmates logging in from around the world in real time. You don't have to leave your home to be part of a live community.



Clubs & Organizations

Form new friendships, find collaborators, and stretch your artistic wings.

- Black Student Union
- Beyond the Front Row
- Drawaholics Anonymous Crew
- Interior Architecture and Design Club
- Tea Time Animation
- Women in Animation
- ASLA Student Chapter (Landscape Architecture Club)





Player
Victor Ruiz de Carranza
Photo by
Darin Sicurello

Athletics

We are the first art and design university in the U.S. to have an NCAA athletics program, with 14 intercollegiate sports teams representing the Urban Knights in Division II competition.

WOMEN'S

- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Golf
- Soccer
- Softball
- Tennis
- Track & Field
- Volleyball

MEN'S

- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Golf
- Soccer
- Track & Field

Meet some of our Urban Knights NCAA Division II National Champions



ALMA THELL-LENTORP

Communications & Media
Technologies BFA
Two-time All-American

Twice the ITA Regional Doubles Champions, Alma and Klara Thell-Lenntorp earned All-PacWest Team as a doubles tandem in each of their four years competing. They set program records individually and together, and carried a number one national ranking as a pair during their careers..



KLARA THELL-LENTORP

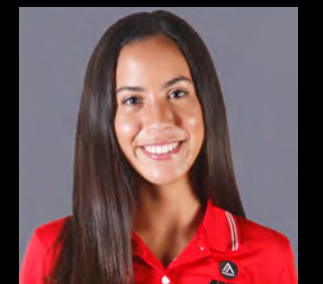
Communications & Media
Technologies BFA
Two-time All-American



MOBOLADE AJOMALE

Communications & Media
Technologies BFA
10-time National Champion,
20-time All-American

The first Olympic medalist in program history, Ajomale was twice the NCAA DII National Track Athlete of the Year and PacWest Athlete of the Year.



ANAHI SERVIN

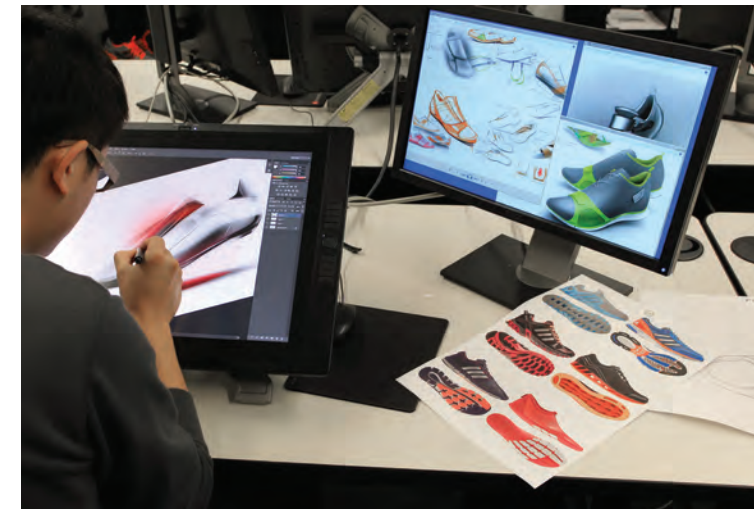
Architecture BFA
2022 National Champion,
Four-time All-American

The first three-time PacWest Individual Champion, golfer Servin was PacWest Athlete of the Year and the first PacWest student-athlete to win 17 weekly awards.

Facilities

Our workshops and classrooms are filled with the latest equipment and technology. Gain hands-on experience with the professional tools used in your industry.

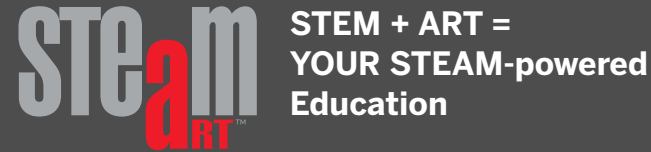
With an eye to emerging industry trends, we update our facilities regularly.



Elliot

I'm impressed with the high-end facilities and equipment which allow me to be prepared for life in the film industry after school. I also love working with professors who know the industry inside and out.

STEM Majors & Degrees



Traditionally, science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) majors offer some of the best educational pathways toward exciting job opportunities and high-paying salaries.

But in today's swiftly evolving world, more is being asked of those pursuing these careers. STEM professionals must be able to work collaboratively on cross-disciplinary teams, consider the social implications of their work, and address problems with real-world solutions.

Average Salaries for Representative STEM Jobs

Job Title	Average Annual Salary
Advertising Manager	\$147,050*
Animator	\$111,130*
Digital Interface (UX/UI) Designer	\$101,740*
Architect	\$96,510*
Makeup Artist	\$93,850*
Industrial Designer	\$81,740*
Game Developer	\$79,149**
Landscape Architect	\$77,820*
Graphic Designer	\$64,500*
Web Designer	\$62,641**
3D Artist	\$57,871**

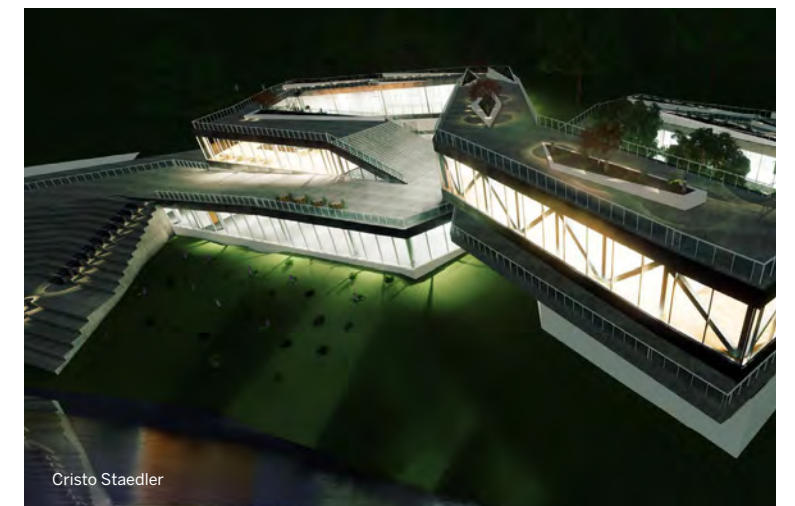
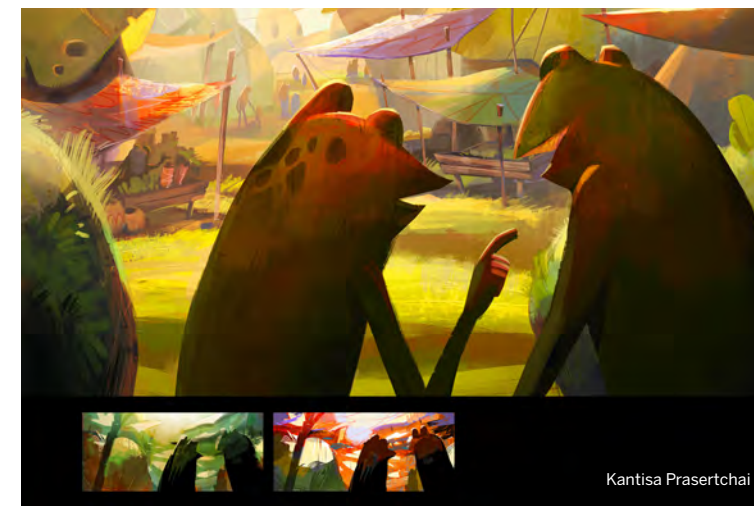
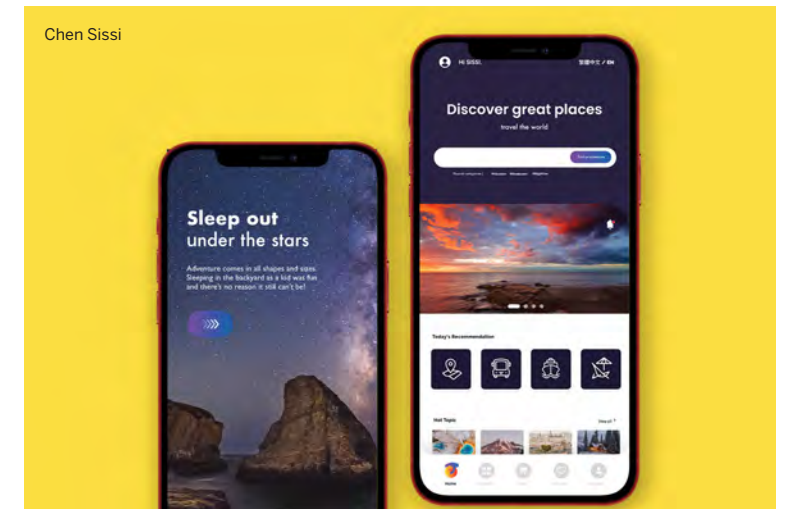
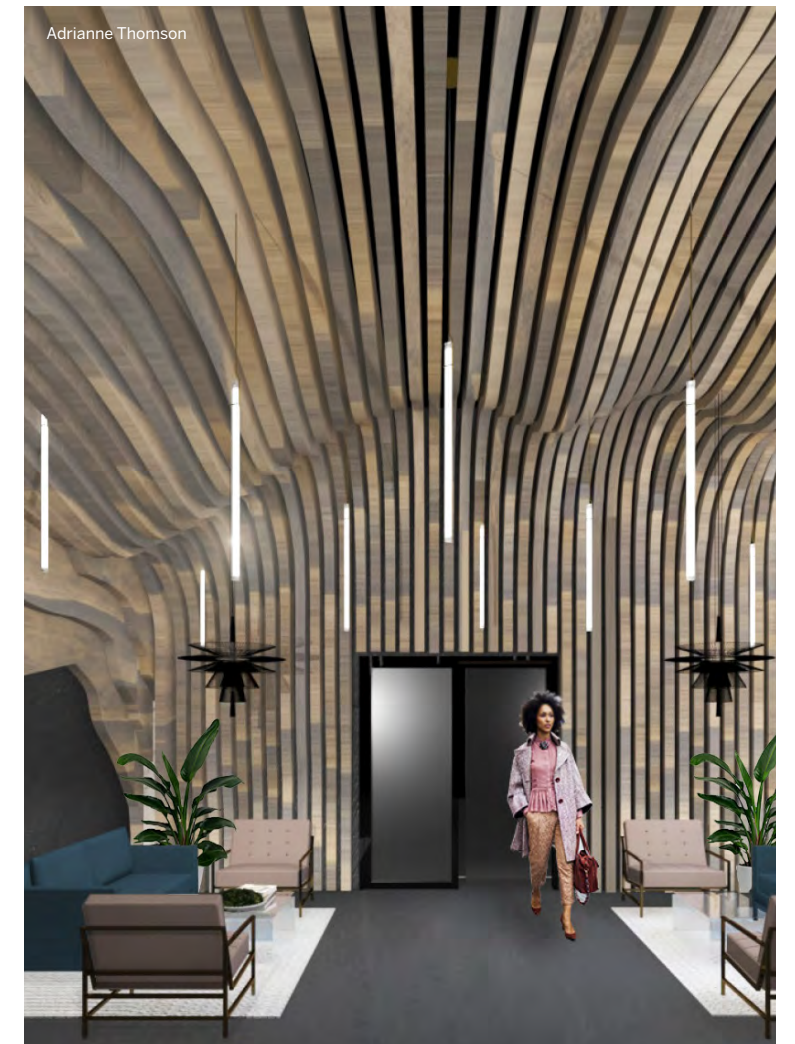
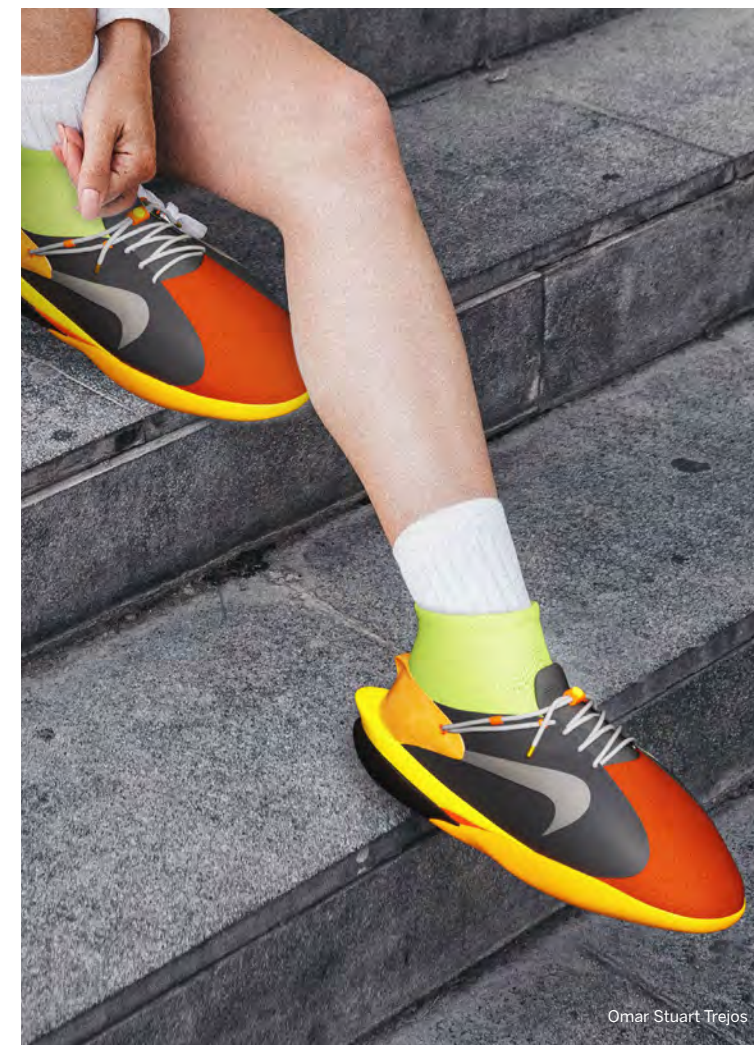
*Data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics as of May 2022

**Data from Glassdoor.com as of May 2023

Academy of Art University STEM Majors and Degrees

The Academy offers STEM-related majors in 14 unique creative disciplines with the opportunity to earn more than 25 different degrees.

Academy of Art University Major	Academic Degrees Offered
Advertising	BFA/MFA
Advertising & Branded Media Technology	MA
Animation & Visual Effects	BFA/MFA/MA
Architecture	BARCH/MARCH
Architectural Design	BA
Advanced Architectural Design	MA
Communications & Media Technologies	BA/MA
Game Development	BFA/MFA/MA
Game Programming	BS
Graphic Design	BFA/MFA
Graphic Design & Digital Media	MA
Industrial Design	BFA/MFA/MA
Interior Architecture & Design	BFA/MFA/MA
Interaction & UI/UX Design	BFA/MFA/MA



Why STEAM?

At the Academy, we integrate art and design thinking into all of our STEM majors to provide our students with a true STEAM education. These human-centered skills are widely recognized as being critically important for innovative thinking across all industries and disciplines, and foundational for solving real-world problems.

Our students are taught to collaborate, generate creative and innovative ideas that push beyond the obvious, and express their work in humanistic and practical ways. Adding the A to STEM prepares our students for the fluid job market and societal complexity of the 21st century.

STEM Benefits for International Students

For international students with F-1 immigration status who are enrolled in—or completing—a degree program in the United States, pursuing a STEM degree offers an additional 24 months of Optional Practical Training (OPT) beyond the standard 12-month allotment. That's three years of invaluable US-based work experience, which can lead to full-time sponsored employment and residency in the US and/or greater opportunities back in your home country.



Kiersten Kerch

STEM/STEAM Scholarships

The number of STEM scholarships is growing every year. Award amounts range from a few hundred dollars to full tuition grants, and are offered by private corporations, non-profit organizations, and government entities. These scholarships can fund all or part of your education. Here are just a few of the scholarships offered today:

Scholarship	Granting Entity
Microsoft Imagine Cup Global Competition	\$100,000
PG&E Better Together STEM Scholarships	\$2,500-10,000
Out To Innovate Scholarships for LGBTQ+STEM Students	\$5,000
NSF-Navy Civilian Service Fellowship-Scholarship	\$43,000
Stantec Equity & Diversity Scholarship	\$10,000
Deloitte Future Leaders Scholarships	\$10,000
The Maodong Xu Science & Technology Scholarship	\$1,000
Pacific Gas & Electric Company Asian ERG Scholarship	\$10,000

Scholarship information from scholarships.com



Jiachen (Justin) Xu



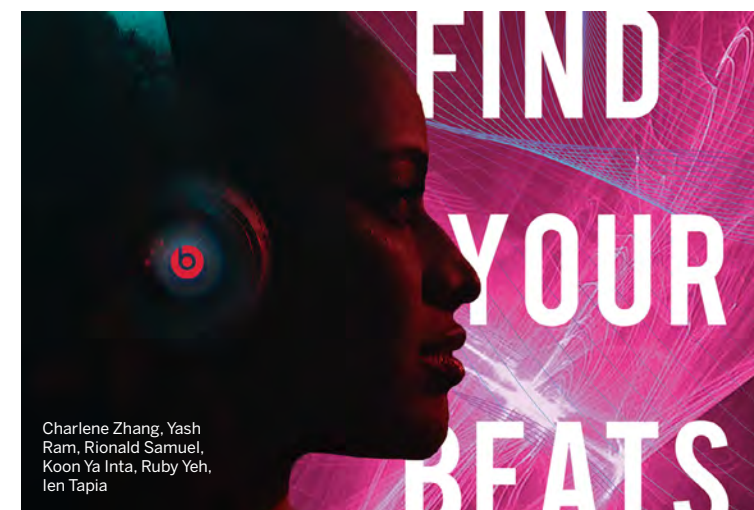
Hannah Rodgers



Heather Tang



Chen Sissi



Charlene Zhang, Yash Ram, Rionald Samuel, Koon Ya Inta, Ruby Yeh, Ien Tapia



Dong Rizhao

Industry Partnerships

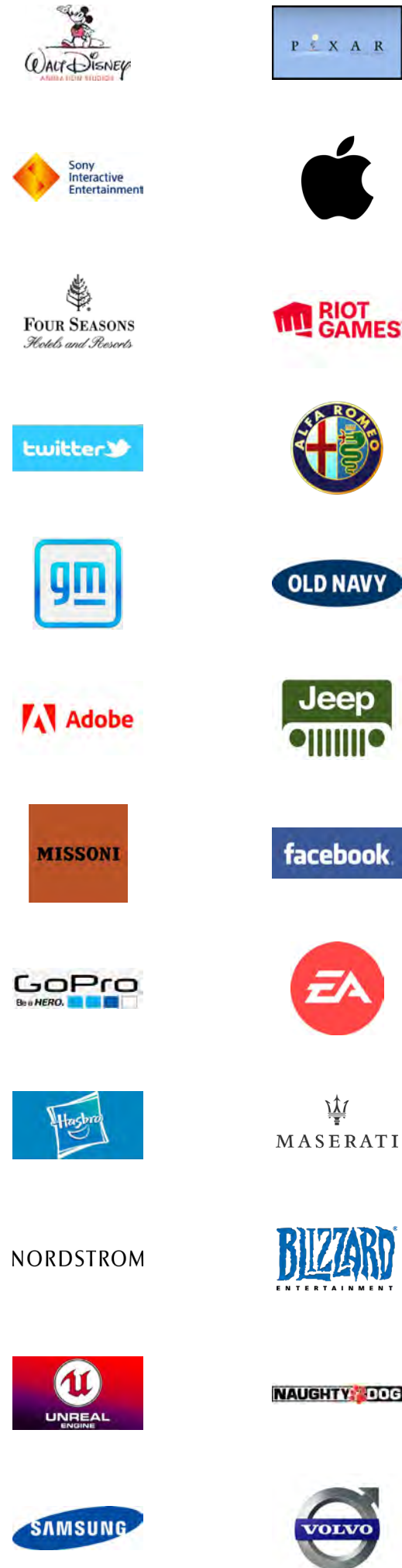
NETWORKING IS KEY

Our industry collaborations and partnerships give you real-world work experience. A portfolio showcasing projects done for real companies provides you with a competitive edge over candidates who have only done speculative work for hypothetical clients. You'll get one-on-one time with industry leaders and the people who hire new artists and designers. The Academy helps you not just break down barriers to access, but obliterate them.

Our collaborative media and filmmaking classes in advertising, animation, and motion pictures and television regularly work with outside clients, including Hollywood filmmakers. Films worked on by students in StudioX have debuted at the world-renowned Sundance Film Festival. Commercials and PSAs created in our in-house advertising agency and our Production Hub classes have won awards around the world.

Our industry partners—both established and emerging companies—continually seek to hire, mentor, and collaborate with our students and alumni. Each semester, key industry partners participate in on-campus and online industry panels, company presentations, in-class lectures, portfolio review sessions, and interviews.

Our annual Spring Show Student Showcase gives you an opportunity to showcase your portfolio work to the world. Open to the public and featured prominently on our website, the event is a favorite for invited industry professionals who come scouting for talent and have been known to hire our top students on the spot.



Our annual Runway Fashion Show, live-streamed around the world, features the “best of the best” portfolio work and gives you the opportunity to showcase your work to invited industry leaders, fashion press, and the public.

Student collaboration
Aishwarya Gajare,
BFA Knitwear Design
Li Ming Li,
MFA Fashion Design

Creating the Future

The Academy's 50,000-plus alumni are some of the most sought-after professionals in art and design. They use their skills, talent, and influence to make a difference in the world.



“There are 1.3 billion people across the world with various disabilities. So how can we not design for them? It's a need and it's smart business.”

— Stephanie Thomas
Founder of Cur8able®, Disability Activist
MA 2013, Fashion Journalism

An amputee missing digits, Los Angeles-based Stephanie Thomas is a speaker, writer, disability stylist, and the Founder of Cur8able®, a fashion consulting company guided by her award-winning Disability Fashion Styling System: Accessible, Smart, Fashionable®. She is a 2021 Create & Cultivate Fashion 100 honoree, and a 2019 Business of Fashion #BOF 500 fashion professional moving the global industry forward. Stephanie is also a celebrated TEDx speaker and an academic who teaches an annual fashion marketing college course. Featured in over 30 articles, she is a trusted voice at the intersection of fashion and disability.

“I wanted to remain relevant in how I look at design, how I problem solve. So, I made a career out of going to the Academy of Art as well as working.”

— Richard Jennings, Senior Vice President
Design + Production, Warner Bros. Discovery
MFA 2019, Graphic Design

Richard led the internal design team at Old Navy in San Francisco, then became an art director at Arista Records in New York City where he designed marketing materials for Whitney Houston, Toni Braxton, Aretha Franklin, Santana, and many others. From Arista, he went to Warner Music Group, as Vice President of Creative Services. He moved to HBO, which eventually led to his current role as SVP, Design + Production for HBO/HBO MAX at Warner Bros. Discovery. He serves on the Advisory Council for the coalition Diversify by Design (DxD), which looks to catalyze racial equity across the design profession's entire ecosystem.



“Never rest on your laurels when you've done something great—continue to try doing something greater. It's always about looking for that next challenge.”

— Jason Sperling, Global Executive Creative Director,
Meta Reality Labs
MFA 1998, Advertising

Jason has created ads for brands, including Apple, Meta, TikTok, Amazon, Disney, and Pixar. He's the winner of a Grand Effie; Cannes Gold Lions in Film, Cyber, Design, Health, and Branded Content & Entertainment; several One Show Golden Pencils and Clío Gold awards; the Yahoo Purple Chair Award. He's also been nominated for an Emmy. Adweek declared Sperling's *Get a Mac* ads for Apple the best campaign of the decade in 2010. He is author of *Creative Directions: Mastering the Transition from Talent to Leader*, and *Look at Me When I'm Talking to You: Building Brand Attraction in an Age of Brand Aversion*.

Anwei Chen
VFX producer at CoSA VFX
MFA 2012, Animation & VFX

Anwei has VFX-producing experience on top-grossing feature films, including *Avengers: Endgame* and *Infinity War*, *Mission Impossible—Fallout*, *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Men Tell No Tales*, *Aquaman*, *Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2*, *The Mummy*, and *A Star is Born*; on commercials with agencies like Saatchi & Saatchi, the Martin Agency, and Whole Foods; and on television shows, such as *Station 19*, *The Orville*, and various Netflix shows. Anwei has successfully managed visual effects teams for leading studios, including Walt Disney Studios, Lola VFX, Carbon VFX, and CoSA VFX.



Coraly Rosario
Senior UX Designer at Niantic, Inc.
VP of the PRGDA
MFA 2015, School of Game Development

Coraly Rosario is a senior UX designer with nearly a decade of experience working on games, apps, and web products. She's currently at Niantic where she is a co-lead of Nianticos—Niantic's Latin American & Hispanic ERG—coordinating opportunities and events as well as collaborating with other ERGs and non-profits.

She's also the Vice-President of the Puerto Rican Game Developers Association (PRGDA), an initiative focused on growing and supporting the game development community in Puerto Rico and beyond. As a diversity, inclusion, and belonging advocate, she's actively involved in creating opportunities for underrepresented communities to find careers in the game industry.

Sydney Freeland
Emmy-Nominated Writer and Director
MFA 2007, School of Motion Pictures & Television

Sydney Freeland is a 2004 Fulbright scholar, award-winning filmmaker, and TV director. Her digital series, *Her Story*, was nominated for an Emmy Award in 2016 for Outstanding Short Form Comedy or Drama. Her debut feature, *Drunktown's Finest*, premiered at the 2014 Sundance Film Festival and went on to receive the Jury Prize at LA Outfest. Her second feature, the Netflix original film *Deidra and Laney Rob A Train*, premiered at the 2017 Sundance Film Festival and is currently streaming in 190 countries. In addition to writer/director credits on FX's hit *Reservation Dogs*, Freeland has directed episodes for *Star Trek: Strange New Worlds*, *The Walking Dead: World Beyond*, *Rutherford Falls*, *The Wilds*, *P-Valley*, *Nancy Drew*, *Grey's Anatomy*, *Station 19*, *Heathers* and others. On March 19, 2022, Freeland joined as a director for the upcoming superhero streaming series *Echo* for Disney+. In 2022, she was included in the Fast Company Queer 50 list.



Jeff Fang
Creative Director at Goodby Silverstein & Partners
MFA 2008, Advertising

Jeff Fang has created iconic advertising for brands, including Nike, Madden NFL, Star Wars Battlefront, EA, Golden State Warriors, and more. He is the winner of several Cannes Lions, Effie, ADDY, and Clio awards, in addition to awards from One Show, Webby, D&AD, Adweek, TikTok and many others. He's been featured in Ad Age's "AAPI Creative Excellence" and "#1 Most Engaging Ad," Mashable Top 10 Viral Ads, YouTube Ad Leaderboard #1, and The SF Egotist 32 under 32.

English for Art Purposes

Read, Speak, Write, Create

Regardless of your level of English language proficiency, you do not have to wait to start your arts education.

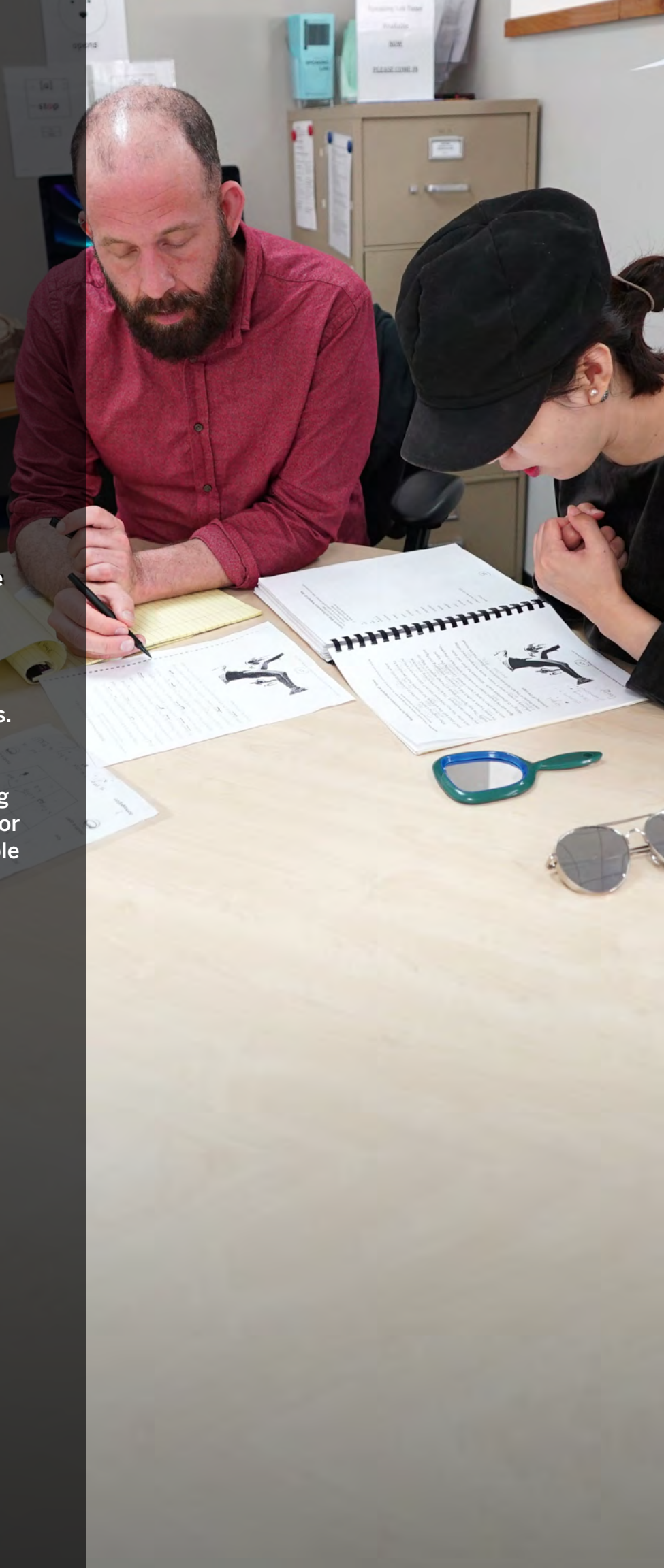
From your first day at Academy of Art University, you will be enrolled in art classes.

For non-native English speakers, we offer personalized English language skills training through our nationally-recognized English for Art Purposes program (EAP). All are available on campus and online.



Tiffany

I like that from the first day you can take classes in your major even if you have to work on your English. The EAP program is great; the English they teach you is full of useful words you can use when making art.



Academic Resources and Coaching (ARC)

At the Academy, we are committed to the success of all our students. If you need academic support to achieve your creative goals, we have the coaches and programs to help you.

Our Academic Coaches offer success strategies to strengthen your academic skills, improve time management, and sharpen your study habits.

Our Writing Lab tutors can assist you with developing your written assignments and discussion posts.

Our Speaking Lab tutors can assist with developing presentations. You can also set up appointments with them to practice conversation and pronunciation.



Career Services

The career services department at Academy of Art University is dedicated to assisting you in your transition from student to industry professional, whether you are an online or on-campus student.

We feature a job board that is updated daily with offerings for full-and part-time employment.

We are here to assist you in:

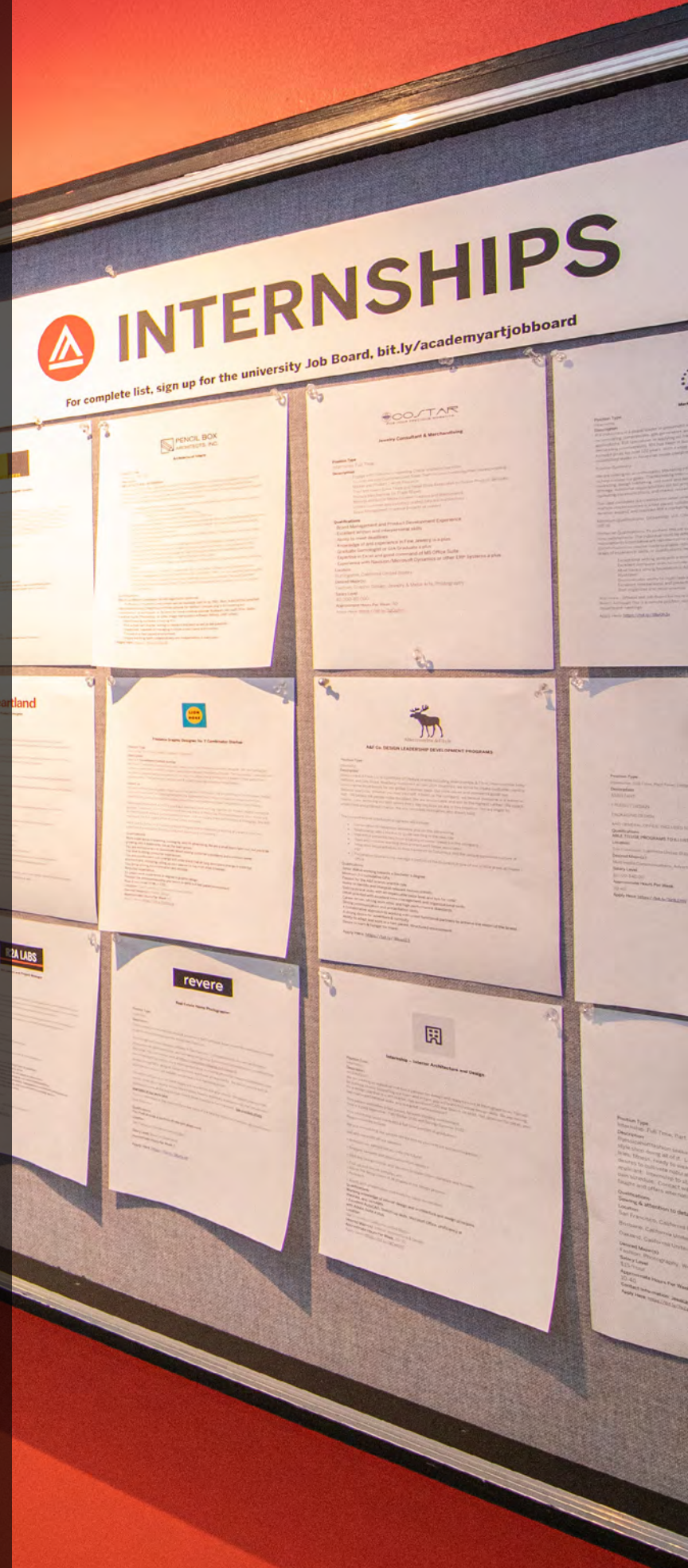
- Building your resume, cover letter, website, demo reel, and portfolio
- Interview preparation
- Developing networking strategies

We never stop working for you. Our career services are available to alumni as well as current students and recent graduates.



Rutja

I worked as a software engineer. After I had my children I wanted to learn something new and study art. I live in San Francisco, so I chose Academy of Art University.



Veterans Resource Center

Academy of Art University recognizes the noble men and women who serve our country. To return that service, we provide opportunities for veterans to pursue creative entrepreneurship outside of the military that can benefit them and their families.

The Veterans Resource Center (VRC) is just one of the ways the Academy provides support for our military students. We have created a welcoming space that feels like a home away from home while providing a community meeting place for individuals who share the military experience.



Schools of Brand Communications

Academy of Art University is committed to leading the transformation in creative marketing. You'll gain access to the most cutting-edge tools and be taught by today's leading industry experts. Master the skill sets needed to thrive at top tech brands. Become a YouTube influencer, Metaverse pioneer, TikTok star, or podcast powerhouse—the sky's the limit.



GRAPHIC DESIGN
AA, BFA, MA, MFA



INTERACTION & UI/UX DESIGN
AA, BFA, MA, MFA



ADVERTISING
AA, BFA, MA, MFA



COMMUNICATIONS & MEDIA TECHNOLOGIES
BA, MA



MOTION PICTURES & TELEVISION
AA, BFA, MA, MFA

Schools of Entertainment

The world of entertainment is changing fast. Today's creators need a range of storytelling and technical skills. Create the content of your dreams with access to our nine soundstages, state-of-the-art camera equipment, and set construction, prop, and costume shops. Polish your vision in our editing and sound design facilities and VFX pipeline services. You will train today to become one of tomorrow's storytellers.



ACTING
AA, BFA, MA, MFA



WRITING FOR FILM, TV, & DIGITAL MEDIA
BFA, MFA

Schools, Degrees & Programs

You can choose from over 120 accredited degrees and programs. You can pick from classes in creative fields covering art, design, technology, media, and communications. Classes are available on campus, online and on Zoom.



ACTING

AA, BFA, MA, MFA

Start working as an actor now. At our School of Acting, you'll learn the skills necessary to work as an actor in film and television on our professional-quality sound stages. We help you prepare to enter the industry with the creation of a professional reel, ongoing practice of contemporary audition techniques, and networking skills.

ADVERTISING

AA, BFA, MA, MFA

From TV to TikTok and beyond, you will gain practical and professional art direction, copywriting, and strategy skills to set your portfolio apart from the crowd. You will learn how to concept, write, art direct, and even explore the Metaverse. Learn strategic thinking and technical skills, including photography, illustration, typography, graphics, videography, and UI/UX.



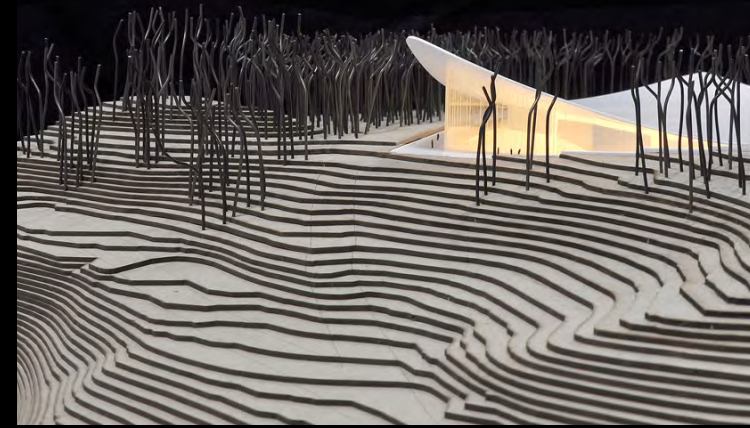
ANIMATION & VISUAL EFFECTS

AA, BFA, MA, MFA

Our curriculum encompasses every department in the studio pipeline: Concept Art, Modeling, Rigging, Animation, Look Development, Lighting, Effects, and Compositing. Our world-class facilities and hands-on training through our StudioX program deliver the knowledge, tools, and experience you'll need to work at the best studios, and a demo reel to prove it.



Alexander Siegfried



ARCHITECTURE

B.Arch, BA, M.Arch, MA

The School of Architecture is a progressive design laboratory. You will combine a foundation in the classical principles of architecture with contemporary design methodology, technical comprehension, and critical, hands-on skills training. Our collaborative, project-driven, and studio-centric courses address important issues for an ever-evolving world.

ART EDUCATION

Art Teaching Credential, BFA, MA, MAT

The best teachers are lifelong students. The greatest art instructors are lifelong artists. Our studio space, workshops, diverse design courses, and hands-on field work, allow students to develop sound teaching techniques, and learn to inspire a new generation of artists.



ART HISTORY

BA, BFA, MA

The School of Art History pairs historical theory and criticism with the study of form and expression in our fine art studios. We train your eye to see more in order to have a deeper understanding of what you are looking at. This unique pairing ensures that our graduates possess the ability to engage in the broad discourse of critical debates across Art History, and the skills necessary for employment in the arts.

AUTO RESTORATION

AA

As a student of auto restoration, you will have the opportunity to sit in and analyze a range of iconic cars. Observe their construction, feel the texture of the leather, study the shape and subtle nuances of fenders, bumpers, doors, and bodies. We aim to make automobile restoration an inspiring, hands-on practice. Join us and learn the state-of-the-art technologies that help preserve these treasures.





COMMUNICATIONS & MEDIA TECHNOLOGIES

BA, MA

Learn to tell compelling stories on all screens and across all media. Learn by doing as you communicate across a dynamic, ever-changing media landscape—from broadcast and streaming, to mobile and social.



FASHION

AA, BA, BFA, MA, MFA

We provide comprehensive training that prepares you to enter the fast-paced world of fashion design. Alongside developing your technical and artistic skills, you will discover the rich world of visual identity, branding, and real world business practices. Learn to deliver on your creativity and master the art of fashion.



FASHION BUSINESS PROGRAMS

AA, BFA, MA

Fashion Merchandising, Fashion Marketing, and Fashion Product Development programs encompass key strategic areas of fashion businesses, from product concept and design development to the marketing and business operations of fashion. Hands-on courses and projects will allow you to acquire the skills, market knowledge, and business sense necessary to run a successful fashion operation to create, develop, produce, manage, sell, and market fashion products and services globally.



FINE ART

AA, BFA, MA, MFA

Develop your artistic point of view. Tap your potential as a painter, sculptor, or printmaker. Gain the creative and technical skills to become a professional artist through studio work, critiques, field trips, and guest artist lectures. In addition, we'll teach you the business skills necessary to become an artist-entrepreneur.



GAME DEVELOPMENT

AA, BFA, MA, MFA

Experience the entire game development cycle from brainstorming innovative ideas to designing and developing the art, assets, and code that bring those ideas to life in the hands of players around the world. Our program's areas of focus will prepare you for cutting-edge careers in this ever-growing and exciting industry.

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GAME PROGRAMING

BS

You will learn to build the engine that powers everything in games! You will become the technical problem-solver of the game industry. Our program gives you the skills to architect, plan an interface, write, debug, and optimize the code that makes all game development possible.



Yang Wei, Huiying Liu, Ahmron Rudolph, Tolisa Chen, Jen Chieh Shen, Yiting Huang, Colin Hoops



Michael Taylor

GRAPHIC DESIGN

AA, BFA, MA, MFA

Tell and sell brand stories virtually and in real life. Learn all facets of graphic design from traditional to digital. You'll use type and images to create memorable stories that move people and sell products. You'll master all touchpoints of graphic design including interactive, environmental, print, and emerging media to create a portfolio that gets noticed.

ILLUSTRATION

AA, BFA, MA, MFA

Gain the skills and business savvy to inspire the world through your imagination. At the School of Illustration, you will master traditional and digital drawing and painting skills while learning to promote yourself in order to cultivate a successful illustration career.



Iris Lin



DJ Kim

INDUSTRIAL DESIGN

AA, BFA, MA, MFA

Become a car designer, create the next hit sneaker, or design that must-have piece of furniture. You will learn to design with the user experience as your priority. Our facilities feature the most current technology and are continuously updated. Our hands-on collaborations with industry partners allow you to gain real-world experience while you are still in school.



LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

AA, BFA, MA, MFA

This profession is a perfect combination of art and science, living systems and designed form. We provide you with the design knowledge, communication skills, and technical competence to create beautiful and sustainable outdoor spaces. Working on collaborative projects with our schools of Architecture and Interior Architecture and Design gives you real-world experience in creating environments that last.

INTERACTION & UI/UX DESIGN

AA, BFA, MA, MFA

Learn the most sought-after skills in marketing and communication from industry leaders. You'll dive deep to uncover interactive user behavior and to create meaningful experiences that improve lives and sell brands. You'll learn the latest design software and technology to create mobile apps, interactive experiences and VR and AR. We will teach you to succeed wherever this fast-moving field goes.



Melanie Picardo

MOTION PICTURES & TELEVISION

AA, BFA, MA, MFA

Taught by professionals working in the industry, including Academy and Emmy Award-winners, you will learn your craft through hands-on filmmaking experience. Direct. Produce. Shoot. Edit. Design. Write. Create films that win festivals and build careers.



Phuong Mai

INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN

AA, BFA, MA, MFA

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Zoe

The teachers are friendly, and their advice is always helpful. I think it is great that I can take workshops in any department; they are always so interesting.



Lilli

Here I can breathe and live art and incorporate art into everything in my life.



Samantha

I love that not only have I gained the technical skills to act for film and television, but I've also adopted a community of fellow artists. Before I came to this school, I didn't understand the importance of a degree for actors.



Ryan

I like how diverse it is. Everyone here has a different story. All the professors want you to succeed and do your best.



Grishma

I not only got to learn from instructors that are industry professionals who trained me according to current industry standards, but I also had the opportunity to work with people from all corners of the world, which helped me widen my perspective.



Sol

I really like being in San Francisco, there is always something happening. There are so many things to do, great food to eat and I get to go to class. At the Academy, there are just so many resources, incredible equipment, and I've had great instructors.



Hudson

This is the only art school in the NCAA. I looked at other programs that had liberal arts majors, but I really wanted the full art school experience. I visited and saw all the student work, which is really amazing, and I was sold.

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