



State Authorization Disclosures

State Authorization for Online Education

Online education providers are required to seek authorization by many U.S. states and territories in order to enroll their residents and those physically located in their jurisdictions. Academy of Art University restricts enrollment for applicants in and from areas where certain programs are not approved. Current and prospective students are encouraged to consult the university's [State Authorization for Distance Education Status Table](#) to determine whether the Academy is authorized to offer their degree programs in the state where they will be located while taking online courses.

Students who change their residency or location are responsible for updating their home address with the university and determining whether the Academy's programs are approved by the state to which they move to avoid delays in their course of study. Relocating to a state that has not authorized the university to offer online programs may cause students to lose their federal financial aid or become ineligible for professional licensure or certification.

The State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) establishes national standards and a state-level reciprocity process that allows for the interstate offering of distance education. Membership in SARA is voluntary for states and institutions. Currently California is not a SARA state. For more information about SARA, please visit <http://nc-sara.org/about>.

Complaint Process

Students are strongly encouraged to complete Academy of Art University's complaint process before seeking outside resolution. This policy can be found in our [Catalog Addendum 1: Academic and Student Policies](#) under Student Policies (Student Appeals And Grievances).

A student or any member of the public may file a complaint about the university with the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE) by calling (888) 370 - 7589 toll-free or by completing the complaint form, which can be obtained on the BPPE's website: <http://www.bppe.ca.gov/>.

Students may also choose to file a complaint with the state approval entity where they live or with an accrediting agency. Please see the Academy's [Links to Student Complaint Websites](#) for more information.



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Determining Student Location

The Academy will provide the U.S. Department of Education with written documentation of its determination of students' locations, including the basis for the determinations, upon request. The process used to determine student location is documented in our Financial Aid Policies and Procedures (Section 18: State Authorization).

Consumer Refund Policies

Academy of Art University's students have the right to receive a pro rata refund based on their weeks attended up to 60%. All refund policies for California and out-of-state students can be found in our [Catalog Addendum 1: Academic and Student Policies](#) under the Financial Aid and Tuition section (Refunds).

Transfer Credit Policy

The Academy considers coursework from accredited post-secondary institutions for transfer. The current criteria used to evaluate and award credit can be found in our [Catalog Addendum 1: Academic and Student Policies](#) under the Admissions section (Transfer Policies).

Third-Party Educational Services

Academy of Art University does not have written arrangements with other entities to provide any part of its educational programs.

Additional General Disclosures

Information related to students' gender, race, ethnicity, financial aid eligibility, employment, continuing education, and retention can be found in our [Academy of Art University Profile Disclosure](#). The Annual Campus [Safety & Fire Safety Report](#) and [institutional policies regarding vaccinations](#) are publicly available on our website. The Academy is not required to maintain a teach out plan by its institutional accreditor, WASC Senior College and University Commission. No state entity or accrediting body has initiated an adverse action against Academy of Art University related to postsecondary education programs offered through distance education.



Professional Licensure Disclosures by Academic School

School of Architecture

Our Bachelor of Architecture and Master of Architecture are professional degree programs accredited by the National Architectural Accrediting Board and meet the educational prerequisites for licensure of all 50 states.

Academy of Art University is in the process of researching whether our Bachelor of Arts in Architectural Design and Master of Arts in Advanced Architectural Design programs satisfy these prerequisites. As eligibility for licensure is often based on both education and experience, we encourage all prospective and enrolled students to contact the board below for complete and current information on licensure requirements specific to the state where they plan to work.

National Council of Architectural Registration Boards

[Licensing Requirements Tool](#)

School of Art Education

Our Art Teaching Credential Program is accredited by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) and prepares students for a California K-12 Art Teaching Credential. We are not able to recommend the graduates of our Art Education degree programs for teaching licensure or certification in other states. We encourage all prospective and current students to contact the board below for licensure information specific to the state where they plan to teach.

National Association of State Boards of Education

[Educator Preparation and Licensure Database](#)

School of Interior Architecture & Design

Our Bachelor of Fine Arts in Interior Architecture & Design and Architecture and our Master of Fine Arts in Interior Architecture & Design are professional degree programs accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA) and meet the educational prerequisites for licensure of all 50 states.

Determinations as to whether our Associate of Arts and Master of Arts in Interior Architecture & Design satisfy these prerequisites have not been made at this time. We encourage all prospective and current students to contact the board below for licensure information specific to the state where they plan to work.

Interior Design Society

[Regulated Jurisdiction Requirements](#)



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School of Landscape Architecture

According to the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards, non-accredited landscape architecture bachelor's and master's degrees are accepted for initial licensure in all regions except Alabama, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, West Virginia, and Wyoming. Therefore, we have determined that our Bachelor of Fine Arts and Master of Fine Arts in Landscape Architecture programs meet the educational prerequisites for landscape architect licensure of all other U.S. states besides those previously listed.

Academy of Art University is in the process of researching whether our Associate of Arts and Master of Arts in Landscape Architecture programs satisfy these educational prerequisites. As eligibility for licensure is often based on both education and experience, we encourage all prospective and current students to contact the board below for licensure information specific to the state where they plan to work.

The Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB)

[Licensure Board Information & Requirements](#)