



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 in order 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: Student and Academic 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.



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: Student and Academic 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: Student and Academic 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. Visit our [New International Student Check-In and Orientations webpage](#) and scroll down to the section called Health Examination/Vaccination.

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 (NAAB) and meet the educational prerequisites for initial licensure for the following jurisdictions:

Alabama, Alaska (Alaska applicants must either have a degree from a NAAB-accredited program or obtain an EESA evaluation to meet any deficiencies), Arkansas, Connecticut (Connecticut applicants should contact the Board directly for more information.), Washington DC, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, Montana, North Carolina, North Dakota, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, Nevada, Ohio, Oregon, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, and Wyoming

Other jurisdictions do not require a professional degree from NAAB-accredited programs for licensure.

The Bachelor of Arts in Architecture (BA), the Master of Arts in Advanced Architectural Design (MA) Track 1, and the Master of Arts in Advanced Architectural Design (MA) Track 2 programs are not accredited by NAAB and may not be accepted as meeting architectural licensure requirements in many U.S. states.

As eligibility for licensure is often based on both education and experience, we encourage all prospective and enrolled students to contact the organization below for complete and current information on licensure requirements specific to the state or territory where they plan to work.

National Council of Architectural Registration Boards

Website: <https://www.ncarb.org/>

Licensing Requirements Tool: <https://www.ncarb.org/get-licensed/licensing-requirements-tool>



School of Art Education

Academy of Art University's Art Teaching Credential programs are accredited by the [California Commission on Teacher Credentialing \(CTC\)](#) and prepare students for a California K-12 Art Teaching Credential. Our Art Teaching Credential and the Master of Arts in Teaching (California Single Subject Credential in Art AND master's degree) do *not* meet the educational requirements for other U.S. states and jurisdictions and include observing and teaching art to students in-person in California public schools.

We encourage prospective students outside of California to visit the U.S. Department of Education website listed below for information specific to the or territory where they plan to teach.

U.S. Department of Education

Website: <https://www.ed.gov/>

State Contacts: <https://www.ed.gov/contact-us/state-contacts>

School of Interior Architecture & Design

Our Bachelor of Fine Art and Master of Fine Art in Interior Architecture & Design are professional degree programs accredited by the Council for Interior Design Accreditation (CIDA) and meet the educational prerequisites for the following jurisdictions with Practice Acts, which require certification and registration to practice interior design in these locations:

Louisiana, Nevada, Oklahoma, Puerto Rico, Washington DC

Other jurisdictions do not require a professional degree from CIDA-accredited programs for licensure. Some have Title Acts, where registration with the jurisdiction is optional and comes with a protected title, while other jurisdictions have no regulations in place related to the interior design profession.

As eligibility for licensure is often based on both education and experience, we encourage all prospective and enrolled students to contact the organization below for complete and current information on licensure requirements specific to the state or territory where they plan to work.

Council for Interior Design Qualification (CIDQ)

Website: <https://www.cidq.org/>

Regulated Jurisdiction Requirements: <https://www.cidq.org/jurisdictional-requirements>



School of Landscape Architecture

Our degree programs in Landscape Architecture (AA, BFA, MA, and MFA) are not accredited by the Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board (LAAB) and do not meet the educational prerequisites for professional licensure in most US states and territories. Those seeking professional licensure will need to obtain pre-approval before starting the exam process.

As eligibility for licensure is often based on both education and experience, we encourage all prospective and enrolled students to contact the organization below for complete and current information on licensure requirements specific to the state or territory where they plan to work.

Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB)

Website: <https://www.clarb.org/>

Exam Requirements & Board Information:

<https://www.clarb.org/take-the-exam/check-eligibility>