

# SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

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The mission of the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences is to enable students to explore areas of knowledge and reflect critically and creatively on aesthetic forms and on intellectual and cultural practices. Graduates can conduct research, substantiate arguments, and communicate in the broadest possible socio-historical, literary, and scientific contexts.

The school's primary goal is for its students to make continuing contributions as critical thinkers and creative professionals. On the graduate level, the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences offers the MA in Media Studies, the MA in History of Art and Design, the MFA in Writing. Our graduate programs are unique to a liberal arts school located within an art and design institution in that they work with and interrogate social spaces that are configured and reconfigured using a creative lens influenced by artists, designers, and architects. In addition, the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences offers graduate classes for students majoring in the fine arts, digital arts, communications design, and architecture, among others.

Our faculty members in the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences are nationally and internationally known creative artists, performers, writers, scholars, critics, and scientists who have chosen to be at Pratt because our inherent cross-/transdisciplinary nature gives us the freedom to fundamentally rethink the way we approach our given subjects.

The School of Liberal Arts and Sciences also provides English language support for international students in the full-time Intensive Certificate of English Proficiency program and the Summer Certificate Program (IEP and SCP). The courses in these programs help students to prepare for academic and studio courses by incorporating elements of literature, as well as critical theories and examinations of the visual arts. The SCP is strongly recommended for students whose TOEFL score is below 600 (PbT). Students who complete the SCP program are not required to take the placement exam.

Finally, our Writing and Tutorial Center gives support to students in their graduate thesis by giving them the tools to better articulate and present their final projects.

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