The mission of the School of Art is to provide a rigorous, student-centered education that emphasizes risk-taking and exploration. We graduate diverse artists and professionals who use their expertise with insight, enriching culture and the world.

Pratt’s School of Art is a destination for talented students with a strong desire to explore the boundaries of art. Young artists from around the world come to study at Pratt’s campus, located in the heart of historic and contemporary Brooklyn. Students join a community of working artists who make up Pratt’s outstanding faculty that encourages growth and experimentation.

The School of Art offers a diverse range of programs in Digital Arts, Film, Fine Arts, Photography, Art and Design Education, and the Associate Degree Programs. These programs are supported by studies in the liberal arts and sciences, creating a dynamic context for stimulating intellectual and creative inquiry. The School of Art programs are also enriched by Pratt’s distinguished professional programs in the School of Design and the School of Architecture—all within the cultural campus of New York City.

Two parallel objectives guide every department in the School of Art. One is the emphasis on students acquiring a high level of skills, techniques, methodologies, and vocabulary required for success as creative professionals. The second objective—intertwined with the first—is to balance that professional proficiency with a highly developed critical judgment based on historical perspectives that allows students to become effective and creative problem solvers for the world they will graduate into.

The School of Art’s diverse collection of disciplines is dedicated to the primacy of studio practice and the transformative power of creativity. We educate leaders in the creative professions to identify, understand, shape, and benefit from the challenges of a rapidly changing world. Our programs are designed to develop critical thinking skills, deepen understanding, enable practice, and empower visionary action. The School of Art is dedicated to developing creative leadership in a world that requires it.

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