Department of Art + Art History

MISSION
To provide a sanctuary for the development of new visions, ideas, and techniques. We prepare students to meet the many challenges that exist today in the fields of Fine Arts, Art History, and Art Education. Our communal atmosphere encourages artistic camaraderie, engendering trust, and a climate conducive to intellectual and aesthetic growth.

VISION
To graduate a well-educated, technologically sophisticated, ethnically diverse student body that will think critically about a changing world and participate in research and creative activities that contribute to the social, artistic, cultural, economic, environmental, and technological dimensions of the 21st century.

DEMOGRAPHICS

Students
645 Students
609 Undergraduate
36 Graduate

Faculty
53 Faculty
21 Full-Time
25 Adjunct
4 Administrative
3 Temporary

2% Asian*
10% Black or African-American*
76% Hispanic*
3% Nonresident Alien*
2% Two or More Races*
7% White*

* self-reported

DEGREE PROGRAMS

Undergraduate Level
Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Art
Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Digital Arts
- Graphic Design Track & Animation Track
Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Art History
Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Art
Bachelor of Science (BS) in Art Education
Undergraduate Certificate (UC) in Portrait and Figurative Art

Graduate Level
Master of Fine Arts (MFA) in Visual Arts
Master of Arts (MA) in Teaching: Art Education
Master of Science (MS) in Art Education - Accelerated
Graduate Certificate (GC) in Portrait and Figurative Art
Graduate Certificate (GC) in Museum Studies
7,927 degrees conferred since 1973

HIGHLIGHTS
Accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design
Member of the National Portfolio Day Association

Dynamic urban location with easy access to leading international art fairs, world-class art collections, museums and galleries affording exhibition and internship opportunities and international engagement

Gallery exhibitions in prime locations in Wynwood Art District, Design District, Little Haiti, Lincoln Road – Miami Beach, including exhibits of MFA, BFA, alumni and faculty art

Artist Residencies and substantial grant opportunities for artists such as South Florida Cultural Consortium grants, Ellies, and Knight Arts Challenge

Innovative Art and Technology Facilities: MBUS Innovation Lab, Ratcliffe, iSTAR, Robotics and Digital Fabrication Lab

RANKINGS
#77+ Arts & Humanities. Times Higher Education | World University Rankings, US Public; #501+ World (2022)
#48-52 Arts & Humanities. QS | World University Rankings, Public Universities, North America #451-500 World (2022)
TOP10 Best Colleges + Universities Most Popular. Visual + Performing Arts. TOP5% Fine + Studio Arts (2021)

SCHOLARSHIP & CREATIVE ACTIVITY
Award-winning faculty:
Oolite's Home + Away Residency at Artpace, San Antonio, Texas, Tom Scicluna, 2023
L’Air Arts Residency, Paris, France, Jennifer Printz, 2023
Oolite Arts, The Ellies Creative Award, Jacek Kolasinski, 2022
Oolite Arts, The Ellies Creative Award, Carolina Casusaol, 2022
South Florida Cultural Consortium Grant, Carrington Ware, 2022
Miami Individual Artists Stipend, Miami-Dade County Cultural Affairs, Fereshteh Toosi, 2021
Oolite Arts, The Ellies Creative Award, Dimitry Chamy, 2022
FIU, Top Scholar Award in Research, Dr. Lidu Yi, 2020
Knight New Work Award, Fereshteh Toosi, 2020
Artist Access Grant, Miami-Dade County Cultural Affairs, Jennifer Printz, 2020

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
MIAMI ART WEEK
Faculty, student, and alumni work is annually showcased at Art Basel, Art Miami and other prestigious international art and design fairs that bring the art world together with representation from over 200 leading galleries and more than 4,000 artists from five continents.

ARTS@FIU
Partnerships with the University’s three accredited museums; the Patricia and Phillip Frost Art Museum, The Wolfsonian-FIU, and the FIU Jewish Museum of Florida.

MIAMI BEACH VISUAL ARTS GALLERY
Student-run visual arts gallery on Washington Street serving as an experiential learning hub for students to curate, exhibit, and sell their artwork.

RATCLIFFE ART + DESIGN INCUBATOR
Social entrepreneurship and innovation hub for artists and designers. The incubator’s one to two-year residency provides Ratcliffe fellows with essential tools to turn their ideas into profitable businesses.