PURSUE YOUR PASSIONS
ARCADE UNIVERSITY’S DEPARTMENT OF ART AND DESIGN prepares and educates students for successful careers in the visual arts. All majors, concentrations, and minors are centered around a liberal arts education, offering courses that combine art with science, business, technology, and history.

TAKE YOUR CURIOSITY TO NEW PLACES

80% of studio art courses have 12 or fewer students in each class*

ONE OF

4

U.S. institutions offering a B.F.A. in Art Therapy

ONE OF

46

U.S. institutions offering a B.A. in Scientific Illustration

* Based on the academic year 2022–23
EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

AT ARCADIA, we incorporate hands-on experiences in every way possible to help students prepare for success after graduation. Our unique Art and Design Apprenticeship Program allows students to complete one-on-one research with expert faculty mentors, artists, designers, art historians, curators, and arts professionals, while our Arts Entrepreneurship and Curatorial Studies minor offers hands-on, practical field experience to propel students toward careers in the arts.

As I have had time to reflect on my book and my time working under David Guinn, studying under Dr. Pederson, and traveling around the world, I have really come to appreciate how seamlessly collaboration occurs in so many different environments.

— Sydney Welch ’20, Art History major (above), minor in Arts Entrepreneurship and Curatorial Studies; Author of “The Art of Collaboration: An In-Depth Look at Creative Practices for Creative People”
 OUR ART AND DESIGN PROGRAM has a wide range of majors and concentrations for students to explore and develop their artistic and creative passions.

DEGREES & CONCENTRATIONS

- Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art
- Studio Concentrations
  — Ceramics
  — Graphic Design
  — Illustration
  — Individualized
  — Metals and Jewelry
  — Painting
  — Photography
  — Printmaking
- Combination option with Art K-12 Teaching Certification
- Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art Therapy
- Bachelor of Arts in Studio Art*
- Bachelor of Arts in Art Therapy
- Bachelor of Arts in Art History*
- Bachelor of Arts in Scientific Illustration*
- Bachelor of Arts in Scientific Illustration (Pre-Medical Emphasis)
- Minor in Arts Entrepreneurship and Curatorial Studies

*Also available as a minor
THE ART AND DESIGN FACULTY INSPIRE INNOVATION in and out of the studio, connecting students to the art scenes of Philadelphia, New York, and Washington, D.C., as well as to artists, lecturers, and creative professionals from around the world.

OUR FACULTY

“Our teaching methodology is being inclusive...for our students, the ability to not just focus on their own concentration, but to really see who they are as an artist in the larger, broader context...”

— Karen Misher, Associate Professor of Visual and Performing Arts (above right)
ART & DESIGN STUDIOS, LABS, AND CLASSROOMS are situated inside Arcadia’s historic and charming building complex, known today as the Benton Spruance Art Center and Murphy Hall. Since 1935, this complex of buildings has been at the epicenter of the creative arts on the Glenside campus.
The program pushes students to think critically about the work they are making and what the greater meaning is. Personally, I feel like having smaller classes has helped me dive deeper into my art because I can have more meaningful conversations with my classmates and professors.

— Makenzie Hillegass ’23, Photography major (above)
AFTER MONTHS OF WORK AND REFINEMENT, Senior Capstone projects are displayed at the Art and Design Thesis exhibition, which includes an opening night reception that brings in hundreds of attendees each year.

9. Actually, we were waiting for you to call first and you never did.

DID YOU FORGET THAT I'M YOUR BOSS?

You only have one job.

Why would I call you first?

What are you gonna do? Fire me?

Dakota, I...

Sorry, can't hear you. Losing connection.

This is a spirit phone! You ca'...
AT ARCADIA, Art and Design students develop their creative talents and passions to prepare them for a lifetime of success. From internships to international arts education, our robust curriculum produces graduates with well-rounded skill sets and experiences, while the University’s values-based community encourages students to create work infused with elements of justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion.