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“Instructors at The Art Institute of Washington bring first class academic credentials to the classroom along with their professional experience and expertise. They create a positive teaching-learning environment where students come first.”

– Sue Hintz, Dean of Academic Affairs



Welcome to Washington, D.C.



Washington, D.C. is a vibrant and exciting city.

Washington, D.C. is our nation's hometown. It houses the White House, Capitol Hill, numerous museums and memorials, and countless activities for all ages. There is a thriving tourism industry, and the Metropolitan Area has been nicknamed "the melting pot" for the extent of ethnic diversity it boasts. With such a mixture of government, culture, history, and symbolism, our nation's capital is one of the premier places to visit, live in, and pursue an education.

The District of Columbia is 67 square miles, with a population of over 571,000. It is divided into four quadrants: Northwest, Northeast, Southwest, and Southeast. The Capitol Building, home to Congress, is located at the center meeting point of these sections. The streets are numbered (running north-south) and lettered (running east-west), and streets named after the states run diagonally. The Metropolitan Area of Washington, D.C. also includes 5 counties from Virginia (Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William and Stafford) and 7 counties from Maryland (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery and Prince Georges).

The Washington, D.C. area is full of exciting attractions to enjoy. Some of the most popular places to visit include the White House, the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial, the World War II, Vietnam, and Korean War memorials, Arlington Cemetery, the Smithsonian museums and the Capitol Building. Bus, train, and walking tours are offered to guide you; or, if you are feeling adventurous, grab a map from one of the many information kiosks and navigate yourself around town. When you get hungry, there's cuisine from every corner of the earth to choose from.

Alongside the many tourist attractions, you'll find a variety of other activities to enjoy in Washington. Professional sports, first-rate theatrical and musical entertainment, beautiful parks and cultural events abound in this unique city. We invite you to discover everything that D.C. has to offer!

About The Art Institute of Washington

The Art Institute of Washington is located in the Rosslyn section of Arlington, Virginia. Arlington County is an urban area of about 26 square miles located directly across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C.

Arlington is perhaps best known as the home of the Pentagon and Arlington National Cemetery. Its population is diverse; one in five residents is foreign-born, and one in four speaks a language other than English at home. Major employers in the region include MCI Telecommunications Corporation, Bell Atlantic Network Services, Inc., and Gannett/USA Today Company, Inc. New media businesses are also thriving in the area, including America Online, headquartered in nearby Dulles, Virginia.

The Arlington community is home to the Fashion Center at Pentagon City with over 150 stores and the Crystal City Underground and Plaza Shops, which hosts over 120 retail shops. In addition, Arlington has over 170 county parks and playgrounds, including over 80 miles of bicycle routes and jogging trails.

Feel like exploring? Hop in your car or on the Metrorail and explore Washington, D.C. For starters, there's The Smithsonian Institution (16 museums

and the National Zoo) and numerous world-class art museums. There are the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and of course, government landmarks too numerous to mention.

In short, there's plenty to keep you busy and inspired in an area that's now home to The Art Institute of Washington.

In January 2000, The Art Institute of Washington opened at The Ames Center, 1820 North Fort Myer Drive, Arlington, VA. The renovated building provides an ideal learning environment. The interior was designed with the creative student in mind.

We occupy the ground floor and the ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth floors of The Ames Center. Recently renovated to accommodate students and faculty, the space consists of classrooms, studios, computer labs, a student lounge, administrative offices for staff and faculty, a Learning Resource Center with library and reference materials, student counseling center, tutoring center, teaching kitchens and dining lab, an art supply store, and an exhibition gallery. A key component of our facility and curriculum includes program-specific technology that helps to drive the creative and applied arts.



The Art Institute of Washington is also expanding! With increased enrollment each year, we strive to keep our students up-to-date by providing additional facilities for their needs. Students are now able to use a new Television Studio and Sound Stage.

The Art Institute of Washington, a branch of The Art Institute of Atlanta, is one of The Art Institutes (www.artinstitutes.edu), with 31 education institutions located throughout North America, providing an important source of design, media arts, fashion and culinary professionals. The parent company of The Art Institutes, Education Management Corporation (www.edmc.com) is among the largest provid-

ers of private post-secondary education in North America, based on student enrollment and revenue. Student enrollment exceeded 58,000 as of fall 2003. EDMC has 67 primary campus locations in 24 states and two Canadian provinces. EDMC's education institutions offer a broad range of academic programs concentrated in the media arts, design, fashion, culinary arts, behavioral sciences, health sciences, education, information technology and business fields, culminating in the award of associate's through doctoral degrees. EDMC has provided career-oriented education for over 40 years, and its education institutions have more than 140,000 alumni.



Small classes, hands-on learning, and close relationships with faculty and staff, as well as fun activities outside class, give students an unforgettable learning experience.

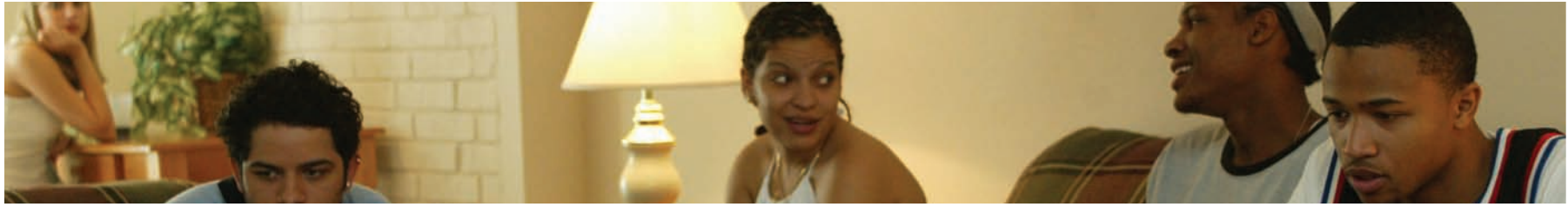
STUDENT LIFE

From the moment students are accepted, they become part of an environment that supports their efforts to reach their educational and career goals. At The Art Institute of Washington, students enjoy small classes, hands-on learning, and close relationships with faculty and staff. With a student-faculty ratio of approximately sixteen to one, students are assured of personal attention.

But it's not all study, classes, and labs. Between classes, students can grab lunch or a snack at area eateries, catch the newest gallery exhibit, or make a purchase at the supply store. There are plenty of social activities at The Art Institute—clubs and organizations oriented to students' professional or personal interests. The Student Affairs department coordinates college community service programs such as blood drives, and enjoyable student activities that provide opportunities for making new friends and trying new experiences, as well as offering a great way to gain leadership experience.

Even after graduation, students remain part of The Art Institute family, with ongoing assistance from career services as they develop professionally, and the opportunity to enjoy a variety of alumni activities.

For practical advice, Student Affairs is ready to help with housing, counseling, organized activities, or finding a part-time job. Many students choose to live in student apartments sponsored by the college just minutes from the campus. Others choose to live with family or on their own.



GETTING THE MOST FROM YOUR EDUCATION

At The Art Institute of Washington, our role is to provide educational services to help you develop your potential. An Art Institute education is not something we do to our students. Instead, it is a process where we learn and explore with you. We cannot simply hand you skills and knowledge. You must be a full partner in this interactive learning process.

At the Art Institute, you become part of a vibrant, energetic learning community, where you are supported and encouraged to do your best. It's a community where we celebrate diversity. It's a community bound by mutual respect for individuality and creativity.

Your responsibilities as a student of The Art Institute of Washington include:

- Meet deadlines
- Attend class
- Arrive on time
- Make use of faculty and staff
- Ask questions

Reading and understanding the policies in this catalog, the application booklet, the student handbook, and any policies subsequently provided to you, are also your responsibility.

The doors of our faculty and staff are open to you. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask!

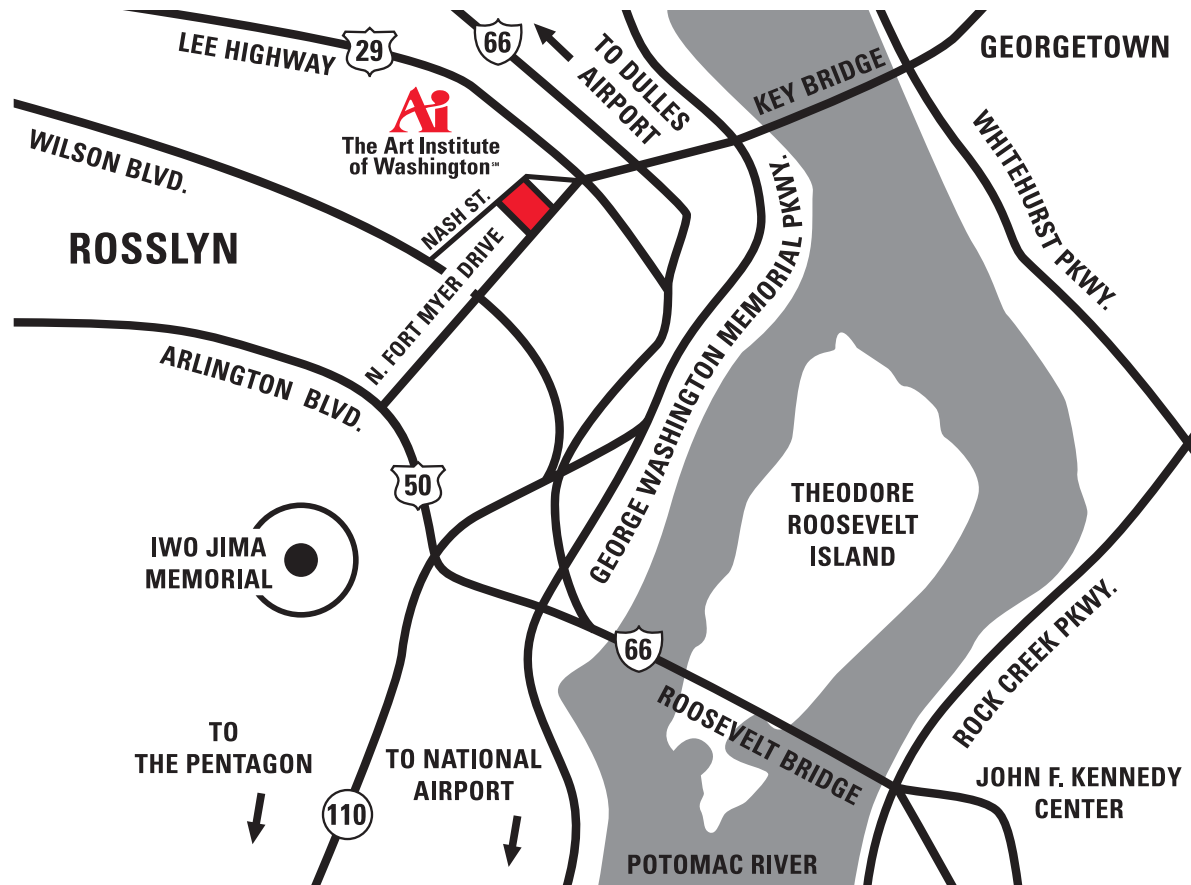
STATEMENT OF STUDENT COMMITMENT

- I perceive myself as artistic and creative.
- I believe in myself and am committed to the work I do.
- I demonstrate ethics in the work I produce.
- I possess clear career goals.
- I choose to attend regularly and participate actively in learning activities.





IT'S EASY TO GET TO THE ART INSTITUTE OF WASHINGTON



Directions From Baltimore:

- Take I-95 South to I-495 West into Virginia.
- Take Route 66 East to Exit 73 (Rosslyn/Key Bridge Exit).
- Turn right at the second traffic light onto N. Fort Myer Dr.
- The Ames Center will be on your right. 1820 N. Ft. Myer Drive

From the South:

- Take I-95 North to I-395 North to Exit 8A (Washington Blvd./Columbia Pike).
- Follow Washington Blvd. To Rt. 50 East
- Follow Rt. 50 East to the Rosslyn/Key Bridge Exit
- The Exit will merge onto Lynn St.
- Travel on Lynn St. to Lee Hwy./South.
- Turn left onto Lee Hwy., and then make an immediate left onto N. Ft. Myer Dr.
- The Ames Center will be on your right. 1820 N. Ft. Myer Drive

From the Metro/Subway System:

- Take the Metro to the Rosslyn Station (Orange or Blue lines).
- Exit through the left turnstiles.
- Take the staircase to your right to the street level (North Ft. Myer Dr.)
- The Ames Center will be on your right. 1820 N. Ft. Myer Drive

PROGRAMS OF STUDY AND COURSE DESCRIPTIONS



Course Prefixes

The Art Institute of Washington uses prefixes to represent subject areas as follows:

AD	Advertising	HU	Humanities
ART	Art	IMD	Interactive Media Design
ANT	Anthropology	INT	Interior Design
BU	Business	MA	Media Arts & Animation
CD	Career Development	MT	Mathematics
CL	Culinary Arts	P	Photographic Imaging
CS	Computer	PS	Psychology
EN	English	SC	Science
GAD	Game Art and Design	SP	Spanish
GD	Graphic Design	TS	Transitional Studies
HA	History of Art	VID	Video Production
HS	History		

All courses are four credits unless otherwise noted.

mission

The Art Institute of Washington is a private college of creative professional studies. We prepare students for careers in design, media arts, and culinary arts by providing an educational environment, with attention to changing technologies and other requirements of the global marketplace. Our success is measured by our ability to:

- provide a curriculum that integrates conceptual and analytical skills with education;
- offer education by qualified professionals; and
- prepare students for career entry, placement, and growth in their respective fields.

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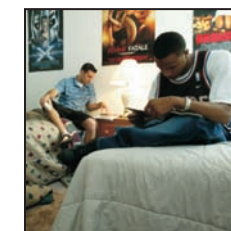


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