Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts

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About Us
The Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts is a unique collaboration in architecture, art and design education, linking professional studio programs with one of the country’s finest university art museums in the context of an internationally recognized research university.

Inquiry, Creativity and Synthesis
The Sam Fox School offers rigorous art and architecture education at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, within the unique context of an independent, nationally prominent research university.

The student body is composed of approximately 300 undergraduate and 50 graduate students in Art, as well as 200 undergraduate and 280 graduate students in Architecture. In all, they represent 17 countries, 47 states and the District of Columbia. Roughly 30 percent of undergraduates pursue combined studies within another University area.

Both core and advanced studios integrate contemporary theory and practice. Among the innovative programs are:

• Multidisciplinary courses co-taught by Art, Architecture, and Art History & Archaeology faculty. Recent seminars have explored the history of illustrated entertainment, combined urban theory with book design and production, and crafted a variety of online publications. Courses in exhibition studies are being offered and a new program of exhibition studies is under development.

• International studios in Barcelona, Buenos Aires, Florence and Helsinki are taught by Washington University faculty and offer a range of distinctive programs in art and architecture.
Community projects include the University City Sculpture Series, which funds student-designed public artworks; WashU City, a mentoring program for local high school artists; and Architecture’s Building Community/Community Building, which explores relationships between St. Louis’ inner city, nearby municipalities and outlying suburbs.

**Uniting Creativity and Scholarship**

The Sam Fox School boasts a unique combination of academic and intellectual resources.

The Architecture faculty includes practicing architects, urban designers and landscape architects as well as eminent architectural theorists and historians and a select number of international visitors. The resident, full-time faculty members have won national and regional awards for design excellence and planning, including more than two dozen from the American Institute of Architects alone.

Art’s full-time faculty members include prominent painters, sculptors, printmakers and mixed-media artists as well as leading illustrators, graphic designers, fashion designers and photographers. In the past decade, design faculty have won numerous professional honors while fine art faculty have been featured in more than 100 solo exhibitions and 300 group shows on five continents.

The nationally recognized Kemper Art Museum maintains a vital program of exhibitions, publications and educational events. Major thematic shows are drawn from institutions and private collections around the world, while the Contemporary Projects Series highlights nationally and internationally emerging artists. The acclaimed permanent collection includes key works by modern and contemporary artists from Henri Matisse, Pablo Picasso and Jackson Pollock to Christian Boltanski, Candida Hofer and Olafur Eliasson.

Public events include concerts, film screenings, lectures and discussions with distinguished visitors, and museum tours led by student docents. The museum also provides workspace for faculty- and student-curated exhibitions (usually relating to Sam Fox School curriculum). Courses in Art History and Archaeology further complement the critical and practical study of exhibitions while facilitating student involvement in professional curatorial projects.

**A Comprehensive Campus**

The Sam Fox School is housed in a comprehensive, five-building campus for design and the visual arts. Conceived around a central courtyard, it both reflects and updates Washington University’s original campus plan, developed in 1895 by Frederick Law Olmstead, the founder of American landscape architecture.

The architectural centerpiece is prize-winning Japanese architect Fumihiko Maki’s Kemper Art Museum. This elegant, 65,000-square-foot limestone clad structure — a gathering point for scholars and the general public — includes more than 10,000 square feet of exhibition space, art storage facilities and the Florence Steinberg Weil Sculpture Garden. The museum also houses the Kranzberg Art & Architecture Library, Art History & Archaeology, and the Newman Money Museum, a state-of-the-art numismatics center.

Adjacent to the Kemper Art Museum is Maki’s Earl E. and Myrtle E. Walker Hall. The three-story, 38,000-square-foot building contains painting and sculpture studios and the Nancy Spirtas Kranzberg Studio for the Illustrated Book.

Flanking these buildings are Bixby and Givens Halls — historic homes to Art and Architecture, respectively — as well as Steinberg Hall, Maki’s iconic modernist pavilion. Recent renovations include state-of-the-art computing environments; accessible, light-filled studios; additional workspaces; an auditorium; and a café.

**Visiting Artists and Architects**

The Sam Fox School invites distinguished academics and professionals to lecture, attend critiques and visit major studios. Recent visitors include:

2013–14

Alfredo Payá Benedito
Maggie Breslin
Gaby Brink
Huey Copeland
Freecell (Lauren Crahan & John Hartmann)
Lisa Freiman
Coco Fusco
Michelle Grabner
K. Michael Hays
Robert Herrmann
Junya Ishigami
Alfredo Jaar
Sharon Johnston
Flavin Judd
Erica Kochi
Won Ju Lim
Angela Miller
Michael Murphy
Shaun O’Dell
Chris Reed
Lisa Sanditz
Renata Stih & Frieder Schnock
Yoshihoro Tsukamoto
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