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2011 AMERICA'S BEST ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN SCHOOLS

Historical Ranking of Leading Programs

Interior Design

UNDERGRADUATE

	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
University of Cincinnati	1	1	2	1	1	1
Pratt Institute	2	2	2	2	3	2
Savannah College of Art and Design	2	--	--	--	--	--
Syracuse University	4	10	--	7	5	7
New England School of Art & Design at Suffolk Univ.	5	--	--	--	--	--
Cornell University	6	4	4	3	2	3
University of Oregon	6	6	9	8	10	--
University of Texas at Austin	6	10	9	--	--	--
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	6	--	9	5	7	--
Arizona State University	10	4	9	10	5	5
Miami University	10	--	9	--	--	--
Radford University	10	--	--	--	--	--
University of Florida	10	--	--	5	7	--
University of Wisconsin, Madison	10	--	--	--	--	--
Virginia Commonwealth University	10	--	--	--	--	--

GRADUATE

	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Pratt Institute	1	1	1	3	3	2
Cornell University	2	2	3	5	2	3
Rhode Island School of Design	2	3	4	2	1	1
Parsons School of Design	4	--	--	--	--	--
Savannah College of Art and Design	4	4	5	1	9	4
Boston Architectural College	6	--	--	12	--	--
New England School of Art & Design at Suffolk Univ. ¹	6	--	--	--	--	--
University of Oregon ¹	6	9	--	11	--	--
Arizona State University	9	5	6	7	6	6
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University	9	7	6	7	5	9

¹(CIDA-accredited)

INTERIOR DESIGN SKILLS ASSESSMENT

These rankings, based on the hiring experience of firms surveyed, assess the preparedness of recent graduates in a range of vital skills. Survey participants were asked which collegiate interior design programs (undergraduate or graduate) are strongest in each skills category.

COMMUNICATION

1. New England School of Art & Design at Suffolk Univ.
1. Rhode Island School of Design
3. Pratt Institute
3. University of Cincinnati
3. University of Oregon
3. Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

DESIGN

1. Pratt Institute
1. University of Oregon
3. New England School of Art & Design at Suffolk Univ.
3. Parsons School of Design
3. Rhode Island School of Design
3. University of Cincinnati
3. Syracuse University

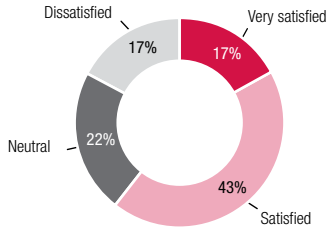
COMPUTER APPLICATIONS

1. Pratt Institute
1. University of Cincinnati
1. Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
4. Boston Architectural College
4. Florida State University
4. Lawrence Technological University
4. Wentworth Institute of Technology

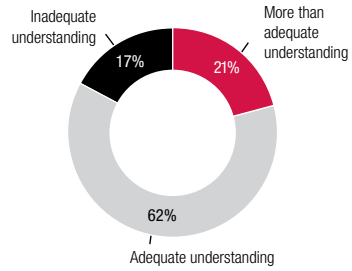
SUSTAINABLE DESIGN PRACTICES AND PRINCIPLES

1. University of Oregon
2. Florida State University
2. Marymount University
2. New England School of Art & Design at Suffolk Univ.
2. Savannah College of Art and Design
2. University of Florida

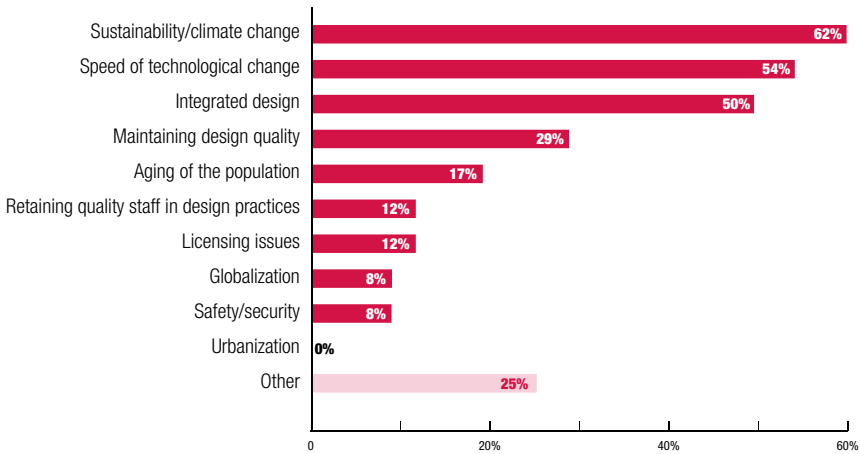
■ Rate your satisfaction with the state of interior design education in the United States today.



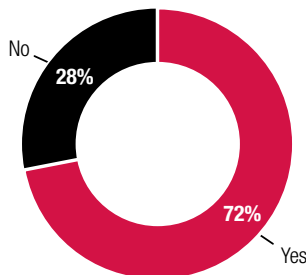
■ Are students graduating with an adequate understanding of sustainable materials and the procurement and recycling process?



■ The design professions' biggest emerging concerns (*Multiple responses allowed*)



■ Is your firm benefiting from an infusion of new ideas about sustainability from recent graduate new hires?



INTERIOR DESIGN DEANS SURVEY

The *DesignIntelligence* Survey of Interior Design Deans and Department Heads tallies the opinions of 56 academic leaders, who weigh in on the status and progress of their own and peer institutions.

Most admired undergraduate interior design programs

1. University of Cincinnati

Cited for its co-op program, sustained record of quality, and the diversity and credentials of faculty

2. Kansas State University

Cited for its interdisciplinary approach, the quality of student portfolios, and the quality of its graduates

3. Cornell University

Cited for its internship opportunities, drawing on a human ecological framework, and students' professional practice preparation

3. Arizona State University

Cited for its strong environmental aspect, use of technology, and faculty

5. New York School of Interior Design

Cited for the number of practicing professionals on staff, its solid traditional programs, and the technical competence of graduates

Most admired graduate interior design programs

1. University of Minnesota

Cited for its depth of research and emphasis on evidence-based design

2. Rhode Island School of Design

Cited for its pedagogy, professional connections, and sustained record of accomplishments

3. Cornell University

Cited for its internship opportunities, research in environmental design, and professional practice preparation

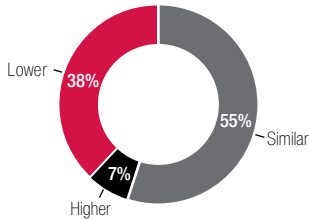
4. University of Missouri

Cited for its distance education program and the number of alumni who are in well-placed academic positions

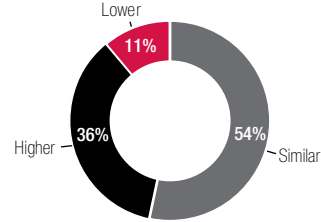
5. Arizona State University

Cited for the strength of its health care emphasis

Compared to 2010, deans expect their program's 2011 budgets to be



Compared to 2010, deans expect their 2011 student enrollments to be



Faculty who are adjunct professors

50%

The most significant changes in course offerings in the past five years *(Multiple responses allowed)*

More emphasis on sustainable design	73%
More emphasis on interdisciplinary collaboration and integrated practice	61%
More technology integration	46%
Upgrades in technology (hardware or software)	38%
More emphasis on global issues/international practice	27%
More community engagement	25%
Study abroad opportunities	25%
Retention of quality teaching staff	21%
More integrative projects	16%
More emphasis on professional practice	14%
More emphasis on urban design	4%

The design professions' biggest concerns *(Multiple responses allowed)*

Sustainability/climate change	62%
Speed of technological change	48%
Licensing issues	39%
Aging of the population	38%
Globalization	36%
Integrated design	30%
Maintaining design quality	18%
Safety/security	12%
Retaining quality staff in design practices	11%
Urbanization	5%
Economy	5%