Overview

Founded in 1887, Pratt Institute (www.pratt.edu) is the second largest independent college of art, design, and architecture in the United States and the largest in the northeast, offering undergraduate and graduate degree programs in its schools of architecture, art and design, information and library science, and liberal arts and sciences. Pratt is located on 25 landscaped acres in the Clinton Hill section of Brooklyn and has a Manhattan campus in an eight-story renovated building on West 14th Street. Pratt offers 24 undergraduate degree programs and 26 master’s degree programs.

President Thomas F. Schutte

Dr. Thomas F. Schutte became the 11th president of Pratt Institute in 1993. During his 15-year tenure at Pratt, the Institute has become one of the largest and most selective colleges of art, design, and architecture in the world. Dr. Schutte is a founding member, trustee, and chair of the Myrtle Avenue Revitalization Project, a neighborhood collaboration that revived the portion of the avenue that runs through Clinton Hill and Fort Greene into a thriving retail district. He is chairman of the Brooklyn Arts Council and before coming to Pratt served as president of the Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) for 10 years and as president of the Philadelphia College of Art.

Mission

The mission of Pratt Institute is to educate artists and creative professionals to be responsible contributors to society. Pratt seeks to instill in all graduates aesthetic judgment, professional knowledge, collaborative skills, and technical expertise. With a firm grounding in the liberal arts and sciences, a Pratt education blends theory with creative application in preparing graduates to become leaders in their professions.

Recent Capital Projects

• A “green” LEED Gold-certified 120,000-square-foot building, to be located at 524 Myrtle Avenue, is under construction and will open in 2010. The building was designed by the multidisciplinary architectural and engineering firm WASA/Studio A.

• The 160,000-square-foot Juliana Curran Terian Design Center, designed by Hannaney Meyers Architects, opened in 2007.

• The 26,000-square-foot Higgins Hall Center Section, designed by Steven Holl Architects and Rogers Marvel Architects for the Pratt School of Architecture, opened in 2006.

• The 15,000-square-foot Prattstore, an art supply and bookstore, designed by architect Richard Scherr, opened in 2005 on Myrtle Avenue.

Brooklyn Campus

200 Willoughby Avenue
Brooklyn, New York

The 25-acre main campus is located in the Clinton Hill section of Brooklyn and is bordered by numerous 19th-century brownstones and mansions, a number of which were built by founder Charles Pratt for his large family. The Schools of Art and Design, Architecture, and Liberal Arts and Sciences are located on this campus.

Visitors can enter Pratt Institute’s campus on DeKalb Avenue or on Willoughby Avenue between Hall Street and Classon Avenue. The closest subway stop is the Clinton-Washington station on the G line. For directions to campus or parking information, visit www.pratt.edu.

Pratt Sculpture Park

The entire Brooklyn campus is home to the Pratt Sculpture Park, the largest in New York City, and has featured sculptures by such artists as Richard Serra, Donald Lipski, and Mark di Suvero. The Pratt Sculpture Park is curated by Professor David Weinrib and was recognized as one of the 10 best college and university campus art collections in the country by Public Art Review in 2006.

Manhattan Campus

144 West 14th Street
New York, New York

The eight-story, 80,000-square-foot Romanesque revival building at 144 West 14th Street serves as Pratt’s Manhattan campus in the city’s Chelsea district. The seven-story property offers state-of-the-art facilities within a turn-of-the-century building. The School of Information and Library Science is located on this campus as well as Pratt’s associate degree programs, and its graduate programs in Communications/Packaging Design, Construction Management, Facilities Management, and Historic Preservation.

Pratt’s Manhattan campus is located between 6th and 7th Avenues on the south side of the block, closest to 7th Avenue. For directions to campus or parking information, visit www.pratt.edu.
Pratt Manhattan Gallery
Pratt Manhattan Gallery is a public art gallery affiliated with Pratt Institute. The goals of the gallery are to present significant, innovative, and intellectually challenging work in the fields of art, architecture, fashion, and design from around the world to provide a range of educational initiatives to help viewers relate contemporary art to their lives in a meaningful way. The Gallery is located at 144 West 14th Street in the Chelsea art district.

Enrollment
3,109 Undergraduate
1,654 Graduate
4,763 Total Students

All Students*
Female 65%
Male 35%
International 17%
Average age undergraduate 21 years old
Average age of new freshmen 18 years old
Residential new freshmen 82% live on campus
Residential undergraduate 49% live on campus
Residential graduate 4% live on campus

Retention Rate
88% of freshmen return the following fall.

Financial Aid
77.45% of students receive financial aid.

Scholarships
Pratt distributes $20 million in unrestricted scholarship money and $1.1 million in restricted scholarship money annually.

National Rankings
U.S. News & World Report’s 2009 Guide to America’s Best Graduate Schools:
• Interior Design degree program ranked #1
• Industrial Design degree program ranked #4
• Graphic Design degree program ranked #9

DesignIntelligence rankings for Pratt Institute:
• Interior Design graduate program ranked #1
• Interior Design undergraduate program ranked #2
• Industrial Design graduate program ranked #3
• Industrial Design undergraduate program ranked #6
• Architecture undergraduate program ranked #12

Notable Alumni
Ralph Appelbaum, exhibition designer
Daniel Clowes, cartoonist, screenwriter
Harvey Fierstein, playwright, actor
Felix Gonzalez-Torres †, installation artist
Harvey Hesse †, sculptor, painter
Terrence Howard, actor
Betsey Johnson, fashion designer
Ellsworth Kelly, painter
Edward Koren, cartoonist
Naomi Leff †, interior designer
Rodney Leon, architect
Robert Mapplethorpe †, photographer
Sheila Metzner, photographer
Roxy Paine, conceptual artist
Beverly Pepper, sculptor
Sylvia Plachy, photographer
Paul Rand, designer
Robert Redford, actor, director
Robert Sabuda, illustrator
Stefan Sagmeister, graphic designer
William Van Alen †, architect
Max Weber †, painter
Robert Wilson, artist, director
Terry Winters, artist
Carlos Zapata, architect
†deceased