

USA Institution : Academy of Arts University

A. LOCATION

City : San Francisco (downtown)

State : California

Nearby airport(s) : San Francisco Int'l Airport (SFO)

Attraction : Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz island, Pier 39, Union Square, The Palace of Fine Arts

School size: 16,000 students (6,000 are international students). There are about 70 Indonesian students enrolled in each year.

School status: private institution

Average class size: 20-25 students

B. UNIQUE SELLING POINTS (rank, unique program, etc)

- Located in downtown San Francisco. There are 24 campus building across downtown SF, connected by AAU Shuttle bus (free for students)
- No portfolio needed for any AA or Bachelor programs
- AAU School of Industrial design work with Jaguar and Volvo to design their cars
- All courses are offered during summer. Students who keep doing summer may finish their Bachelor degree in 3 years instead of 4 years.
- Architecture, Game Development, Animation, Visual Effect, and Industrial Design are considered STEM programs. Students may get OPT up to 3 years. 85-90% AAU alumni are in OPT.

C. Admission Requirements to AA/Bachelor Degree

Intakes: January, June, September

Minimum academic score/GPA : No minimum score as long as they complete HS. IGCSE is not acceptable.

English requirements : IELTS 6.5 (no individual band score) or TOEFL 80. Students who don't meet this requirement will do English course for 1 semester. Students may apply without IELTS/TOEFL and sit for a placement test upon arrival on campus.

Minimum age : no minimum age, as long as they complete HS.

D. Admission Requirements to Master Degrees (MA/MFA)

Intakes: January, June, September

Minimum academic score/GPA : No minimum score as long as they complete any bachelor degree (not necessarily in Arts)

English requirements : IELTS 7.0 (no individual band score) or TOEFL 82.

Additional requirements : 15-20 pieces of portfolio. See separate doc for list of portfolios.

Duration of study: MA is 2 years, MFA is 3 years

E. Average Cost per year

<https://www.academyart.edu/finances/cost-of-attendance/>

UG courses is approx USD 30K/year. PG program is approx. USD 40-48K for the full program.

F. Housing Options

Housing is guaranteed for international students. Housing are spread across different locations in downtown SF. See <https://www.academyart.edu/campus-athletics/housing/>

G. Application procedures

1. Submit application online, pay the application fee of USD 500, and send a notification email to AAU reps to tie the students to SUN
2. All documents are to be uploaded through the portal, including IELTS/TOEFL result
3. Portfolio is required for master programs
4. AAU Admission will call the student to ensure they have chosen the correct program (this is not an interview)
5. Offer will be issued within 10 days
6. Students need to pay a refundable deposit of USD 2,500 to secure their seats. This needs to be done within 30 days after the offer is out.
7. I-20 will be mailed to students at no additional cost

(Read a separate document titled Application-procedure-english.pdf for detailed instructions)

H. Scholarships

No entrance scholarship. Scholarship is only given to current students.

I. Other useful information

- Courses are pre-set. Students don't pick and choose courses (see list of courses in each program at AAU website)
- Only few programs require students to study math. Most programs don't.
- Students may start with an AA degree, and then progress to BA if they want to.

*Updated as of 13 Mar 2020