art & design program
go to school where the art is

The global city of Chicago, just 30 minutes from the campus of Trinity Christian College, is one of the most vibrant cities in the world culturally, architecturally, and artistically. Museums, commercial and independent galleries, design firms, advertising agencies, and Chicago area exhibits, featuring the work of renowned artists and designers, become an extension of your classroom. Your Trinity education combines exposure to this internationally-recognized art and design scene with the personal attention and mentorship of professors who care deeply about your development as a person as well as an artist.
In the Art and Communication Center (ArCC), you have 44,000-square-feet for studying sculpture, photography, painting, graphic design, and print-making. You'll meet and learn from visiting artists from Chicago, New York, and throughout the country who exhibit in our Seerveld Gallery. Additional gallery areas provide exhibit spaces for showcasing student art, and seniors enjoy their own studio space.

a space designed for student artists
Ellen Browning  
associate professor of art and design  
M.F.A. Visual Communications, School of Art Institute of Chicago  
“I try to assist students to learn and to grow, taking into account each person’s individual background and life experiences and recognizing that we each learn and grasp new concepts in different ways.”  
Professional design clients:  
• Ameritech  
• IBM  
• The Tribune Company

Ryan Thompson  
assistant professor of art and design  
M.F.A., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois  
“My ultimate goal as an instructor is to mentor students in critical thinking and to help them develop and grow in their thirst for knowledge, truth, and redemption.”  
Various exhibits:  
• A Live Animal, Root Division, San Francisco, CA  
• Burden of Proof, North Park University, Chicago, IL (solo exhibition)  
• Public Things, Galerie Analix Forever, Geneva, Switzerland

learn from professional artists and designers

Trinity professors are active in the field of art and design and help you make connections to professional practice in Chicago.
MAJORS
Art Education
Art Studio in Graphic Design
Art Studio in Fine Art
Concentrations
• Drawing
• Painting
• Photography
• Sculpture

MINORS
Art History
Art Studio
Graphic Design

putting the art (and design) in liberal arts
You will create art and design in the context of a Christian liberal arts curriculum, learning and exchanging ideas with professors and students in a variety of disciplines. As you focus on your major, you will also broaden your knowledge of theology, history, literature, and science, equipping you to understand culture and communicate knowledgeably in it.

make an impact on culture
As an artist, you will have the opportunity to make an impact on culture through your values and perspectives. That process begins in the student gallery and through internships that connect your learning and studio practice on campus with the working art world. You will put your talents and skills to work in a variety of placements, from public art programs to nonprofits. Art Education students complete a 17-week placement that includes work in elementary and secondary schools across Chicago and the south suburbs.
examples of where students intern

Beverly Arts Center
CMO Graphics
The Center for Visual and Performing Arts
City of Chicago Public Art Program
Cream Co.
DraftFCB Chicago
The Field Museum
The Marketing Store
Moody Publishers
Proximity Magazine
Racing Champions
South Side Pregnancy Center
Trinity Marketing and Communications Department
World Vision
Our alumni were once where you are right now, making the decision about where to study art and prepare for a career in the art world. Here are just a few who chose Trinity and are living out their creative calling.

- Chris Pierik '01, art director, Cultivate Studios
- Lisa Walcott '05, midwest-based installation artist and kinetic sculptor
- Sam McCune '06, assistant collections director, Albers Foundation
- Chris Scott '07, designer and owner, colorandstory
- Sarah Gindville '09, art teacher, Peoria Public School District 150
- Emily Van Hoff '11, freelance designer and ADDY award winner
- Lauren Sandberg '13, marketing assistant, Roeda Signs

“Whether using my design knowledge, providing critically thought-through solutions, or clearly communicating with my co-workers, each of these skills was developed through the variety of classes I was required to take at Trinity.”
– Caleb Mulder '11, Project Coordinator, Sundog Studios

“My work with the City of Chicago’s Public Art Program was an extraordinary opportunity for me to absorb my supervisors’ environments. I still speak regularly with those I worked with at the program, especially now that we work in the same field.”
– Amanda (Vink) Renaud '05, Public Art Coordinator, Arts & Venues Denver’s Public Art Program
visit

You’re a visual person. Schedule a visit to see the art and design program up close.

Contact the campus visit coordinator today at 708.239.4833 or campus.visits@trnty.edu.

http://art.trnty.edu