Life as an art student
Cleveland Institute of Art
“Best in the Midwest.”
—The Princeton Review
A community of artists

As your classes help transform you into the artist you want to become, you also need a community that supports your growth as a person.

Read on to find out how you’ll live, learn, work, play, and join in the urban energy surrounding us at the Cleveland Institute of Art. CIA Photographer Rob Muller (Class of 1987) took these panoramic photographs in and around campus to give you the wide view of student life at CIA. Enjoy!

At left, experience the upbeat at the Cleveland Museum of Art’s monthly Mix event.
Connecting with opportunities

Housed in a giant black gem just a block away from our McCullough building, the Museum of Contemporary Art, Cleveland (MOCA) is a dynamic and inviting center where curators and artists are eager to collaborate with CIA students on contemporary art projects. At right, a group of CIA and CWRU students created wearable technology with light for this other-worldly fashion show at MOCA.

CIA is surrounded by dozens of nationally ranked museums, hospitals, colleges, and nonprofits—all in walking distance—where our Cores + Connections enable students to collaborate on projects, pursue internships, make class visits, sketch a live surgery for a Biomedical Art class, conduct research, even find a workstudy job. In addition to MOCA, there’s:

- Cleveland Museum of Art
- Cleveland Institute of Music
- Cleveland Clinic
- University Hospitals
- Case Western Reserve University
- Cleveland Botanical Garden
- Cleveland Museum of Natural History
- The Sculpture Center
- Western Reserve Historical Society

“The rigorous visual art and design programme at the Cleveland Institute of Art is one of the most well regarded in the country. (CIA) offers a wealth of opportunities to view the work of students, faculty and other professional and influential artists throughout the year, both in the on campus Reinberger Galleries and in other spaces around the Institute.”

—Online zine The Culture Trip.com

Learn more: cia.edu/neighborhood
Visiting artists light sparks

Every year, CIA hosts dozens of visiting artists, designers, and authors from across the country and around the world who bring fresh ideas and perspectives. Some spend an entire semester “in residence.” Others come for long enough to give a talk or demonstration, visit students’ studios, critique their work, and share their own stories of making art and making a career. Others come to speak to the entire CIA community as part of the weekly Lunch On Fridays lecture series.

At right, 1991 CIA grad and renowned glass artist Marc Petrovic visited CIA in 2013 and drew a standing-room-only crowd for this demonstration of his Avian Series.

Learn more: cia.edu/visitingartists
“University Circle, a neighborhood in Cleveland that is experiencing a cultural renaissance.” — The New York Times
Surrounded by arts and culture

As a student at the Cleveland Institute of Art, you’ll live in an artists’ community. We’re right across the street from the Cleveland Museum of Art, one of the world’s most distinguished comprehensive art museums. On any given day CIA students may be found having a class lecture surrounded by the subject matter, doing research, or, as in this picture, sketching in the museum’s galleries. Surrounded by culture. Surrounded by beauty. In fact, Forbes magazine called our University Circle campus one of “America’s Prettiest Neighborhoods.”
Branch out

As a student at a premier college of art and design, you’ll spend lots of time in the studio. That’s why our Office of Student Life organizes activities to make sure you take a break occasionally—whether it’s laser tag, iceskating, or a late-night breakfast during finals. Our students look forward to annual campus traditions like the wildly creative Halloween costume party (prizes for best costume!), Uptown’s super-fun Blue Block Party (at left), and the year-end Pink Pig picnic.

Blow off some steam, learn something new, or make a difference by joining one of CIA’s many student groups:

- Amnesty International
- Artists for Christ
- CIA Activities Board (CAB)
- Community Service Club
- Gaffers Club
- Intramural Sports (through CWRU)
- LGBT and Friends
- Painting Club
- Photo Club
- Student Artists Association
- Student Holiday Sale
- Student Independent Exhibition
- Student Leadership Council

Our campus neighbor, Case Western Reserve University, offers nearly 200 student groups that specialize in topics from academics to religion (see a full list at case.edu/studentorgs). A number of these groups are open to CIA students, so contact CIA’s Office of Student Life if you’re interested in participating.

Learn more: cia.edu/studentactivities
“A new center of gravity for the city.”

—Cleveland Plain Dealer
Living on campus

For your first year at CIA, you’ll live on campus with your fellow freshmen in our new Uptown residence hall, directly across the street from MOCA Cleveland and a block from our campus.

Designed in consultation with CIA students, Uptown offers two-bedroom suites with two students per bedroom, connected by a common area. Each common area is equipped with drafting tables in a shared workspace that encourages collaboration; and a kitchenette with sink, cabinets, refrigerator, and counter. Each bedroom has its own bathroom and comes with two beds (which can be bunked), and four-drawer dresser (which can be unstacked as two two-drawer dressers to fit under the bed).

Beyond your suite, each floor has its own lounge and there are three outdoor patios where students can hang out. (Wait till you see the views!) Other amenities include a laundry room on the fourth floor, mailboxes in the lobby, a fitness center, and an on-site print station.

See for yourself: cia.edu/residencehall
Urban cultural hub

The CIA community surrounds you with creative-minded friends and mentors who will help you find inspiration throughout Cleveland—a city full of cultural energy, ethnic neighborhoods, and an accessible downtown core on our nation’s “north coast.” As part of the country’s 16th-largest metropolitan area, Cleveland is just the right size to offer big-city benefits along with a close-knit feel.

Make sure to travel into downtown Cleveland, just five miles from campus, to sample the city’s hottest restaurants or take in a music or comedy club. Are you a sports fan? Cheer on the Cleveland Indians, Cavaliers, or Browns at their downtown venues. Your CIA student fees include a pass for Cleveland Regional Transit Authority buses (timetables and maps at RideRTA.com).

See for yourself: cia.edu/neighborhood
“Cleveland is in the midst of a downtown revival.”

— *Fortune* magazine in naming Cleveland one of the “new Brooklyns”
Majors
Animation
Biomedical Art
Ceramics
Drawing
Game Design
Glass
Graphic Design
Illustration
Industrial Design
Interior Architecture
Jewelry + Metals
Painting
Photography + Video
Printmaking
Sculpture + Expanded Media