

RIT photo program ranked #1

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In U.S. News & World Report's annual guidebook on the best United States graduate schools, RIT's School of Photographic Arts and Sciences ranks number one in its field for the fifth year in consecutive rankings.

The U.S. News Best Graduate Schools 2000- edition ranking of photography programs comes under the Fine Arts Specialties section, placing RIT above the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, the University of New Mexico, Rhode Island School of Design, and the California Institute of the Arts. (The arts, ranked by reputation only, are evaluated only every third year; the last determination was in 1997.)

RIT's master's degree program in film was also recognized among the top in the nation, ranking 12th, tied with San Francisco Art Institute and the University of California at San Diego.

In the overall Master of Fine Arts category, the guidebook placed RIT 19th again this year, tied with Pratt Institute, Claremont, University of California at Los Angeles, University of Wisconsin at Madison, University of New Mexico and Virginia Commonwealth University. The guidebook offers rankings from hundreds of accredited graduate programs by deans and senior faculty of U.S. universities and colleges as well as the latest word on admissions, entrance tests and job prospects.

Rankings can be viewed at: www.usnews.com