# **Application Information**

...I was impressed, if not overstimulated, to draw and paint the city of water, but more importantly my understanding of art history was completely revolutionized" Ryan Ion

#### Cost:

8 credits tuition for undergraduates	\$13,360
7 credits tuition for undergraduates	\$11,690
6 credits tuition for undergraduates	\$10,020
9 credits tuition for graduate students	\$16,623
8 credits tuition for graduate students	\$14,776
7 credits tuition for graduate students	\$12,929
6 credits tuition for graduate students	\$11,082
Study Abroad/Health Insurance \$400	)/\$145.10
Housing (subject to change+ 100 euro deposit)	\$1,850
non-credit 3-week (for graduates only)*	\$5,600
*intended for the working professional	

**Application, Registration and Payment:** 

The application due date is February 12th. Late **applications** will be considered if there is space. Students who have been accepted and plan to attend must pay a \$500 deposit by March 12th. All remaining costs must be paid by April 23rd.

Financial Aid: The Pratt in Venice Scholarship Fund offers assistance to qualified students based on demonstrated need and excellence. Students compete for available funds through applications that include images of work, transcripts, letters of recommendation, and a statement of purpose. Applications are reviewed by the Pratt in Venice scholarship committee, which is composed of Pratt faculty. Students may request scholarship/assistantship forms by phone, e-mail, or on the application. Applications should be submitted by February 12th. Scholarship grants will be announced no later than March 15th. In recent years the scholarship has been funded by Pratt in Venice alumni. In 2021 there will be four assistantships, each earning \$2000. Various student loans may also be used for this program.

### Application

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Scholarship app	lication available: Please send Do not send
Please enclose:	Five JPEGS of your work on CD or PDF attached to e-mail and/or an art history paper  A paragraph explaining your background in studio

art, art history, and interest in the program

### Courses

"Its not just the incredible beauty of Venice that seduces us, but its history, art and architecture that makes this experience not to be missed Kelly Davis, 2012

Painting in Venice

Michael Brennan Art 590 I (sec 1) Undergraduate Art 590 I (sec 2) Graduate This course will involve studio work (outdoors as well as in), lectures, special projects, individual critiques and instruction, with particular emphasis on the interaction of light and color. Sketchbooks and journals will be required. There will be portfolio reviews in Venice, and work submitted for the Pratt in Venice Show will also be reviewed. The course will be supported by and integrated with courses in drawing/printmaking, art history, and materials and techniques.

2 or 3 credits

### Drawing and Printmaking in Venice

Fay Ku

Art 591 I (sec 1) Undergraduate Art 591 I (sec 2) Graduate This course will consist of studio and site work, independent projects, field trips to use landscape as subject, and group and individual critiques. Many sessions will be devoted to expanding drawing concepts through printmaking using drypoint, collagraph, monotype, intaglio, and relief print techniques. Classes are held at the world-class print workshop of the Scuola Internazionale di Grafica. Individual development is stressed

and a body of work comprised of drawings, prints and notations,

including a journal, and will be submitted for the Pratt in Venice

Show in Brooklyn in October. 2 or 3 credits

**Art History of Venice** Joseph Kopta HAD 590 I (sec 1) Undergraduate HA 590 I (sec 2) Graduate On-site study of mosaics, painting, architecture, and sculpture of Venice is the prime purpose of this course. Classes held on site alternate with lectures and discussions that place material in its art historical context. Students explore Byzantine, Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque examples and many locations that show in one place the rich visual materials of all these periods, as well as materials and works acquired through conquest or collection. Students will carry out visually and historically based assignments in Venice. Upon return, undergraduates complete a paper based on site study and graduate students submit a paper researched in Venice. The Marciana and Querini Stampalia libraries are available to all students, and students doing graduate work also have access to the Cini Foundation Library. 3 credits

#### Materials and Techniques of Venetian Art Diana Gisolfi HAD 600 I (sec 1) Graduate

This graduate course will explore in historical and practical terms the materials and techniques of Venetian art. Through our association with the Università Internazionale dell'Arte, participants will be able to visit restoration laboratories in Venice and learn from experts about old master techniques. The Cini Foundation Library, with its full repertoire of periodicals in this field, will be another important resource. Each student will choose a particular example to study and may elect to experiment with the relevant materials or techniques in his/her own style under the direction of studio faculty. A report on research in Venice will be followed by a paper submitted shortly after the return from Venice. Any experimental works and the visual displays of research will be submitted for the Pratt in Venice Show held in October. 3 credits

#### **For Further Information Contact:**

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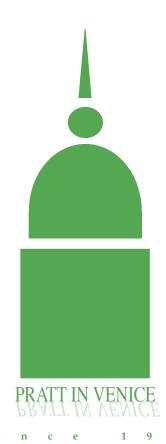
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Imagine a city protected by water, free of motor vehicles, free of the anxiety of modern cities

> yet incredibly rich in the arts.

The riches of Venice can virtually all

be walked to,

in fact they are

omnipresent in every campo,

along each calle,

in each church,

at every bridge

Each turn taken

opens a new vista of

this fragile place —

a vista that

changes momentarily...

Summer 2021

June 9 - July 20

# Why Venice?

"The Pratt in Venice program opens doors for you that you never knew existed both inside and outside yourself."

Penney Clements Dante, 1989

Venice has been chosen as the site for Pratt's summer program in fine arts and art history because of its artistic importance, its extraordinary visual richness, its sea breezes and its serene character. Whether you are admiring Tintoretto's paintings at the Scuola San Rocco, evaluating Giorgione's Tempest at the Accademia or simply exploring alleys and archways, Venice provides a unique atmosphere conducive to learning. Pratt Institute holds its 37<sup>th</sup> summer program in Venice from June 9 to July 20 in collaboration with the Università Internazionale dell'Arte and the Scuola Internazionale di Grafica. It is open to undergraduates who have completed two full years of study, graduate students, and other qualified individuals. The courses in painting, drawing and printmaking, materials and techniques, and art history inform each other and may be taken in various combinations that total 6-9 credits (9 credits is an option for graduate students). The program is fully accredited and is intended for the serious student. Enrollment is limited to 25 students. Four Pratt faculty members participate, ensuring careful attention to the development of each student. The faculty work closely together, committed to the idea that the practice and the history of art inform each other.

**Travel:** Students are expected to make travel arrangements, but we are glad to offer assistance. Many economical fares are available to students through organizations such as CIEE and STA. For June-July, round trip tickets from NY to Venice for students start around \$1200 (taxes included). At orientation sessions held at Pratt in March and April, students have the opportunity to meet each other and can plan to travel together. Minutes from these meetings, as well as a list of student telephone numbers and email and home addresses, are mailed to all participants. A student handbook containing detailed information will be distributed prior to departure. The book will serve as a survival guide and will contain information ranging from what to pack to how to get in from the airport. Students are responsible for making sure their passport and visas are in order prior to departure.

Weekends: When students are not busy with research or working in the studio, they will have opportunities to take weekend trips to Florence and Rome, 3 and 5 hours away by train. Students often plan day trips to cities in the Veneto, such as Verona and Vicenza, or even a bit further to Parma or Rayenna.

#### **Dates to Remember**

February 12 Initial application due Scholarship application due February 12 March 12 \$500 deposit due April 23 Balance due June 9 Arrival date June 9-10 Orientation Feast of the Redeemer July 17-18 July 21 Program concludes, check out

# The Program

"I learned to see a painting three-dimensionally: from the ground up to the surface - the prisms of color and light."

Sergio Rossetti Morosini, 1992 & 1993

Facilities: Our collaboration with the Università Internazionale dell'Arte (UIA), whose headquarters are now at the Villa Heriott, brings us entree to normally unavailable sites of the art world of Venice. UIA provides studio and lecture spaces, and houses a small Pratt in Venice library. Printmaking studios are located at the Scuola Internazionale di Grafica in a palazzo near the Grand Canal. Pratt in Venice students have access to a rich array of museums, libraries and laboratories.

**Field Trips:** A trip to Villa Maser with a tour of the town of Bassano, and a visit to Padua are included in the cost of the program. At Villa Maser, students wander through rooms designed by Palladio and engage in discussion about the humorous frescoes painted by Veronese and his shop. In Bassano, students and faculty indulge in an afternoon feast at a rustic restaurant in the hills. After lunch, students draw and paint or just explore the surrounding hills and absorb the panoramic views. The day trip to Padua includes a morning visit to the Arena Chapel for an up-close look at Giotto frescoes, with the help of conservation experts. After cappuccino, the group goes to the Church of Saint Anthony to study Donatello sculptures and reliefs by Sansovino and the Lombardi. The trip concludes with a study of early Titian frescoes at the Scuola del Santo. These trips, like the wholegroup site visits in Venice, encourage the continual exchange of varied perceptions among faculty and students and add strength to our interdisciplinary program. Joseph Kopta will lead an additional optional trip to Ravenna on a Saturday.

Housing: Student housing will be arranged in group apartments for \$1850 plus a 100 euro deposit requested upon delivery of keys, which will be returned assuming the apartment is in the same condition. Alternative housing may be arranged in a convent at a higher price. This option may be particularly suitable for three week students.

**Meals:** Student apartments have kitchens. Cappuccino and brioche can be had at any local "bar" for 2 to 2 ½ euros. The student *mensa* provides full meals for about 8 euros. Various delicious sandwiches cost 2, 3, or 4 euros.

**Language:** Pratt's Italian 101 and 102 or equivalent introductory courses are highly recommended. A copy of an Italian grammar book will also be provided.

**On-site Italian Classes:** Non-credit Italian classes are offered on site twice a week by an experienced local instructor at minimal cost.

### Faculty

Diana Gisolfi Ph.D., Program Director and Professor, educated at Manhattanville, Harvard, Yale and the University of Chicago, has directed Pratt in Venice since its beginning. A specialist in Renaissance art of the Republic of Venice, Gisolfi developed the Venice program and degree programs in art history at Pratt, including dual master's degrees with Fine Arts and Library Science during her tenure as chair of art history. Gisolfi has lectured widely in Europe and the US, at international conventions and national conferences, including College Art Association and Renaissance Society meetings, as well as chairing and organizing sessions and serving on committees of CAA and the Italian Art Society; topics have included Titian, Tintoretto, Veronese, disegno, pigments, libraries, cross-border exchanges and roles of engineer/artist/ scholars from Verona. She has organized a session for the College Art Association Meeting of February 2021: "Pandemic: the Visual Arts in the Republic of Venice in Times of Plague, and will be presenting at the Renaissance Society Conference in April 2021. Her recent international lecture at the Giornate di Studio *Jacopo Tintoretto*, Venice, Nov 2018 will be published in 2021. She is published in: Art Bulletin, Arte Veneta, Ateneo Veneto, Artibus et Historiae, Burlington Magazine, Renaisssance Quarterly and caareviews.org, and she contributed 14 articles to the Dictionary of Art updated in Oxfordartonline. Gisolfi contributed essays to the catalogs of three exhibitions regarding the art of Paolo Veronese (Venice 2011, Sarasota 2012, and Verona 2014). Her books are: design/illustration of two books by Anthony Gisolfi; The Rule the Bible and the Council: the Library of the Benedictine Abbey at Praglia, co-authored with Staale Sinding-Larsen, CAA monograph, 1998; Paolo Veronese and the Practice of Painting in Late Renaissance Venice, Yale University Press, 2017.

Joseph Kopta, a Pratt in Venice alumnus (2007), specializes in the art and architecture of the medieval Mediterranean, with intellectual interests informed by materiality, cross-cultural interaction, and networks between Venice, Byzantium, and caliphal courts. Educated at Pratt (BFA/MS), Harvard Divinity School, and Columbia University, he is currently completing a PhD in Art History at Temple University. He has presented his research at multiple venues, including the Jaharis Center for Byzantine Art & Culture and the Byzantine Studies Conference, and in 2018 co-chaired the Italian Art Society-sponsored session, "Venice, Materiality, and the Byzantine World" at the Medieval Congress in Kalamazoo. He contributed to the *Grove* Encyclopedia of Medieval Art & Architecture, and has been involved in several digital humanities initiatives, including the Beth Shean After Antiquity project at Penn. In addition to his teaching, he has worked at museums including The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, The Museum of Biblical Art, and The Metropolitan Museum of Art. Since September 2019, he has been a Samuel H. Kress Fellow at the Zentralinstitut für Kunstgeschichte in Munich, Germany.

### Faculty cont.

Fay Ku, VBA Literature and Visual Arts, Bennington College; MFA Studio Art/MS Art History, Pratt Institute, is a Brooklyn-based artist who exhibits nationally and internationally. She is a recipient of a Louis Comfort Tiffany Grant and a New York Foundation for the Arts Artist Fellowship in Printmaking/Drawing/Book Arts. Her solo exhibitions include Honolulu Museum of Art (Honolulu, HI), New Britain Museum of American Art (New Britain, CT) and Snite Museum of Art (South Bend, IN). She is currently a Visiting Assistant Professor at Pratt Institute and is represented by H Gallery in Paris, France.

Michael Brennan, is a Brooklyn based abstract painter. BA, University of Florida (Classics) 1987; MFA/MS, Pratt Institute (dual master's degrees Painting and Art History) 1992. He has been teaching at Pratt Institute since 1998, and is currently Adjunct Associate Professor and Graduate Painting Coordinator. He has also taught at Hunter College, Cooper Union, and SVA. Brennan is represented by Minus Space, and has worked with Lucas Schoormans, Anthony Meier Fine Art, Yoshii Gallery, and Thatcher Projects. He has exhibited internationally in such cities as Brussels, Cologne, Mexico City, Paris, Shanghai, and Sydney. Brennan's group exhibitions include MoMA PS1, CCNOA, and Industry City. His work is in the collections of the National Gallery, Baltimore Museum of Art, and San Jose Museum of Art, as well as General Dynamics, American Express, and other private collections and has been reviewed in the New York Times, Art in America, and *Philadelphia Inquirer*. He has written numerous reviews for Artnet (Painters Journal), The Brooklyn Rail, as well as catalog essays for several other artists.

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