The Cooper Union was founded in 1859 in the East Village of Manhattan by inventor, industrialist, and social reformer, Peter Cooper. The Cooper Union is a top-ranked, all-honors college committed to making education fair and accessible to all. Every admitted undergraduate student is granted a half-tuition scholarship as well as need-based aid.

Comprised of three schools specializing in architecture, art, and engineering, The Cooper Union offers small, intimate classes organized around a culture of collaboration led by a faculty of teachers who are also leading practitioners in their fields. Throughout its history, Cooper has been a place where thinkers, builders, artists, activists, and dreamers have thrived and contributed to New York City and the world in large and small ways—being of this world and for this world.

**FACTS 2020—2021**

- **806** Undergraduate Students
  - 17% Architecture, 28% Art, 55% Engineering
- **81** Graduate Students
  - 28% Asian
  - 16% Black or Hispanic
  - 32% Caucasian (non-Latino)
  - 3% Multi-Ethnic or Other
  - 7% Do not Identity with a Specific Race or Ethnicity
  - 14% International Students
  - 56% Male, 44% Female
  - 53% from New York State
    - (41% from New York City)
- **8 to 1** Student-to-Faculty Ratio
- **18%** Acceptance Rate
  - 6% Architecture, 11% Art, 32% Engineering

**STATS**

- **Ranked #1**
  - Best Value for its region (north);
  - Ranked #4 for best undergraduate teaching
  —U.S. News and World Report Best Colleges 2021 Guidebook
- **Ranked in the Top 20**
  - Best college value, based on academic offerings and affordability
  —Fiske Guide to Colleges Best Buys of 2021
- **Ranked #9**
  - In a national list of “Best Value Colleges”
  —The Princeton Review, 2020

- **Ranked #2**
  - Undergraduate Architecture School for Design Theory & Research Skills and
  - Ranked #4 National Admired Architecture Undergraduate Programs
  —Design Intelligence & Architectural Record, 2020
- ** Ranked #17**
  - CNBC Make It list of top 50 U.S colleges that pay off the most in 2020
- **Ranked #7**
  - Money’s 2020 list of Best Small Colleges and #26 for Best Colleges for Engineering Majors

- **Ranked 10**
  - In the nation among undergraduate Engineering colleges; the following in undergraduate colleges:
    - 1st in chemical engineering;
    - 7th in mechanical engineering;
    - 7th in civil engineering;
    - 8th in electrical engineering; and
    - 7th in computer science.
  —U.S. News and World Report, 2021
ARCHITECTURE
The Irwin S. Chanin School of Architecture offers a five-year Bachelor of Architecture degree and a post-professional Master of Science in Architecture degree. Students from all years of study work side by side in an open studio, exploring the essential skills of drawing, model-making, and design development along with both analytical and critical uses of digital technologies. Fluid discussion, rigorous critique, and research into the social and environmental implications of architecture as a cultural practice are all central components of the program and prepare students for their civic duty in the world.

ART
The School of Art offers a four-year Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. Students do not choose a major but instead begin their studies taking a year of foundational courses followed by course selections in drawing, painting, printmaking, photography, film/video, graphic design, sculpture, performance, and sound. Through critique, development of technical skills, and experimentation across a variety of disciplines and mediums, students form a strong intellectual grounding in history, theory, and criticism, graduating as well-rounded, creative practitioners working to transform society.

ENGINEERING
The Albert Nerken School of Engineering offers Bachelor and Master of Engineering degrees in chemical, civil, electrical, and mechanical engineering, as well as a Bachelor of Science degree in general engineering. Small classes and project-based, experiential learning provide opportunities for students to enhance their education through research and collaboration with peers and faculty. The School of Engineering produces lifelong learners and active citizens who work within and across disciplines, lead and empower, and think and take action at Cooper and beyond.

HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
All Cooper Union students take a four-semester core curriculum of required courses through the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in which they learn to think, write, and critically investigate their work and its impact on society. This liberal arts foundation provides an ethical, social, and humanistic framework crucial to intellectual flourishing and engaged citizenship.

COSTS
Tuition: $44,550
Half-Tuition Scholarship: $22,275
(offered to every admitted undergraduate student)