

Minneapolis College of Art and Design  
Liberal Arts Department  
Engaged and Public Arts Minor FAQ Sheet

1. What is the Engaged and Public Arts Minor?

The Engaged and Public Arts Minor (EPA) combines the power of the Liberal Arts and the Studio to provide an opportunity for students to effectively and ethically bring the imagination, craft, and skill of an art and design practice into the public sphere. The 15-credit minor engages students in techniques and theories of arts engagement, interventionist strategies, and collaborative practices that can support a variety of work from the ephemeral, the situational, to image/object-based public or socially engaged art. Students will learn to broaden their cultural knowledge, determine their unique value as public/community art makers, create meaning, and tap into the power of community through research, fieldwork, and direct experiences within the public sphere.

2. What coursework is specific to the Engaged and Public Arts Minor?

The Engaged and Public Arts Minor comprises five courses, three required and two electives, none of which are exclusive to the minor. The required courses are Art in the Cities, Ethnography for Artists and Designers, and Art in Community.

3. When does MCAD's EPA Minor officially begin?

The minor officially begins in the Spring 2018 semester.

4. Who is eligible to declare the EPA Minor?

The EPA Minor is open to all undergraduate students who are pursuing the undergraduate degree at MCAD. The EPA Minor can be completed as part of the undergraduate degree's required 120 credit hours.

5. Why would I declare an Engaged and Public Arts Minor?

The Engaged and Public Arts Minor will expose you to alternative artistic practices, art in the everyday, alternative art histories, and new kinds of and definitions of communities and publics. The Engaged and Public Arts Minor can help to give your course of study at MCAD additional definition and direction by allowing you to explore the social and public roles of artists, nurture stories, put your values into action, and create community and public partnerships.

6. How do I declare an Engaged and Public Arts Minor?

Students declare an Engaged and Public Arts Minor by completing the Engaged and Public Arts Minor declaration form, obtaining their department chair's signature,

and submitting the completed form to the MCAD Student Affairs Office. The form is available in the MCAD Student Affairs office, and online on the MCAD intranet under Academic Advising.

[http://intranet.mcad.edu/sites/default/files/docs/declare\\_minorfa17.pdf](http://intranet.mcad.edu/sites/default/files/docs/declare_minorfa17.pdf)

7. Do I need to schedule an advising appointment to declare the Engaged and Public Arts Minor?

No. Students are encouraged to discuss their interest in the Engaged and Public Arts Minor with their advisor or department chairs and to monitor their progress toward completing the requirements with their advisors, department chairs, or the Liberal Arts Chair on or before Advising Day.

8. When is the best time to declare interest in completing the Engaged and Public Arts Minor?

Set up an appointment to meet with your department chair or the Liberal Arts Chair at your earliest convenience. The requirements are flexible, but you will want to plan ahead to make sure that you will have time and space in your schedule to meet them.

9. Is there a minimum GPA required to declare a Engaged and Public Arts Minor?

Yes, 3.0.

10. Can MCAD courses I have taken be substituted for the requirements of the minor?

The minor is fairly flexible and draws from a number of classes; substitutions should not be required if students plan ahead.

11. Can classes I take at other colleges and universities be applied toward the minor?

Students can apply transferred credits on a case-by-case basis with the approval of either their studio chair in the case of studio requirements or the Liberal Arts Chair in the case of Liberal Arts requirements.

12. Is the completed Engaged and Public Arts Minor indicated on students' transcripts?

Yes, if students successfully complete the courses required for the Engaged and Public Arts Minor it will be indicated on their official final MCAD transcript.

13. Do I have to declare an Engaged and Public Arts Minor to take the required courses?

No, but all prerequisites for classes apply.

14. How can I get more information on the Engaged and Public Arts Minor?

Meet with either your studio chair or the Liberal Arts Chair.