

Summer Term and Fall Semester 2026 MCAD Advising and Registration Guide

Course schedules are now available on [myMCAD](#)! Log in to [my.mcad.edu](#), click on the Registration tab and select the Generate Course Schedule link to view the Summer Term and Fall Semester 2026 course schedules.

Please see pages 5-7 of this guide for information about courses applicable to minors and other course opportunities available next semester.

Before Advising Day

- **Watch your MCAD email** for an email from Student Affairs containing the Summer and Fall 2026 advising and registration schedule and a link to online registration instructions.
- **Prepare for advising and registration.** Log in to myMCAD and check the following items:
 - On the Student Accounts tab, pay any overdue balances. **You will not be able to register if there is a hold on your account due to an unpaid balance.**
 - On the Academic Advising tab, under My Degree Progress, locate and review your degree audit **before your advising appointment.** If you have any questions or notice discrepancies, contact the [Records Office](#) or the [Student Affairs Office](#).
- Advising appointments and registration will occur separately. Meeting with an advisor and obtaining clearance to register are **required** steps in the registration process. Students will not be able to register without an advisor's clearance.
- **Declared BFA and BS sophomores, juniors, and seniors:**
 - Your scheduled advising time for **Advising Day, April 14, 2026**, will be posted on the Academic Advising tab of [myMCAD](#) by **April 3, 2026**.
 - Your advising appointment will occur as posted on myMCAD at your scheduled time. Please be prompt, and plan for your appointment in advance by reviewing your degree audit and identifying your course preferences for next semester.
 - Declared BFA and BS sophomores, juniors, and seniors will be advised and will later register online at scheduled times on Advising Day.
 - If you cannot meet with your advisor at the assigned time, contact your advisor and arrange a new meeting to take place **before April 14, 2026**. You must have your advisor's clearance in order to register.
- **All first-year BFA and BS students (0-29 earned credits) and all undeclared sophomores will have group advising meetings with Tannah Frawley,**

March 30 – April 21. Please see the Intranet posting about signing up for an appointment, and contact Tannah at tfrawley@mcad.edu with any questions about your advising appointment.

Registration Schedule – All Programs

The following registration schedule will be strictly enforced.

Please note that this schedule is based on earned, not projected, credits.

<i>Class/major:</i>	<i>May begin online registration at:</i>
Seniors (90+ earned credits as of Spring 2026)	11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 14
Declared Juniors (60-89 earned credits as of Spring 2026)	2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14
Declared Sophomores (30-59 earned credits as of Spring 2026)	3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14
All First-Year Students – Declared and Undeclared (0-29 earned credits as of Spring 2026)	9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 22
Undeclared Sophomores (30-59 earned credits as of Spring 2026 who have not yet declared a major)	9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 22

Graduate Students

- *Master of Arts in Creative Leadership*
Advising and online registration will occur beginning on Monday, April 6. Contact Kami Norland with questions.
- *Master of Arts in Graphic and Web Design*
Advising and online registration will occur beginning on Monday, April 6. Contact Lafe Smith with questions.
- *Master of Arts in Sustainable Design*
Advising and online registration will occur beginning on Monday, April 6. Contact Dawn Keene with questions.
- *Master of Fine Arts*
Advising and online registration will occur beginning on Monday, April 6. Contact Sarah Petersen or Niky Motekallem with questions.

Online registration for all students will remain open until 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, April 23.

Students who need to make schedule changes after registration will be able to do so on [myMCAD](#) beginning Monday, May 4 at 9:00 a.m. and ending Friday, May 15 at 11:59 p.m. for Summer 2026 and Friday, July 17 at 11:59 p.m. for Fall 2026.

How to Interpret Course Listings in the Course Schedule

AH 1701 - Introduction to Art and Design - 3 Credit(s)

The objective of this course is to familiarize students with the major stylistic, thematic, cultural, and historical transformations in art history from prehistoric times to the nineteenth century. This course helps students develop critical tools for the interpretation and understanding of the meaning and function of art objects, architecture, and design artifacts within their original historical contexts. Class sessions consist primarily of lecture with some discussion. Students take in-class examinations and complete short essay assignments.

AH 1701 01 01/18/2022 - 05/10/2022 Mo 9:30AM - 12:00PM 150 HF Erickson, Luke



Arrow 1 points to the heading which contains the course number, title, and number of credits.

Arrow 2 points to the course description. Any prerequisites will be specifically listed at the end of the paragraph.

Arrow 3 points to the row containing the section number, start and end dates, day(s) of the week, start and end times, room number and/or online or HyFlex, and faculty name.

To search for online or HyFlex courses in myMCAD:

On the Registration tab, go to the Course Search link.

Set the Term menu to the appropriate term, and Division to the appropriate division.

In the Campus menu, select MCAD.

In the Building menu, select Online Learning.

Click Search and review the search results.

How to Interpret Room Numbers in the Course Schedule

HyFlex

Room number: HF

These courses will have a room number of HF **plus** an on-campus room number. Courses taught on campus in a room outfitted with HyFlex technology allow students to attend any class session in person or remotely. Students can engage in all coursework regardless of how they choose to attend class.

Online

Room number: OLA or OLS

OLA: Asynchronous online: Class is delivered online with no/minimal synchronous meeting times.

OLS: Synchronous online: Class is held online, and everyone attends at a specified time.

Times for synchronous courses are in Central standard/daylight time.

On-Campus

Room number of an on-campus space

Will have a campus room number only. Scheduled to meet on campus.

Fall Semester 2026 Course Offerings for Minors

Advertising
Animation
Art History
Comic Art
Creative Writing
Curatorial Studies
Engaged and Public Art
Entrepreneurship
Experimental Games
Graphic Design
Illustration
Print Paper Book
Sound
Teaching Artist

Please visit [the Academic Advising resource page on the Intranet](#) for information about the minors currently offered at MCAD. You can find information about each major here as well.

This resource page contains information about how to declare a minor, course requirements and other details pertinent to each minor, and information about who to contact if you have more questions about a particular minor.

Compare the course requirements to the courses offered this semester, plus the completed courses on your degree audit, to determine your specific course needs.

Online Undergraduate Courses

Faculty and course offerings subject to change.

*Courses may be offered as online asynchronous (OLA) or online synchronous (OLS):
check course schedule for full details.*

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Fine Arts

Course Code	Title	Cr	Faculty
DRPT 3303 20	Drawing Through a Lens	3cr.	Sands

Liberal Arts

Course Code	Title	Cr	Faculty
AH/HU 4722 20	The Body in Art and Visual Culture	3cr.	McKnight Sethi
HS 5010 20	Liberal Arts Advanced Seminar	3cr.	TBA

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Foundation Studies

Course Code	Title	Cr	Faculty
FDN 1412 20	Sophomore Seminar	1cr.	McCartney
FDN 1412 21	Sophomore Seminar	1cr.	McCartney
FDN 1412 22	Sophomore Seminar	1cr.	Aller
FDN 1412 23	Sophomore Seminar	1cr.	Aller

Liberal Arts

Course Code	Title	Cr	Faculty
CPW 3920 20	Creative Writing	3cr.	Hlavacek
HU 3875 20	The Graphic Novel	3cr.	Pistelli
SO 2340 20	Introduction to General Psychology	3cr.	Theis

MA – Graphic and Web Design

(Open to undergraduates who have completed prerequisites)

Course Code	Title	Cr	Faculty
GWD 6405 20	Design in Context	3cr.	TBA
GWD 6610 20	Web Development	3cr.	TBA

MA - Sustainable Design

(Open to undergraduates who have completed prerequisites)

Course Code	Title	Cr	Faculty
SD 6500 20	Fundamentals of Sustainable Design	3cr.	Garcia
SD 6510 20	Systems Thinking	3cr.	Silverman
SD 6825 20	Leadership in Design and Advocacy	3cr.	Bertossi

Fall Semester 2026 Continuing Education Courses

BFA students may fulfill credits of their degree requirements by taking courses through Continuing Education for credit with advisor approval.

During Fall and Spring semesters, during evening hours and Saturdays, or online, full-time students may register tuition-free for no more than two one-credit or two-credit Continuing Education classes for credit per semester. (Total enrollment is not to exceed 18 credits.) This discount is only available if the class is taken for credit and on a space-available basis.

Continuing Education also offers a wide selection of non-credit workshops and short courses.

Please see [Continuing Education](#) for details about all Continuing Education courses that will be offered during Fall Semester 2026. The full list will be available in July 2026. For additional registration information, please contact the [Records Office](#).

Summer Term 2026 Academic Calendar and Registration Policies

Advising Day for Summer and Fall 2026	April 14
Summer and Fall 2026 registration (all students)	April 14-23
Tuition and fees due for Summer 2026	May 22
Summer 2026 classes begin	June 1
Add/Drop period	June 1-5
Final day to withdraw from a Summer 2026 class	July 17
Last day of Summer 2026 classes	August 7

Registration Information

Summer 2026 registration for degree-seeking graduate students begins April 6 and for degree-seeking undergraduate students begins April 14, concurrent with Fall 2026 registration. All tuition for summer classes must be paid by May 22, 2026. After May 22, students wishing to add summer credits to their schedules must pre-pay the tuition, plus the late fee of \$250.00, and the Records Office will obtain payment confirmation from Student Accounts at the time of registration. For all other information regarding advising and registration procedures, see the Advising and Registration section at the beginning of this guide.

Closed Classes and Wait Lists

If a class reaches the enrollment limit during registration, it closes. You may either select an alternate course or place yourself on a wait list. If space becomes available during registration, waitlisted students may be added to the class. Waitlists will be dropped after registration and students will be asked to register for courses with available seats. If you are interested in a full class and space has not become available by May 15, you may attempt to add the class during the five-day Add/Drop period (**June 1 – June 5, 2026**).

The Add/Drop Period

The Add/Drop period consists of the first five class days of the semester: **June 1 – June 5, 2026**. Students are required to attend the first day of class. Faculty have the option of dropping a student who fails to attend the first class session. Internship contracts, Independent Study forms, Extended/Reduced Credit forms, audit requests, and Add/Drop forms are due (with all required signatures) by 5:00 p.m. on June 5.

First Day of Attendance

It is particularly important that students attend the first meeting of all courses whether online, in-person, or HyFlex; failing to attend the first class can impact your enrollment in the course and can have consequences for financial aid.

Add/Drop Policy for one or two-credit classes

You can add or drop a one or two-credit class during the first week of the class. You cannot change a one or two-credit class to Audit after the regular Add/Drop period.

Tuition

Tuition for undergraduate courses for Summer 2026 is \$2004.00 per credit. Non-credit tuition and tuition for special programs may vary; please see individual course listings for details. Payment of tuition is due May 22, 2026. Please see mcad.edu/current-students/billing-and-payment for billing and payment options. Any Summer 2026 tuition paid after the May 22 deadline is subject to a \$250.00 late fee. **No refunds will be issued to students after the Add/Drop period.**

Costs of Course Materials

Students should budget to spend approximately \$300 per course for related materials, on average. Required materials will be listed on myMCAD within the registration information for courses, where possible. In selecting required course materials, MCAD faculty strive to select the best value materials for the lowest cost, eliminate unnecessary course materials, and allow for the maximum flexibility for student purchase options.

Withdrawals/Refunds

From June 6 to July 17, 2026, you can withdraw from a class or classes without impacting your GPA. You will receive a notation of "W" on your transcript for the class and be charged a \$30 processing fee. You may not add credits or courses after the Add/Drop period. If you wish to withdraw from all classes, you must contact Jen Zuccola, Vice President of Student Affairs, and complete a Notification of Student Withdrawal form. June 7 is the last day to qualify for a tuition refund for all credits dropped. Any course dropped after June 7 will count as a course withdrawal, and refunds for reducing credits will follow the guidelines listed below:

Return of Tuition Formula: MCAD has adopted the Federal Return of Title IV Aid Formula mandated by the Reauthorization of Higher Education Act of 1998 as its tuition return policy. This formula is applicable to any student who withdraws from all classes on or before July 17, 2026 for summer term. Students who withdraw after this date will not be eligible for a reduction of charges. The percentage of reduction a student may be eligible to receive is based on the following formula: Days remaining in the term divided by total days in the term = percentage of tuition reduction.

Refund Policy for Students Who Withdraw: The date a student files a Notification of Student Withdrawal form determines the amount of tuition and fees that will be reduced. The Business Office calculates and determines all reduction amounts including financial aid, which will be canceled or prorated as required by the grant, loan, or scholarship program involved. All refund amounts are subject to deductions for money owed to the College. For housing refunds, see the Housing Contract. Refunds are paid by check according to the Accounts Payable schedule. Any questions should be directed to the Business Office or the Director of Student Affairs. Financial aid is also recalculated and reduced based on the date of withdrawal. This could result in a balance due.

Financial Aid

Generally, financial aid is limited in the summer. However, you may be eligible for aid. Please see the Financial Aid Office to complete a Summer Aid Preference Form to see how taking aid in the summer will affect the rest of the school year.

Student refunds from financial aid: Some students deliberately take out more loans than are necessary to cover tuition expenses for their personal expenses while attending college. This generates a refund of excess financial aid. Refunds that are generated as a result of loans may take up to ten days to fully process through the school. All charges on a student's account will be taken into consideration before any refund is generated throughout the year. During a semester any refund check may take up to one week to process. Checks are generated on the Accounts Payable schedule. You will be notified when your check is ready. Please bring photo I.D. when you pick up your check. At the end of the term, any remaining refund check will be mailed to the permanent home address on file. Please contact the Records Office to update your address.

Internships

Students undertaking internship credits this summer must register and pay tuition fees. Information about internships is available in the Career Development Office. Please note that internship credits added and paid for after May 22 are subject to the \$250.00 late fee.

Summer Support Areas

Degree-seeking students enrolled for multiple credits for the summer may request access to an academic support area (i.e. 3D Shop, computer labs, Library, Media Center, Print Shop, studios) that is not necessarily related to their coursework. Access may only be granted upon the approval of the director of the support area in question.

Non-Discrimination Policy

MCAD admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the College. It does not discriminate on the basis of creed, religion, race, color, ancestry, ethnic origin, sex, affectional preference, disability, age, marital status, in the administration of its employment, educational and admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, or other College-administered programs.

Disclaimer

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Students are responsible for the information contained in this bulletin regarding policies and procedures, as well as for information in the Student Handbook regarding: registration, payment, grading policies, graduation requirements, changes in course schedule, and other official notices.

Fall Semester 2026

Academic Calendar and Registration Policies

Tuition and fees due for Fall 2026	August 1
Orientation for new students	August 22-23
Fall 2026 classes begin	August 24
Add/Drop period	August 24-28
Labor Day (no classes)	September 7
Incomplete work from Spring Semester 2026 due to faculty	September 25
Advising Day for Spring 2027 (no classes)	November 3
Spring 2027 Advising and Registration	November 3-12
Final day to withdraw from a Fall 2026 class	November 13
Last day of Fall 2026 classes	December 11
Intent to Graduate forms due for May 2027 graduates	December 11

Closed Classes and Wait Lists

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Credit Overloads (schedules above 18 credits per semester)

Any number of credits over 18 per semester is considered an overload. You must have a GPA of 3.0 or better and the approval of your advisor, department chair, and the Vice President of Academic Affairs to attempt an overload. Per-credit tuition charges will be added to the full-time tuition charge.

Changing Your Class Schedule After Registration

After registration, your class schedule will be available on myMCAD. If you need to make a change to your schedule, you may make changes to your own registration on myMCAD from May 4 through July 17. After the tuition due date on August 1, any changes to this schedule must be made with an Add/Drop form during the five-day Add/Drop period: **August 24 – August 28, 2026.**

The Add/Drop Period

The Add/Drop period consists of the first five class days of the semester: **August 24 – August 28, 2026.** Internship contracts, Independent Study forms, Extended/Reduced Credit forms, audit requests, and Add/Drop forms are due (with all required signatures) by 5:00 pm on August 28. August 28 is the last day to qualify for a tuition refund on the basis of credit changes. Students may not add courses after the end of Add/Drop, except as noted below. Any course dropped after August 28 will count as a course withdrawal, and refunds for reducing credits will follow published guidelines. Check with Student Accounts for further details.

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