

**MINNEAPOLIS
COLLEGE of ART and DESIGN**

Transfer Credits

MCAD is selective about transferring credits from other schools. Transfer credits from Advanced Placement courses (AP), International Baccalaureate programs (IB), post-secondary enrollment (PSEO) and pre-college programs as well as other colleges and universities may be accepted. Once admitted to MCAD, transfer students will receive an official transfer credit evaluation.

You are considered a transfer student if you have graduated from a high school program (or equivalent) and have enrolled at a post-secondary institution and attempted any college coursework. A student taking college courses while still in high school or participating in dual enrollment college classes or PSEO must apply as a first-year student and are not transfer applicants.

MCAD has maximum allowable transfer credits. As a transfer student, you may apply to transfer up to 33 studio arts and 30 liberal arts credits. For high school students applying as a first year MCAD student, up to 21 qualifying transfer credits will be considered.

MCAD will only accept credits from courses which are compatible with our existing course offerings and credit will transfer only for classes with a straight C or better. Grades lower than C (including C-) will not be eligible for transfer. Credit will only transfer from regionally-accredited institutions. To determine if a prior college or university is regionally accredited, contact the office of the registrar of the school, or consult its website. Both MCAD's Admissions Office and Student Affairs Office can also research a school to determine its level of accreditation. Students must complete all necessary steps by posted deadlines in order to transfer credits. Deadlines are posted for new students at mcad.edu/admitted and mcad.edu/transfer.

For Liberal Arts Credit

Liberal arts classes that are comparable to those taught at MCAD will be considered for transfer, including most art history, humanities, language, and social science courses. Course content is always considered when determining the transfer of credit and a course description may be required in order to determine transfer eligibility.

For Studio Credit

In most cases, transferring studio credits requires submitting a portfolio of additional work completed as part of the studio course. For example, if you intend to transfer in three studio courses, three separate transfer portfolios and a copy of each course syllabus would need to be submitted.

For New Incoming Students

The coordination of transfer credits for new incoming students is handled through the Admissions Office. Official transcripts must be sent from all prior institutions attended by posted deadlines. Transcripts should be sent to the attention of the MCAD Admissions Office. For specific information about what is required in a particular situation, contact your admissions counselor in the Admissions Office. See [mcad.edu/transfer](https://www.mcad.edu/transfer) for more information.

For Continuing/Returning Students

The coordination of transfer credits for continuing or returning students is handled through the Student Affairs Office. Official transcripts must be sent from all institutions attended and it is recommended that the student discusses the course with their advisor prior to registration for transfer compatibility. For specific information about what is required, contact the Student Affairs Office.