

**Minneapolis College of Art and Design
Liberal Arts Department
Art History Minor
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Sheet**

1. When does MCAD's Art History Minor officially begin?

Students can pursue the Art History Minor starting fall semester 2012. See #3.

2. Why would I declare an Art History Minor?

The Art History Minor provides students with an expanded knowledge of the research and methods used in the discipline of Art History, and skills of visual interpretation that are transferable to a wide variety of creative and scholarly practices.

3. How do students declare their interest in the Art History Minor?

Students declare an Art History Minor by completing the Art History Minor Declaration form, which is available in the MCAD Student Affairs Office. Students must have the Chair of the Liberal Arts Department sign the form, and the student must then submit the completed form to the MCAD Student Affairs Office.

4. Who is eligible to declare the Art History Minor?

The Art History Minor is open to all undergraduate students pursuing the BFA degree at MCAD. The Art History Minor requires 123 credit hours, three more credits than the BFA degree without the minor. Bachelor of Science (BSc) Entrepreneurial Studies (ES) students may also earn an Art History Minor, although the requirements of the Art History Minor are in most cases in addition to the credits required to complete the BSc ES degree.

5. Do I need to schedule an advising appointment to declare the Art History Minor?

No. Students are encouraged, however, to discuss their interest in the Art History Minor, and to monitor their progress toward completing the requirements, in their Advising Day meeting with their advisers.

6. When is the best time for an MCAD student to declare her or his interest in completing the Art History Minor? Can seniors declare an Art History Minor?

Students can declare an Art History Minor at any time before their last semester at MCAD. Students are strongly encouraged to declare the minor early in their MCAD career in order to help them better schedule the requirements in relation to their degree requirements. Students who declare the minor late in their undergraduate careers may need to take more than the recommended courses per semester, or complete the minor requirements by enrolling in summer courses or additional semesters.

7. Can MCAD courses I have taken be substituted for the requirements of the Art History Minor?

There will be no substitutions for courses explicitly required of the Art History Minor.

8. Can classes I take at other colleges and universities be applied toward the Art History Minor?

Students can transfer up to six credits toward fulfilling the requirements of the Art History Minor at MCAD. In most cases, students will be able to transfer credits only toward completion of the Foundation Art History requirements of the Art History Minor (i.e., the equivalent of “AH 1701” and / or “AH 1702”).

9. Why doesn't my Art History course count toward the Art History Minor?

The Art History Minor is a series of courses that, when completed, allow students to achieve a designated breadth and depth of knowledge in art history, its theories, and its methods. As such, not all art history courses count toward the Art History Minor. Only those courses that allow students to achieve collectively the stated learning objectives count toward the Art History Minor.

10. Are there recommended courses within the Art History Minor for particular majors (i.e., graphic design, film, etc.)?

Once they have officially declared their intent to pursue the Art History Minor, students should follow their Credit Evaluation worksheet.

Students can select from a variety of courses required for the Art History Minor in ways that appeal directly to their major. For example, Graphic Design students may consider enrolling in “Readings in Contemporary Design” from among the three available “Readings” courses.

11. How is the completed Art History Minor indicated on students' transcripts?

Only if students complete the courses required of the Art History Minor successfully will the minor be indicated on their official MCAD transcript. A

notation will appear on a student's final transcript noting completion of the Art History minor. No notation will appear on students' transcripts if they fail to complete the requirements for the Art History Minor before they graduate.

12. Is there a minimum grade point average required to declare or to complete the minor?

No, there is no minimum grade point average required for the Art History Minor.

13. How can I find out more information about the courses required of the Art History Minor?

Courses required for completing of the Art History Minor can be found on the Art History Minor Description, Overview, and Required Courses sheet available in the Student Affairs Office or on the [MCAD Minors intranet page](#). For more information about specific courses, students are encouraged to meet with the Chair of Liberal Arts or any of the full-time Liberal Arts faculty who teach Art History courses.