

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

1. What is the Engaged and Public Arts Minor?

The Engaged and Public Arts Minor 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 public spaces and communities. Students are exposed to techniques and theories of arts engagement, interventionist strategies, and collaborative practices that can support a variety of work from the ephemeral and 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. When does MCAD's EPA Minor officially begin?

The minor officially began in the Fall 2018 semester.

3. 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. Bachelor of Sciences (BSc) Entrepreneurial Studies (ES) students may also earn an EPA Minor.

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

The Engaged and Public Arts Minor will give you the opportunity to explore alternative artistic practices including public, interventionist, site-specific, socially engaged, and community-based practices and their histories. 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, put your values into action, and create community and public partnerships.

5. 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 your department chair's or the Liberal Arts 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 on the Student Affairs MCAD intranet page under “Forms.”

6. 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 and to monitor their progress toward completing the requirements during their advising day meetings.

7. When is the best time to declare interest in completing the Engaged and Public Arts Minor? Can seniors declare an 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.

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

No.

9. Can classes I have taken at other colleges and universities be applied toward the minor?

Students can transfer credits on a case-by-case basis with the approval of the Liberal Arts Chair.

10. How is the completed Engaged and Public Arts Minor indicated on students' transcripts?

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

11. 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, Ethnographic Methods, and Art in Community.

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

No, but all prerequisites apply.

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

Meet with your department chair or the Liberal Arts Chair.