

"I loved every minute of my time at MCAD. I made great friends and gained so much insight on art. I use the things I learned every single day. PCSS was amazing and I'm very glad I did it."

-PCSS GRADIJATE





The Pre-College Summer Session (PCSS) is an 18-day, highly structured, and challenging classroom and studio-based experience developed to guide serious art students in the process of maturing as artists and individuals.

Students spend full days under the guidance of professional instructors, immersed in both foundational and intensive major classes. Evenings and weekends provide a chance to build new friendships, explore Minneapolis, and spend dedicated time working in the studios and labs.

Trained staff and professional faculty are with them every step of the journey.



Upon application, students choose one of the following majors:

- Animation
- Comic Art
- Graphic Design
- Painting
- Illustration

Detailed descriptions of each major can be found at mcad.edu/pcss. Students may change majors until April 22.



\$3.300

Please note: Students in the painting major pay an additional \$100 materials fee.



- Three MCAD elective credits
- Full room and board
- Course-specific supplies
- City-wide excursions, including museum tours, visits with artists, and more
- Optional portfolio review with admissions counselors
- End-of-program student gallery exhibition and reception
- \$50 MCAD undergraduate application waiver



Living on campus is a requirement of this program. Students stay in air-conditioned, furnished, apartment-style dorms located just across the lawn from the main classroom building. Trained, upperlevel MCAD student resident advisors serve as supportive on-campus resources while also fostering community and ensuring a safe and fully supervised environment. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are provided through MCAD's cafeteria. Special consideration can be given to a student's specific dietary needs.



When not working in their studios, students relax on campus or head off campus on supervised excursions to Minneapolis sites, artists' studios, and more. All excursions are included in the program fee.



DATES AND DEADLINES

November 1

Application opens

April 22

Priority application deadline

*Applications accepted hereafter on a space available basis only through June 15

May 6

Students notified of acceptance

June 1

\$500 deposit deadline for priority applicants

June 24

Final payment due

July 7

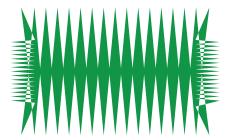
Program begins

July 23

Final student gallery exhibition and family dinner

July 24

Program ends



HOW TO APPLY

Visit mcad.edu/pcss for complete application instructions.

ELIGIBILITY

Students who have completed their sophomore, junior, or senior year of high school are eligible for this program.

Students are required to be vaccinated against Covid-19 in order to attend.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Full and partial economic need based scholarships are available.

Merit-based \$1,000 scholarships to MCAD undergraduate program awarded to exemplary pre-college graduates upon completion.





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