

"I would definitely recommend the PCSS program. It's a really good opportunity to not only evolve your creative skills, but also expose *vourself to the independent college* lifestyle and meet new people within the type of art and major you like. It's been really valuable."

—Julia, PCSS student (Animation)



the experience

The Pre-College Summer Session (PCSS) is a two and a half week, highly structured experience developed to guide serious art students on their creative journey.

Inside the classrooms and studios, trained staff and professional faculty guide and mentor them every step of the way. Students spend their days immersed in both foundational and intensive classes by major. Evenings and weekends provide a chance to have fun and relax, build new friendships, explore Minneapolis, and spend time working in the studios and labs.

the majors

Upon application, students choose one of the following majors:

Animation

Character and Concept Design

Illustration

Painting

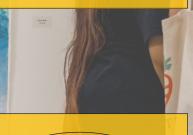
Photography

Detailed descriptions of each major can be found at mcad.edu/pcss. Students may change majors until April 21.

tuition & fees

\$3,500

Please note: Students in the painting major pay an additional \$100 materials fee. Students in the photography major pay a refundable \$150 equipment damage deposit.



includes

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

campus life

Students stay in air-conditioned, furnished, apartment-style dorms located across an expansive lawn from the main building. Trained, upper-level MCAD students serve as oncampus resources, helping build community within a safe, supervised environment. All meals are provided through MCAD's cafeteria with special consideration given to a student's dietary needs.

free time

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



November 1 Application opens

April 21 Priority application deadline

*Applications accepted hereafter on a space available basis only through June 23

May 5 Students notified of acceptance

June 1 \$500 deposit deadline for priority applicants

June 30 Final payment due

July 12 Program begins and students move-in

July 29 Final student gallery exhibition and family dinner celebration

July 30 Program ends and students move-out



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.

how to apply

Visit mcad.edu/pcss for complete application instructions.



A limited number of competitive, financial, need-based scholarships are available, covering up to 90% of tuition.

Merit-based scholarships worth \$250-\$500.

\$1,000 scholarships toward an MCAD undergraduate degree are awarded to exemplary PCSS graduates upon completion.



Continuing Education at MCAD

MCAD also offers classes for teens in the summer, including Portfolio Preparation classes. Many adult classes are also open to teens ages 16 and up.

Pre-College Studio Intensives

Weeklong Pre-College Studio Intensives focusing on a specific MCAD major are offered in the summer. Pre-College Studio Intensives are worth one college credit.

For more information: mcad.edu/ce



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