

MINNEAPOLIS
COLLEGE of ART and DESIGN

Grades
10-12

PRE- COLLEGE SUMMER SESSION

animation

*character &
concept design*

illustration

painting

photography

July 12-30
2023

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“I would definitely recommend the PCSS program. It’s a really good opportunity to not only evolve your creative skills, but also expose yourself 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)



Get a behind-the-scenes look at PCSS!



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.

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 on-campus 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.

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

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.

dates & deadlines

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

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.

how to apply

Visit mcad.edu/pcss for complete application instructions.

scholarships

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.

looking for something shorter?

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:
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