

**MCAD FACT SHEET FOR SAN FRANCISCO ART INSTITUTE (SFAI) STUDENTS SEEKING TO  
ATTEND MINNEAPOLIS COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN (MCAD) AS A  
MASTER OF FINE ARTS TRANSFER STUDENT**

Located in Minneapolis, Minnesota since 1886, the Minneapolis College of Art and Design (MCAD) has been recognized nationally and internationally for its innovative approaches to art and design education. MCAD offers two four-year undergraduate degrees: a bachelor of fine arts (BFA) and a bachelor of science (BS), as well as graduate degrees in visual arts, design, and sustainability. To learn more, visit [mcad.edu/why-mcad](https://www.mcad.edu/why-mcad).

The MCAD community is saddened by the closing of the San Francisco Art Institute (SFAI), its effect on SFAI students, and the loss for the national art and design community. Our goal at MCAD is to assist SFAI students with enrolling at MCAD while maintaining a high level of academic quality and student services. We realize that the closing of SFAI is a stressful situation, and have streamlined the process for SFAI students to enroll at MCAD. We need you to carefully follow the process we have outlined and complete the steps by posted dates. For detailed information, please contact [admissions@mcad.edu](mailto:admissions@mcad.edu) or (800) 874-6223, x.1.

**MCAD MFA Areas of Study**

Intermedia practices are supported: [engaged & public arts](#), [film and video](#), [graphic design](#), [drawing & painting](#), [animation](#), [comic arts](#), [furniture design](#), [illustration](#), [sculpture & installation](#), [electronic & interactive media](#), [printmaking/paper/book arts](#), [photography](#), and [performance](#).

**SFAI MFA Student Transfer To MCAD**

Items marked with an asterisk symbol (\*) are a special accommodation made specifically for SFAI students who complete the admission process by the posted deadlines.

MCAD will review for Transfer admission all SFAI students who wish to apply to the Master of Fine Arts program at MCAD. For Fall 2022 entrance only, MCAD will make an exception to the maximum number of transfer credits of 34 credits allowed\*.

To apply for admission and be eligible for enrollment to MCAD as a MFA Transfer student, students must complete the application process below by June 1, 2022 for Fall 2022 enrollment.

<https://www.mcad.edu/admissions-aid/graduate/master-fine-arts-admissions/application-checklist>

If admitted, MFA Transfer students must complete the following to be eligible for enrollment at MCAD:

- Payment of a \$300 tuition deposit (credited towards Fall 2022 tuition charges) by June 15, 2022 to be eligible for course registration
- Receipt of a final, official transcript from SFAI in good standing

SFAI students who transfer to MCAD will receive an MCAD degree upon completion of MCAD's graduation requirements. All transfer students are required to satisfactorily complete remaining coursework at MCAD and meet MCAD degree requirements in order to be awarded an MCAD degree.

The above information does not negate other MCAD policies as outlined in the MCAD Student Handbook. When enrolled at MCAD, transfer students must comply with all MCAD policies not explicitly outlined above.

**MCAD Application Process**

We encourage SFAI students to complete the admissions requirements by **June 1, 2022** to qualify for admission for Fall 2022. The following application materials must be submitted by you to be considered for admission and matriculation to MCAD for Fall 2022 entrance. Please visit

<https://www.mcad.edu/admissions-aid> for detailed application information.

**1. Application Form and Fee Waiver**

- a. To begin the admission and transfer process, complete the **online application form** at [mcad.edu/application/portal](https://www.mcad.edu/application/portal) as soon as possible, but no later than June 1, 2022. Use the application fee waiver code **SFAI2022**. MCAD has waived the required application fee of \$50 for all SFAI students.

2. **Official Transcripts: SFAI, and all other colleges/universities**
3. **Two Letters of Recommendation (optional) - submitted via [mcad.slideroom.com](http://mcad.slideroom.com)\***
4. **Personal Statement - submitted via [mcad.slideroom.com](http://mcad.slideroom.com)\***
5. **Introductory Video - submitted via [mcad.slideroom.com](http://mcad.slideroom.com)\***
6. **Resume - submitted via [mcad.slideroom.com](http://mcad.slideroom.com)\***
7. **Portfolio of Visual Art - submitted via [mcad.slideroom.com](http://mcad.slideroom.com)\***

***\*Please select the MFA Fall 2023 program in Slideroom***

### **Transfer Credit Evaluation\***

For Fall 2022 entrance only, MCAD will make an exception to the maximum number of transfer credits of 34 credits allowed, for students from SFAI. Once accepted for admission at MCAD, you will receive an official transfer credit evaluation outlining the credits remaining to complete your degree at MCAD. MCAD will consider transferring in any SFAI liberal arts or studio arts credits that meet our MFA curriculum requirements with a grade of C or better. Credits taken at colleges or universities that have been accepted for credit by SFAI will be evaluated by MCAD for transferability. Students should not assume that credits from other institutions awarded by SFAI will be automatically transferred to MCAD. For students entering Fall 2022 semester, final materials for transfer, including final official Spring 2022 transcripts, must be received before Friday June 29, 2022.

#### **For Liberal Arts transfer credit**

Graduate level liberal arts classes that are comparable to those taught at MCAD will be considered. Course content is always considered when determining the transfer of credit and a course description may be required in order to determine transfer eligibility.

#### **For Studio Arts transfer credit**

Graduate level studio arts classes that are comparable to those taught at MCAD will be considered for transfer. SFAI students who are admitted to MCAD are required to submit studio transfer portfolios. Contact [admissions@mcad.edu](mailto:admissions@mcad.edu) for more information.

### **Course Registration**

Students who have submitted their \$300 tuition deposit by the June 15, 2022 deadline will be notified of next steps regarding course registration.

### **Financial Aid Information**

- To qualify for need-based financial aid, all students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov) by June 1, 2022. MCAD's school code is 002365.
- Application, evaluation, and awarding of financial aid and admissions merit scholarship funds will be consistent between SFAI students and MCAD students. SFAI students who complete the application requirements by June 1, 2022 and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application, including all required financial aid forms, will receive an award notification within two weeks.
- Financial Aid Award Notifications will include the estimated cost of attendance, along with names and amounts of financial aid assistance being offered by MCAD (MCAD institutional aid), state aid, federal aid, and federal work-study, if eligible. MCAD MFA Merit Scholarship awards range from \$10,000 - \$22,000 per year and are renewable for up to two years. For more information, visit <https://www.mcad.edu/admissions-aid/financial-aid/graduate-types-aid/master-fine-arts>

### **Tuition and Fee Charges**

Current tuition costs are \$42,110 [mcad.edu/admissions-aid/graduate/master-fine-arts-admissions/cost](http://mcad.edu/admissions-aid/graduate/master-fine-arts-admissions/cost). Students will also be assessed a student activity fee of \$200 and a technology fee of \$250 for the 2022-2023 academic year. These charges are the same as other MFA students attending MCAD. No additional special fees will be charged to SFAI students. An itemized tuition bill for fall semester 2022 will be available to all students no later than July 16, 2022. Fall 2022 semester tuition payment is due in full by August 1, 2022.

### **Questions?**

Please contact the MCAD Admissions Office with any questions: (612) 874-3760 or [admissions@mcad.edu](mailto:admissions@mcad.edu). We are available Monday-Friday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm (CDT) to assist you.