

CHECK OUT THE PRE-COLLEGE SUMMER SESSION JULY 9-27, 2025. THIS
THREE-CREDIT RESIDENTIAL ART AND DESIGN INTENSIVE IS OPEN
TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO HAVE COMPLETED GRADES 10-12.

Art Majors Available:

*Animation
Character Design and Concept Art
Illustration
Painting
Printmaking*

*July 9-27,
2025*



PRE- COL LEGE SUMMER SES SION

*For More
Information:
mcad.edu/pcss*

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*Pre-College
Summer Session*

“I WOULD RECOMMEND THIS PROGRAM TO ANYONE WHO TRULY LOVES ART MAKING. THE PEOPLE I MET HERE I BONDED WITH INSTANTLY, AND THE PROGRAM GAVE ME SUCH A SENSE OF SATISFACTION AND HAPPINESS. IT WAS THE BEST PROGRAM I HAVE BEEN LUCKY ENOUGH TO ATTEND, AND IT CONFIRMED THAT AN ART COLLEGE IS WHERE I BELONG.”



PCSS Graduate



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 IMMERSSED 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.

Campus Life “ **A COLLEGE EXPERIENCE UNIQUE TO MINNEAPOLIS**

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.



Majors “ **THERE ARE 5 MAJORS OFFERED FOR PCSS**

Upon application, students choose one of the following majors: Animation / Character Design and Concept Art / Illustration / Painting / Printmaking. Detailed descriptions of each major can be found at mcad.edu/pcss.

Includes “ **ALL-INCLUSIVE PROGRAM**

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

Free Time “ **EXPERIENCE LIFE IN AND AROUND OUR CAMPUS**

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

Eligibility “ **SOPHOMORE, JUNIOR AND SENIOR YEAR**

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

Tuition/Fees “ **\$3,650 INCLUDES FULL ROOM AND BOARD AND MOST SUPPLIES**

Please note: Students in the painting and printmaking majors pay an additional \$150 materials fee.

Scholarships “ **CAN COVER UP TO 90% OF TUITION**

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 select exemplary PCSS graduates upon completion.



**DATES/
DEADLINES**



**OCTOBER 1
APPLICATION OPENS**

**NOVEMBER 1
EARLY ACTION DEADLINE ***

** NOVEMBER 15 Applicants who met the early action deadline receive notification of acceptance / After early action, rolling admissions, with acceptance notification within 2 weeks*



**JANUARY 15
SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE ***

**JUNE 6
\$500 DEPOSIT DEADLINE FOR
PRIORITY APPLICANTS**

** FEBRUARY 1 Students notified of scholarships*

**JUNE 30
FINAL PAYMENT DUE**



** MCAD.EDU/PCSS For full application requirements*



**JULY 9
PROGRAM BEGINS AND
STUDENTS MOVE-IN**

**JULY 26
FINAL STUDENT
GALLERY EXHIBITION**

**JULY 27
PROGRAM ENDS AND
STUDENTS MOVE OUT**

*Alternative “
Opportunities*

**LOOKING
FOR SOMETHING
SHORTER?**

Continuing Education at MCAD also offers classes for teens year round. Topics include portfolio prep, drawing, painting, comic art, graphic design, and more. Many adult classes are also open to students ages 16 and up.

For More Information: mcad.edu/ce



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YOUR ART
AND DESIGN
PRACTICE**

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