

**MINNEAPOLIS
COLLEGE of ART and DESIGN**

MCAD LIBERAL ARTS DEPARTMENT
CURATORIAL STUDIES MINOR
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS SHEET (FAQ)
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1. When does the Curatorial Studies Minor begin?

Students may begin to declare the minor beginning fall semester, 2024.

2. Why would I declare a Curatorial Studies Minor?

MCAD students do a lot of curating already! The Curatorial Studies Minor offers students an opportunity to formally explore the diverse practices of contemporary curation in an 18-credit minor. The minor helps students develop and refine their fluency in all things curatorial, it can also help define and make sense of their Liberal Arts curriculum in a way that supports very specific studio interests and goals. The minor consists of an introductory class in curatorial theory and methods, focused readings classes, electives that bring students into the community and into the community of artists, an advanced seminar capstone, and room in the minor for an internship designed to support students' growing awareness of the contexts in which their studio practices exist.

3. How do students declare the Curatorial Studies Minor?

Complete the minor declaration form, obtain the Liberal Arts Chair's signature, and submit the completed form to the MCAD Student Records Office. The form is available on the Academic Advising page of the MCAD Intranet Resources page.

4. Do I need to schedule an advising appointment to declare the Curatorial Studies Minor?

No. You should meet with the Liberal Arts Chair to review your degree audit and review the minor's requirements, however. It is also helpful to discuss your interest in the Curatorial Studies Minor with your advisor, who can help you to monitor your progress toward completing the minor.

5. When is the best time to declare interest in completing the Curatorial Studies Minor? Can juniors and seniors declare?

Set up an appointment to meet with the Liberal Arts Chair at your earliest convenience. The requirements are flexible, but you will want to plan ahead to make sure that you will have time and space in your schedule to meet them. It will be very difficult for current seniors and most current juniors to complete the minor, but in some cases it may be possible, but if you are interested it is definitely worth finding out about the possibility by talking to the Liberal Arts Chair.

6. Is there a minimum GPA required to declare a Curatorial Studies Minor?

No.

7. Can MCAD courses I have taken be substituted for the requirements of the minor?

Some courses may be applied on a case-by-case basis with the approval of the Liberal Arts Chair.



8. Can classes I take at other colleges and universities be applied toward the minor?

In some cases you can apply transferred courses on a case-by-case basis with the approval of the Liberal Arts Chair.

9. Is the completed Curatorial Studies Minor indicated on my transcript?

If you successfully complete the courses required for the creative writing minor it will be indicated on your official final MCAD transcript. If you do not complete the minor there will be no indication of your declaration on your transcript – there are no penalties for not completing a declared minor.

10. Do I have to declare a Curatorial Studies Minor to take advanced writing or elect to take a class as writing intensive?

No, though some classes require a pre-requisite or the permission of the faculty. All of the classes required for the Curatorial Studies Minor can be applied to a Liberal Arts requirement, and with planning students can fulfill their Liberal Arts requirements and complete the minor within their 120 credit degree program.

11. How can I get more information on the Curatorial Studies Minor?

Meet with the chair of the MCAD Liberal Arts Department, or ask another member of the department.