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Welcome to MassArt!



Massachusetts College of Art and Design is one of the top schools of its kind in the United States. Founded in 1873, MassArt has a legacy of leadership as the only independent public college of art and design in the country and the nation's first art school to grant a degree. The college offers a comprehensive range of baccalaureate and graduate degrees in art and design along with continuing education and K-12 programs, all taught by world-class faculty and designed to encourage individual creativity. Whether at home in Boston or on the other side of the globe, the artists and designers of MassArt are dedicated to making a difference in their communities and around the world. ■

Parents Program/ Association Information

The MassArt Parents' Association invites family members of prospective, current, and past students to engage in the life of the college. The association offers information and activities with the following goals:

- Welcome new parents into the MassArt community and provide a network of support throughout the time their students attend MassArt
- Communicate with parents on a regular basis through our email newsletter
- Enrich parent understanding of life after MassArt and to assist students as they prepare to enter the working world beyond college
- Provide parents with information in order to promote the school to prospective families and to the community at large
- Educate parents about the importance of supporting the college by contributing to MassArt

Families are invited to visit our galleries, attend special events, and volunteer. ■



Academic Advising

At Massachusetts College of Art and Design, faculty advisors hold primary responsibility for student academic advising. All undergraduates are assigned a faculty advisor at the beginning of their first semester at the college. Faculty from the studio foundation department advise first-year students. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors are advised by faculty from their concentration. In some departments, advisors change each year. Lists of students with their faculty advisors are maintained by the departmental assistant in each department office.

Faculty advisors help students clarify their individual artistic goals and directions and define and develop their educational objectives, matching these to the MassArt curriculum.

The Office of Academic Advising offers undergraduates a broad range of information, advising, and inter-departmental problem-solving to complement faculty advising. The advising

office may refer students to specific faculty members, departmental chairs, or relevant administrators. The advising office is the source for graduation and curriculum requirements, college policies, change of major procedures, discussions of academic problems and issues, transfer credits, academic strategies for students with disabilities, leaves of absence and withdrawal procedures, advice on professional development and career directions, and off-campus domestic and study abroad opportunities.

In addition to the web catalog, degree audit software helps students follow graduation and curriculum requirements. The degree audit lists curriculum requirements for a particular concentration and records a student's current registration, transfer credits if applicable, and all successfully completed courses. Information for the degree audit is gathered from official student transcripts and course registration maintained by the registrar's office. ■

Learning Center/ Academic Coaching

The Learning Center is located on the fifth floor of the Tower building.

The Learning Center at Mass Art strives to prepare artists for entrance into the professional world by assisting them in identifying strengths, managing vulnerabilities, formulating academic study plans and developing communication skills that will allow them to share their artistic vision through development of essential literacy and technology skills.

Academic Coaching for all areas of academic success

Our academic coach works with individual students to develop plans for academic success at Mass Art. Instruction focuses on study skills (like note-taking), time management, organizational skills, and

improving memory. Furthermore, the academic coach can provide direct instruction of complex, abstract concepts within the academic content of college-level courses. Assistance can also be provided for improving reading skills such as reading comprehension. ■



Studio Foundation

Exploration, idea generation, critical thinking, craftsmanship—this is where aspiring artists acquire the tool chest that will drive their artistic development.

The studio foundation department introduces students to a wide variety of studio techniques and media that cut across traditions and technologies. Its curriculum is required of all first-year students before they choose a major.

Coursework helps students gain an understanding of the critique process on which much of the MassArt curriculum is based. They learn to take their projects through all stages of the creative process, from inception to design construction, presentation, and revision.

Drawing courses introduce students to formal principles as well as the breadth of drawing practice.

Visual language courses explore two- and four-dimensional principles of visual organization, with a combination of tactile and digital media, photography, and video.

Form study introduces students to the formal and conceptual foundations of three-dimensional design.

The studio foundation department has an active program of visiting artists and exhibitions that brings students into contact with local, national, and international artists and designers. Studio, gallery, and museum visits complement the curriculum. ■



Health, Wellness & Safety

Health Services

The college has partnered with Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates and Wentworth Institute of Technology to offer Harvard Vanguard Student Health Services for MassArt students. Harvard Vanguard Student Health Services is located on the Wentworth Campus in Watson Hall.

Harvard Vanguard provides access for our students to comprehensive medical services, offered by a multi-specialty physician group renowned for the quality of their care and affiliated with leading Boston hospitals. Harvard Vanguard's Kenmore practice is located less than a mile from the MassArt campus at 133 Brookline Avenue (next to the Landmark Center), and offers primary and specialty care, as well as imaging, lab, and pharmacy in one convenient location.

Counseling Services

Counseling Services is located on the 2nd floor of the Kennedy building. Counseling is available at no charge to all matriculating MassArt students. Counseling Services

provides individual counseling and referrals to see providers off campus for psychotherapy or medications.

Wellness Services

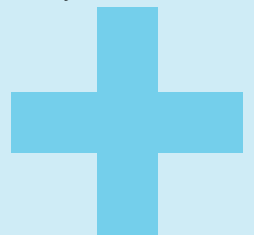
There are various programs and workshops offered throughout the year to enhance student's well being including meditation, yoga, alcohol and drug awareness, and healthful eating. Additionally, there are numerous activities and opportunities to exercise at the Wentworth fitness center and to engage in intramural sports through the Colleges of the Fenway.

Public Safety

Security on campus is of vital concern to Massachusetts College of Art

and Design. The Office of Public Safety, located in the East Building, is staffed 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and is dedicated to the safety of the MassArt community.

The police officers are academy trained and licensed as Special State Police Officers as well as Suffolk County Deputy Sheriffs. They patrol the campus on a regular basis and provide a wide range of security services. They are trained in CPR and first aid, and are always available to provide assistance. ■



International Education



A first-hand encounter with another culture builds global competency, an essential trait for informed artists, designers, and educators.

MassArt supports several options for students to add a global dimension to their education, including study abroad programs, travel courses, and interaction with a diverse international student community.

The Office of International Education manages the college's faculty-led travel courses, which are offered each spring and fall, and are open to students from all majors and levels. Recent courses have traveled to Brazil, China, Ecuador, Germany, Italy, Mexico, and Turkey. Upcoming destinations will also include Egypt, Peru, Poland, the Ukraine, and South Africa.

Undergraduate students wishing to study abroad during one semester of their junior

year may apply through Academic Advising to MassArt's international reciprocal exchange programs in Australia, China, Holland, Japan, Spain, and the United Kingdom. Students may also research and propose other programs and destinations.

The Office of International Education also provides resources and support to the college's international student population by offering advising sessions, workshops, and cultural activities. ■

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Housing & Residence Life

The Office of Housing and Residence Life is committed to the principle that learning at college occurs both in and out of the classroom. We strive to create a living and learning experience that makes life in the residence halls a vital part of the collegiate experience and can be at the center of our students' day to day activities. The residence halls at MassArt are more than just places to sleep. Out-of-classroom learning experiences account for a significant amount of a student's education at MassArt. Our department strives to create a sense of community defined by cooperation, commitment to the welfare of the group, and a sense of responsibility to self and others.

The programs and activities in the halls are designed to promote interaction among residents, assist new students in meeting each other, and offer students an opportunity to learn about themselves and each other. Finally, the residence halls provide an opportunity for exchanging divergent views and beliefs and sharing in the diversity of our campus community.

We encourage students to use their time in college housing to participate in activities, develop new friendships, and learn more about themselves and others who live in the community. We are a department whose goals are to create intimate living environments within our current two on-campus residence halls, with a third building to open in may 2012. Our current two residence halls are Smith Hall (suite-style), which consists entirely of first-year students, and the Artists' Residence (apartment-style), which will house a smaller percentage of first year students starting in fall of 2012. Our new building will house primarily first and second year students. All three buildings have unique facilities designed to address the needs of student artists.

Dining Services

Main Dining Area

Located on the first floor of the Kennedy building, the Dining Commons

offers a full array of hot and cold entrees, beverages, and desserts.

Tower Café

Located on the 2nd floor of the Tower Building, The Tower Cafe is a great place to grab a snack between classes. The cafe serves coffee, pastries, soups, sandwiches and other snacks. ■

Student Activities & Programs

At MassArt, students are challenged to extend the boundaries of learning through the activities they become involved in, the resources they utilize, and the people they meet. Students are continually encouraged to contribute to the campus community in ways that can make a difference. For more information about student activities, galleries and more please visit us at: inside.massart.edu. ■

Financial Aid

The Office of Student Financial Assistance at Massachusetts College of Art and Design is committed to helping students and their families get the resources needed to fund each student's education, ensuring that access to a chosen field is not limited by the cost of attendance.

The college offers a wide range of options for financial assistance so that all students interested in attending MassArt may do so regardless of their financial means.

For more information please visit us at: massart.edu/Admissions/Financial_Aid.html

Types of Aid

MassArt participates in a wide variety of federal and state financial aid programs. Your financial aid package may be comprised of many different types of awards: grants, scholarships, tuition waivers, work-study and loans. The type of aid you receive will depend on whether it is need-based (determined by your demonstrated financial need) or non-need-based (determined by merit or

other factors). Most of the aid available from MassArt is based on financial need.

Scholarships, grants, and tuition waivers are considered gift aid and do not need be repaid. Other sources of aid are available, primarily in the form of federal or state loans and work-study awards.

If the aid a student has accepted does not cover the total cost of his/her education, then applying for a private student loan may help to fill the additional need. ■



UNDERGRADUATE TUITION AND FEES 2011-2012

The following is a breakdown of tuition and fees for full-time undergraduate students, based on their residency classification.

Massachusetts Resident	New England Resident (CT, ME, NH, RI, VT)	Out-of-State Resident
\$9,700	\$16,600	\$26,400

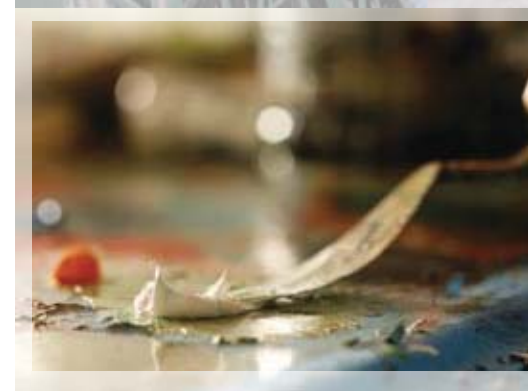
For more information on tuition and fees please visit: http://massart.edu/Admissions/Tuition_and_Fees *

Fenway Card

The Fenway Card is the official identification card of MassArt. It is required for identification and access to essential campus services. It also offers a convenient prepaid account "Fenway Cash" for making cashless purchases on and around campus.

Fenway Cash is money that may be placed on the Fenway Card and used at many locations on the Colleges of the Fenway campuses, as well as many outside vendors. Each time a student makes a purchase, money is deducted from the prepaid balance.

- **Meal plan.** All MassArt residential students are required to participate in a meal plan. This meal plan is accessed with your Fenway Card but is a separate account that can be used only at the following locations: Massachusetts College of Art and Design Dining Commons in the Kennedy building, MassArt Tower Cafe, Wentworth Beatty Cafe, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences Crossroads Cafe, Wentworth Leopard's Den, and the COF-C Store.
- **Library access.** Students may access the Morton R Godine library or any of the COF libraries. As well as, all COF events.
- **Door access.** Students may use the card to access administrative buildings and to enter the Artists' Residence and Smith Hall, if you are a resident of the building.
- **Fenway Cash.** A safe and convenient way to make cashless purchases at on-campus locations such as the bookstore, the convenience store, and at all COF eateries. Plus, Fenway Cash is welcomed at popular local



restaurants and service providers in the Fenway neighborhood including many locations at the other five COF colleges. Fenway Cash is also accepted at snack and soda vending machines around the MassArt campus, including Kennedy's Dining Commons and Tower building locations (on the first, second, sixth and eighth floors, and Public Safety). Note: laundry machines do not accept Fenway Cash at this time. ■

Admissions Process

Application requirements

All applicants are required to submit the following information. Applicants are encouraged to submit all materials at the same time, in a single package, to facilitate processing.

Application form and fee

The application form and fee may be submitted online or by mail. The application fee is \$50.

High school transcripts/official record of GED scores

Official transcripts must be submitted by any student who has not received a 4-year college degree. Students currently in high school should request that their guidance office forward an official transcript, including mid-year grades or grades from the first semester of senior year.

Applicants who have received a high school equivalency should have an official copy of their GED test results and score percentages sent to the admissions office. An official transcript from the last school attended should also be submitted.

Portfolio

The portfolio is an essential component of the application. It reflects your interests, ideas, creativity, energy, motivation, and previous experience in the visual arts. The work should represent your best and most recent creative efforts and should demonstrate knowledge, skills, and visual sensitivity to such basic elements as line, form, color, composition, and space. The work included should also demonstrate conceptual development, that is, what you say through your artwork. Choose pieces that you feel most strongly express your particular strengths and interests. Portfolios should include 15-20 examples of work done in the past 2 years. This work may reflect a variety of media and techniques or concentration in just a few. Applicants must include at least 5



examples of drawing from observation (any subject or media). Applicants who do not include such work may be required to complete additional preparation in drawing as a condition of admission.

Portfolios can be submitted on disk or digitally. Please visit our website for more details massart.edu.

Portfolio Description List

All portfolios must be accompanied by a printed description list. Each image should be labeled with a number that corresponds to the description list. The description should include dimensions, media, concept, and date completed for each piece. If you are submitting your portfolio digitally, you will fill this out digitally during the online submission process.

Transfer Applicants

In addition, to the portfolio requirements listed above a transfer applicant must also submit a transfer portfolio. The transfer portfolio should include 3-5 examples of work from studio classes where transfer credit is sought. This portfolio will be used by the review committee to assess your studio skills and the studio courses that will transfer toward degree requirements and/or standing.

SAT or ACT scores

SAT I or ACT scores are required of all applicants unless the student holds a previous Bachelor's Degree or have earned 60 or more college credits, including liberal arts classes.

Statement of Purpose

The statement of purpose gives you an opportunity to express yourself in words, giving the Admissions Committee more insight into who you are as an individual. Use your creativity to express what makes you unique. In 500 words or more, let us know who you are as an artist, designer, or art educator. Discuss your creative influences, goals and interests.

Letters of Recommendation

Letters of recommendation can be very helpful in the consideration of your application. It's best to choose someone who can discuss your potential as a student, your motivation, skills, background and character. This person should also have first-hand knowledge of your art or academic achievements. We recommend asking someone like an art teacher, liberal arts teacher, guidance counselor, employer or mentor.

List of activities/resume

This listing should include employment, community service, school clubs, organizations, etc. with positions held, length of service, and any awards or prizes.

Transfer Level and Transferable Credit Credits earned for liberal arts courses in which the course content parallels that of required or elective courses offered at the college are considered for transfer, but do not alter entrance-level decisions. A maximum of 39 studio credits and 30 liberal arts credits earned at accredited institutions can transfer toward the requirements for the BFA degree. Only courses with a grade C or better qualify for transfer credits.

Full transfer credit evaluations are made only after an applicant has accepted an offer of admission. Transfer of studio credits is subject to portfolio review.

College Transcripts

Transfer students should submit official copies of transcripts from high school or GED exams, SAT or TOEFL scores, and all post-secondary institutions. If you have earned a four-year undergraduate degree, you need only submit the post-secondary transcripts.

If you are currently enrolled in a college program, send a list of the courses not on the transcripts that will be completed by the date you plan to enter the college.

International Students

International students are eligible to enroll only as full-time students in a degree program. The college strongly recommends that students complete their applications well in advance of the deadlines. ►



International applicants must also submit official score reports for the Test of English as a Foreign Language or the International English Language Testing System (TOEFL or IELTS) as well as translations and/or evaluations of their academic transcripts. Students who are admitted must be issued a student visa before enrolling; instructions and forms for applying for a visa are provided to accepted applicants. English language test requirements

In addition to all other admission requirements for undergraduate applicants, international students whose native language is not English are required to submit official scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or from the International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

The following minimum TOEFL scores are required for undergraduate admissions: paper-based composite test score - 550; iBT composite test score - 85 The minimum IELTS band score is 6.0.

International Transcripts

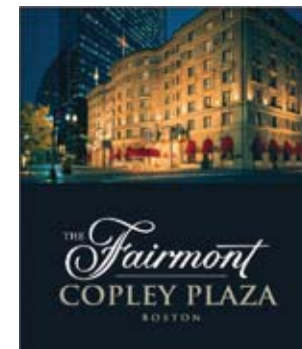
International students must submit official copies of academic records for secondary school education and any college-level study. Credentials in languages other than English must be accompanied by certified literal English translations. Also included, if possible, should be an explanation of the grading system and hours of study. Applicants with previous university-level studies should submit official course descriptions or syllabi for all course work completed.

For more information please visit us at MassArt.edu/Admissions. ■



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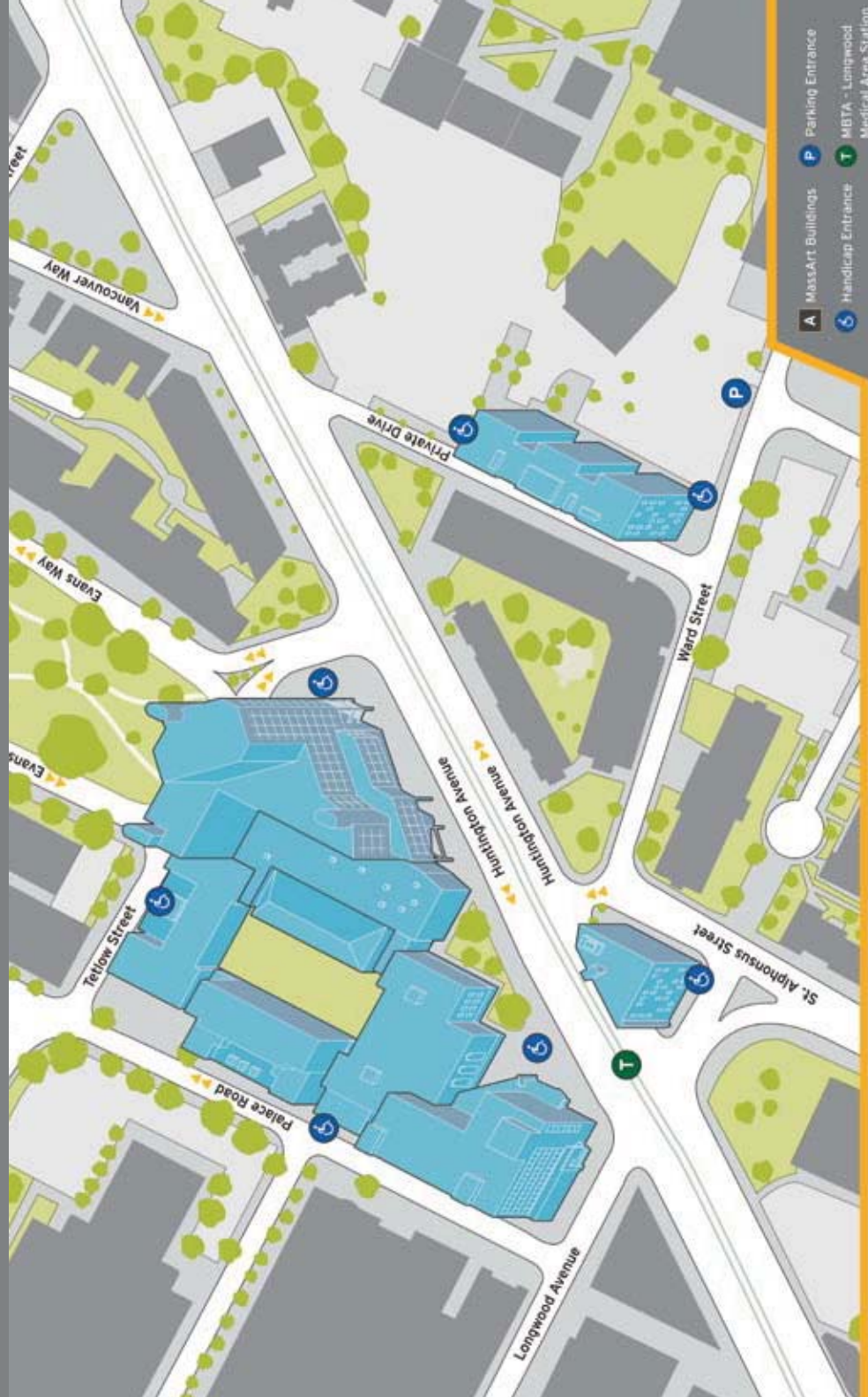
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