

## **INFORMATION ON TRANSFER CREDIT**

The following is information about transferring credit to Art Center College of Design. The College often re-evaluates its offerings and requirements may change without notice. Students will be subject to the requirements in affect at the time they enter the program.

To fulfill degree requirements, students must complete 45 credits of Humanities and Design Science courses and all required studio art classes listed in the Art Center catalog or website. These courses may all be taken at Art Center, or some credits may be transferred from an accredited college or university. Programs from outside the U.S. will be evaluated on an individual basis. Institutions must be accredited by one of the six regional accrediting associations: Middle States (MSA), new England (NEASC), North Central (NCA), Northwest (NASC), Southern (SACS), or Western (WASC), or by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD).

### **I. Humanities and Design Science Credits (General Education or Liberal Arts and Science Credits)**

While specific required Humanities and Design Science courses within your major must generally be taken through the Art Center degree program, a number of credits may be fulfilled through transfer credit.

#### ■ **Classes are divided into two categories: Program Courses and Elective Courses.**

Program Courses tend to be more specific, are transferable with a grade of "B" or better, and although all are eligible for transfer, many can be found only at Art Center.

Elective courses fall into general categories and are eligible for transfer with a grade of "C" or better. All must be taken at a college or university accredited by one of the associations listed above.

#### ■ **Within these two categories are four areas of distribution: Human, Culture, Material Environment, and Professional Practice.**

The number of classes required in each area varies by major, and is outlined on our transfer credit sheets for each major.

Students who have completed advanced placement (AP) liberal arts courses at their high school and who receive a score of "4" or "5" may submit a score report from the Education Testing Service (ETS) to review for possible elective credit. AP Studio Art credit will not transfer.

Students who do not transfer any liberal arts credits, such as students entering directly from high school should be aware that it might take more than eight semesters to complete the Art Center degree program.

#### ■ **Required Writing Studio Class and the Writing Proficiency Test**

Most entering undergraduate students are required to take the Writing Proficiency Test during Orientation Week. This test will assist us in assuring that all students receive the appropriate level of instruction while at Art Center.

Students who do not hold a prior bachelor's degree and have received a grade of "B" or better in a college level English Composition class are eligible to receive transfer credit for the Art Center Writing Studio class, but actual receipt of these credits will be based on your performance on our required Writing Proficiency Test. Students with a prior class who do not test out of the Writing Studio class may receive elective credit for that class.

Students who hold a prior bachelor's degree will receive credit for their English Composition class automatically if they received a grade of "B" or better in that class. Students with a prior degree who did not achieve a "B" or better in a Writing or English Composition class will be entitled to waive the Writing Workshop and substitute another writing class. Students who hold a bachelor's degree from a college in which the language of instruction was not English must take the test.

## **2. Studio Art Transfer Credit**

Advanced standing and/or course exemption in studio art is determined only by portfolio review and verification of equivalent prior college credits. This evaluation is done at the time of the admissions review. Students who receive Studio Art credit may receive advanced standing, thus shortening the length of their program.

## **3. Contact Information**

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