

TRANSFER ELIGIBILITY

Prospective transfer students applying for admission to LCAD must be high school graduates or have an equivalent degree and must have achieved above-average performance in academic subjects in high school and college.

LCAD accepts a maximum of 56 units of studio and liberal arts credits from another accredited institution. Transfer credit will be accepted from colleges or universities that are accredited by one of the six regional associations of schools and colleges; Middle States (MASAC), New England (NEASC), North Central (NCASC), Northwest (NWCCU), Southern (SASAC), Western (WASC), or by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD).

LCAD recognizes two types of transfer credit, Studio and Liberal Arts courses. Because LCAD offers a BFA Degree, your length of time at LCAD is determined by the number of studio units granted in the transfer process.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International transfer is considered on a case-by-case basis with the student providing an English translation of the foreign transcript and an evaluation of the transcript into the American semester unit system. All international transcripts must be submitted to IERF (www.ierf.org) for conversion into US equivalents. There is a separate fee and time requirement for this service. Please visit their website and plan accordingly.

TRANSFERS FROM UNACCREDITED INSTITUTIONS

Students wishing to transfer from institutions that are not sanctioned by a regional accrediting organization may submit a portfolio for review of specific coursework and transcripts for academic work. Upon completion of the review, the student may be granted a maximum of 12 units of transfer credit, including both studio and liberal arts.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) CREDIT

A score of “4” or better is required for all English and Art History. For all other AP subjects, a score of “3” or better is acceptable. Because of the specialized nature of the studio programs, advanced placement of studio credit is not accepted.

TRANSFERRING OF STUDIO ART CREDITS: TRANSFER PORTFOLIOS

In addition to the admissions application and portfolio requirements, applicants must submit a transfer portfolio for each studio art course to be considered for transfer. Because it serves a

more specific purpose, a transfer portfolio will likely be different from the admissions portfolio you submit for admission. This is very important to understand if you wish to transfer studio art credits. Transfer portfolio evaluations must take place prior to registration. A Department Chair will look for evidence of equivalent learning outcomes in the work you submit. We prefer to receive digital files of your work in the form of JPEG images, either burned onto a CD or emailed directly to your counselor. Submit at least 6 to 10 examples from each studio class.

REQUIRED COMPONENTS:

- Images from coursework—such as 2D and 3D design classes—that demonstrate your organizational skills
- Images relative to your area of concentration or major
- Title and description of the course in which your work was created, as well as any pertinent supplemental information
- Chronological presentation of the work
- Cover sheets for all fragile material
- Your name and “Transfer Portfolio” labeled on the outside of your portfolio.

TRANSFERRING LIBERAL ARTS CREDITS

All course transfer eligibility is dependent upon a minimum final grade of “C” or better. Only units earned from other institutions’ courses that are equivalent to the courses in LCAD’s Liberal Arts curriculum may be transferred for credit. This is driven by the specific learning outcomes in place for each course in question.

English – Students must take an English Placement Diagnostic upon admission to LCAD. This is done just before registration. If a student has passed an English Composition class at another college with a grade of “C” or better and, based on the diagnostic, performs according to the standards set for English Composition at LCAD, then the student will be given 2 units credit for the class taken elsewhere and placed into Critical Reasoning. If, however, the student’s diagnostic writing fails to meet the standards for LCAD English Composition, then he or she will be placed in either College Preparatory English or Composition at LCAD.

Critical Reasoning – Students must take an English Placement Diagnostic upon admission to LCAD. This is done just before registration. If a student has passed a Critical Reasoning class at another college with a grade of “C” or better and, based on the diagnostic, performs according to the standards set for Critical Reasoning at LCAD, then the student will be given 2 units credit for the class. If, however, the student’s diagnostic test fails to meet the standards set for Critical Reasoning, then he or she will be placed in either English Composition or College Preparatory English at LCAD.

Speech – Any 2-semester-unit (or more) speech, acting or foreign language course. Also, many communications courses qualify. Please contact the Registrar with questions about specifics.

Science – Any 3-semester-unit (or more) college level natural science course (e.g. Biology, Chemistry, Astronomy, Earth Science, Physics, Marine Biology). Foundations of Western Civilization - 3-semester-unit Western Civilization requirement found in the History

of Humanities or History disciplines. The periods covered are generally identified as “through the 16th century”, or “to the Renaissance” and ‘since the Renaissance.’”

Non-Western Cultural Experience - Any 3-semester unit course that has a Non-Western, foreign, or international focus, with preferences for coursework that includes a strong component of aesthetic or artistic traditions. This is often met by a Cultural Anthropology course, but may also be met by a course that involves the study of African, Asian, Native American, Pacific Islands, or primitive cultures. There may be other courses in the Anthropology, Psychology, Sociology, or History disciplines that would qualify, as well.

Cognitive Science - Any 3-semester unit Introduction to Psychology, Philosophy, Linguistic course.

American Culture - Any 3-semester-unit American History or Political Science course. Further, there may be courses in the Sociology discipline that would also qualify.

Math/Quantitative Analysis - Any 3-semester-unit (or more) college level and transferable Mathematics course. Physics, Chemistry, Physical Anthropology, and many Economics and Accounting courses also qualify.

Liberal Arts Elective - Any 3-semester unit (or more) college level and transferable Liberal Arts or Art History elective. Please contact the Registrar with questions about specifics.

Art History - Units may be transferred in at any time during a student’s academic career.