

Transfer Credit Guidelines

MassArt accepts a maximum of 60 transfer credits; a maximum of 36 studio art credits and a maximum of 24 liberal arts credits. All students must complete at least 60 credits at MassArt to earn a BFA degree.

Students placement level - as a first-year, sophomore, or junior - is determined based on completed coursework comparable to MassArt's first-year Foundation and major studio requirements. Placement is determined by both transferable credits and portfolio evaluation.

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Commonly Transferred Courses

Studio Foundation (First Year Pre-requisites) Equivalencies:

Completion of these required courses will impact students' placement level.

MassArt Course	Equivalent Course	Credits
SFDN 181: Studio for Drawing	Intro to Drawing, Drawing I, Basic Drawing, Drawing from Observation, Figure Drawing	3
SFDN 182: Visual Language	Color and Design, 2D Foundations, Elements of Design, Digital Design Concepts	3
SFDN 183: Form Study	3D Design, 3D Foundations, Elements of Form, Sculpture, Ceramics	3
SFDN 191: Time	Intro to Video, Elements of Time, Intro to Animation, Audio Media, Motion Graphics	3
SFDN 185: Drawing Projects	Drawing II, Advanced Drawing, Figure Drawing, Drawing electives	3
SFDN Elective: Any studio art or design elective	Any 100 level or higher studio art or design elective	3
HART 101: Toward a Global History of Art	Art History I, Art History II, Prehistoric to Early Renaissance Art, Renaissance to Contemporary Art	3
LALW 100: Thinking, Making, Writing	English Composition I, College Writing I	3
FRSM 100: First-Year Seminar	English Composition II, College Writing II	3

These credits will not affect students' placement level.

MassArt Course	Equivalent Course	Credits
LALW Electives: Literature, Writing, or Film Criticism elective (6 credits required/ 18 transfer max)	Any 100 level or higher Language, Literature, Writing, or Film Studies course	3
Social Science elective (3 cr required/18 transfer max)	Any 100 level or higher Social Science course	3
Math/Science elective (3 cr required/15 transfer max)	Any 100 level or higher Math or Science course	3
History of Art elective (3 cr required/15 transfer max)	Any 100 level or higher History of Art and Design course	3
Additional Studio electives (not major required courses): A maximum of 36 total studio art credit, including Foundation and major requirement courses are eligible for transfer.	Any 100 level or higher Studio Art or Design course	3