

California College of the Arts (CCA) has educational partnerships that make transferring credits easier. An articulation agreement identifies the courses offered at your institution that will transfer directly to CCA, with the following guidelines:

- Any student who has completed high school or their GED and has taken one or more classes for credit at a university, college, junior college, or community college is eligible to apply as a transfer student.
- You may apply to transfer in the fall or spring semesters (except for Architecture, Interior Design, and Fashion, in which we recommend transfer in the fall).
- We do not have minimum transfer requirements, and you may apply to CCA with any number of credits. However, we recommend students consider transferring to CCA after successfully completing a minimum of 12 studio units and 12 units of first-year Humanities and Sciences requirements at their home institutions. You should take a balance of studio **and** humanities courses each semester.
- It is **not** necessary to complete all courses in this articulation or to complete a 2-year associate's degree before transferring.
- Most CCA courses are **3 semester units per course**. If your home institution is on a quarter system, 4.5 credits are equal to 3 semester credits at CCA.
- All transfer course equivalents contained in this document must be completed with a **grade of C or higher**.
- Courses older than ten years may require additional review by the Student Records Office.
- Major-specific courses will be evaluated by the faculty in your major, and credit will be awarded **after** you have received your admissions decision from CCA.
- Students transferring in 12 units (or more) of studio coursework are understood to have fulfilled the CCA First Year Core Studio requirements.

For more information, please see our [Transfer Credit Policy](#). Please reach out to us with questions.

Transfer Admissions

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First-Year requirements

The following requirements are the same regardless of your intended major. While we do not have minimum requirements to transfer to CCA, it's recommended you complete the First Year Studio **and** First Year Humanities courses.

First Year Studio	
California College of the Arts Mark completed if the requirement has been met.	Pasadena City College Mark completed to fulfill CCA requirement.
FYCST-1000: Drawing 1 (3 units)	ART-011A: Foundation Drawing (3 units)
FYCST-1040: 2-D Studio (3 units) Introduction to the elements and principles of design. Form and Color, Elements of Art.	ART-031A: Color and Composition — Two Dimensional Design (3 units)
FYCST-1080: 3-D Studio (3 units) Introduction to the principles of visual perception and the meaning of form, space, function, and structure as they relate to three-dimensional design.	ART-032A: Design - Three-Dimensional (3 units) or ART-025: Beginning Sculpture (3 units)
FYCST-1120: 4-D Studio (3 units) Introduction to the elements and principles of art and design in relation to time-based media, experience, kinesthetics and interaction. Web Design, Video Editing, Animation.	DMA-050: Web Design and Development (3 units)
First Year Humanities	
California College of the Arts Mark completed if the requirement has been met.	Pasadena City College Mark completed to fulfill CCA requirement.
WRLIT-1030: Writing I (3 units)	ENGL-001A: Reading and Composition (4 units)
CRTSD-1500: Foundations in Critical Studies (3 units) Introduction to Philosophy, Intro Critical Thinking, Ethics, or Logic.	Take one of the following classes: PHIL-001: Introduction to Philosophy (3 units) or PHIL-003: Ethics (3 units) or PHIL-025: Introduction to Critical Thinking (3 units)
HAAVC-1040: Intro to the Arts (3 units) Introduction to Art History, Art from Prehistory through the Renaissance.	ART-001A: History of Western Art - Prehistoric Through Medieval (3 units) or ART-004C: History of European Renaissance and Baroque Art (3 units)
HAAVC-1080: Intro to the Modern Arts (3 units) Art from 1800s to Present	ART-004D: History of Modern Art (3 units)