

# 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 66 units total (39 liberal arts/27 studio) 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), Higher Learning Commission (HLC), 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 after a review of your Transfer Portfolio by the Chair of your major.

## **INTERNATIONAL TRANSCRIPTS**

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 ([ierf.org](http://ierf.org)) for validation and 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 approved by a regional accrediting organization or the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD) 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 (up to 15 units from an approved atelier).

## **TRANSFER STATUS**

There are many unforeseen circumstances that may contribute to changes in a student's estimated graduation date. Some examples are: Changes in a student's program, enrollment in courses not included in a student's academic plan, a student carrying fewer units than his/her prescribed course load, and failing and/or repeating courses.

Please note that we can guarantee neither that these units will transfer nor that transfer students will complete a program's course of study in fewer than 4 years. Similarly, previous coursework completed at a community college does not guarantee that a student will transfer to LCAD as an upperclassman.

Students with AA degree certification are not exempt from LCAD's transfer policies. Students with previous undergraduate degrees should contact your transfer specialist.

Transfer status will be determined by LCAD's Registrar's Office and the Chair of your major.

Please contact your transfer specialist with further questions at [transfer@lcad.edu](mailto:transfer@lcad.edu).