

## LAGUNA COLLEGE OF ART + DESIGN

### Bachelors in Fine Art (BFA)

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#### + Transfer Credit Policy

At LCAD, we aim to support your educational journey by offering a clear transfer credit policy. LCAD accepts a maximum of **60 units/credits** from other accredited institutions, **24 Studio Art/Design credits** and **36 Liberal Arts credits**. We welcome transfer credits from colleges or universities accredited by federally recognized accreditation associations. LCAD accepts two types of transfer credits:

- + **Studio Art/Design Credits**
- + **Liberal Arts: Humanities, Sciences, and Art History Credits**

Upon admission, LCAD will evaluate each student's transcripts and portfolio to determine placement in the program and accepted transfer credits.

#### Time to Graduation

As LCAD offers Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) degrees, the length of time you will need to complete your studies at LCAD depends on the number of studio units accepted after a review of your Transfer Portfolio. At LCAD, you'll engage with major-specific coursework from your very first term through graduation, not just in your final two years. This means there's no semester dedicated solely to general education requirements.

#### Admissions Portfolio Requirements

The **admissions portfolio** is the most critical component of the admission and transfer process for Studio Art/Design courses. Applicants intending to submit transfer credits should first complete their application and admissions portfolio. Portfolios are major specific, information about portfolio guidelines can be found in the college catalog and on the LCAD website.

#### Grade Requirement

All course transfer eligibility is dependent upon a minimum final grade of a "C" or better, pass/fail courses will not be considered.

Please see the following detailed information regarding major specific admissions portfolios

[ADMISSIONS PORTFOLIO REQUIREMENTS](#)

To schedule an appointment:

LCAD Admissions  
Call **(949) 376-6000 ext. 248**  
Email [admissions@lcad.edu](mailto:admissions@lcad.edu)

LCAD Transfer Specialist  
Call **(949) 376-6000 ext. 298**  
Email [transfer@lcad.edu](mailto:transfer@lcad.edu)

## SECTION 1: Transferable Foundation Studio Courses

### + Transferring Studio Art/Design Credit

While there is no minimum number of transfer units required to be considered a transfer student, students may transfer up to **18 credits of foundation courses** and up to a total of **24 credits of Studio Art/Design**. Please note that this information is provided as a guideline and final determination of course transferability is made by the Office of the Registrar and program Chair.

#### [STUDIO TRANSFER CREDIT GUIDELINES](#)

#### Drawing + Painting (BFA) / Drawing + Painting with Illustration Emphasis (BFA)

LAGUNA COLLEGE OF ART + DESIGN			SANTA MONICA COLLEGE		
FD150	Drawing + Perspective	3	ART 20A	Drawing I - Introduction to Drawing	3
FD151	Figure Drawing	3	ART 21A	Figure Drawing I	3
FD154	Painting 1	3	ART 31	Beginning Oil Painting	3
FD159	Digital Photo for Fine Artists	3	ART 10C	Digital Media	3
	Studio Elective	6	ART 10A,ART 13,ART 21B,ART 30A,ART 32,ART 33,ART 41A or ART 41B		6
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#### Illustration (BFA)

LAGUNA COLLEGE OF ART + DESIGN			SANTA MONICA COLLEGE		
FD145	Design Drawing	3	ART 20A	Drawing 1-Introduction to Drawing	3
FD151	Figure Drawing	3	ART 21A	Figure Drawing 1	3
FD154	Painting 1	3	ART 31 or ART 30C	Beginning Oil Painting Acrylic Painting Techniques	3
FD171	Fund Digital Painting	3	ART 60B	Introduction to Digital Painting	3
	Studio Elective	6		Any (2) ART or DESIGN course not already fulfilled	6
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#### Graphic Design + Digital Media (BFA) / Graphic Design + Digital Media with Illustration Emphasis (BFA)

LAGUNA COLLEGE OF ART + DESIGN			SANTA MONICA COLLEGE		
FD118	Color and Design Theory	3	ART 10B	Design Theory & Practice	3
FD127	Digital Imaging-Photoshop	3	DESIGN 13	Digital Design Tools	3
FD129	Digital Imaging-Illustrator	3	DESIGN 12	Typography 1	3
FD145	Design Drawing	3	DESIGN 11	Design Foundations	3
FD173	Graphic Design 1	3	DESIGN 21	Design Methods	3
	Studio Elective	3		Any (1) DESIGN course not already fulfilled	3
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### Transferable Studio Courses Within Designated Majors

Students applying to the following BFA programs: Game Development, Entertainment Design, or Animation are encouraged to work with our Transfer Specialist to select studio courses that best align with these majors.

## SECTION 2: Transferable Liberal Arts Courses

### + Transferring Liberal Arts: Humanities, Sciences, and Art History Credit

Depending on your major, a minimum of 39-42 Humanities, Sciences, and Art History credits are required to graduate with a BFA. While there is no minimum number of transfer units required to be considered a transfer student, students may transfer up to 36 credits of Liberal Arts. Please note that this information is provided as a guideline and final determination of course transferability is made by the Office of the Registrar.

Please see the following detailed information regarding transferring Liberal Arts courses

#### [LIBERAL ARTS TRANSFER CREDIT GUIDELINES](#)

LAGUNA COLLEGE OF ART + DESIGN			SANTA MONICA COLLEGE		
LAELEC	Liberal Arts Elective*	3		Any course not used to meet the GE areas and major requirements listed	3
ENG103	Narrative Forms	3	ENGL C1000	Academic Reading and Writing	3
ENG203	Mystery and Reason	3	ENGL C1001	Critical Thinking and Writing	3
HUM101	Humanities 1	3	AHIS 1	Western Art History I	3
HUM102	Humanities 2	3	AHIS 2	Western Art History II	3
AHELEC200	Art History Elective	6		Any (2) course not used to meet the AHIS areas and major requirements listed	6
MATH102	Quantitative Reasoning**	3	ACCTG 45 BUS 10, BUS 45 MATH 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15, 21, 26, 28, 29, 54		3
SCI100 SCI101 SCI200	Science***	3	ANTHRO 9 BIOL 2, 3, 9, 10, 15, 15N, 21, 22, 23, BOTANY 1, 3, ANTHRO 1, 5, 10, 11 ANATMY 1, 2		3

SOC200 SOC201 SOC202 SOC203 SOC204	Social Science	3	ENVRN 40; PSYCH 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 11-14, 19, 25, 35, 40;	3
LANG100 LANG258 CW102 CW107 CW108	Language Arts	3	COM ST 11, 12, 21; ASL 1, 2; ARABIC 1; CHNESE 1-4; FRENCH 1-4, 31A; GERMAN 1-4, 31A; HEBREW 1-4; ITAL 1-4; JAPAN 1-4; KOREAN 1-4; PERSIN 1, 2; PORTGS 1, 2; RUSS 1, 2; SPAN 1-4, 11, 12, 31A; TURKSH 1; ENGL 30A, 30B ; FILM 20, 21 ; JOURN 18	3

*\*LCAD grants 3 units of Liberal Arts elective credit for a score of 3 or higher on select Advanced Placement (AP) exams, including Chinese Language and Culture, French Language and Culture, German Language and Culture, Italian Language and Culture, Japanese Language and Culture, Spanish Language, or Music Theory.*

*\*\*Quantitative Reasoning has major specific requirements for Animation majors, and Game Development majors*

*\*\*\* Science has major specific requirements for Entertainment majors, and Game Development majors*