

CCA has educational partnerships that make transferring credits easier. An articulation agreement identifies the courses offered at your institution that will transfer directly to California College of the Arts, 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 either the Fall or Spring semesters (with the exception of Architecture, Interior Design, and Fashion, in which you can only 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 try to 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 Associates degree before transferring.
- Most CCA courses are **3 semester units per course**. If your home institution school 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 10 years old 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 page](#).

*Get in touch with us if you have any questions!*

Transfer Admissions

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### CCA FIRST YEAR Requirements

Note that the following are the same requirements regardless of your intended major. While we do not have minimum requirements to transfer to CCA, it is recommended that you complete this page before proceeding to the next section.

| <b>First Year Studio</b>  |  |   |
|---|--|---|
| California College of the Arts<br><i>Check if requirement completed</i> |  | Santa Monica College<br><i>Check completed course to fulfill CCA requirement.</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | FYCST-1000: Drawing 1 (3 units)<br>Introduction to drawing   | <input type="checkbox"/> ART-20A: Drawing I (3 units)                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | FYCST-1040: 2-D Studio (3 units)<br>Introduction to the elements and principles of design. Form and Color, Elements of Art.  | <input type="checkbox"/> ART-10A: Design I (3 units)                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | FYCST-1080: 3-D Studio (3 units)<br>Introduction to the principles of visual perception and the meaning of form, space, function, and structure as they relate to three-dimensional design.                        | <input type="checkbox"/> ART-13: 3D Design (3 units)                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | FYCST-1120: 4-D Studio (3 units)<br>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. | <input type="checkbox"/> DMPOST-3: Digital Video Fundamentals (3 units)           |

| <b>First Year Humanities</b>  |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| California College of the Arts<br><i>Check if requirement completed</i> |   | Santa Monica College<br><i>Check completed course to fulfill CCA requirement.</i>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | WRLIT-1030: Writing I (3 units)   | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGL-1: Reading and Composition 1 (3 units)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | CRTSD-1500: Foundations in Critical Studies (3 units)<br>Introduction to Philosophy, Intro Critical Thinking, Ethics, or Logic. | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOS-1: Knowledge and Reality (3 units)<br>OR<br><input type="checkbox"/> PHILOS-2: Ethics (3 units)<br>OR<br><input type="checkbox"/> PHILOS-7: Logic and Critical Thinking (3 units) |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | HAAVC-1040: Intro to the Arts (3 units)<br>Introduction to Art History, Art from Prehistory through the Renaissance.            | <input type="checkbox"/> AHIS-1: Western Art History I (3 units)<br>OR<br><input type="checkbox"/> AHIS-2: Western Art History II (3 units)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | HAAVC-1080: Intro to the Modern Arts (3 units)<br>Art from 1800s to Present   | <input type="checkbox"/> AHIS-3: Western Art History III (3 units)  |

### Transferable Courses Beyond First Year

Note that the following 2000-level courses do not fulfill the First Year Core requirements as detailed on the previous page. It is highly recommended you complete the First Year Core requirements before proceeding to the courses on this page:

| Humanities & Sciences   |   |  |
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| California College of the Arts<br><i>Check if requirement completed</i> |   | Santa Monica College<br><i>Check completed course to fulfill CCA requirement.</i>  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | WRLIT-2030: Writing 2 (3 units)                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGL-2: Critical Analysis and Intermediate Composition (3 units)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | LITPA-2000: Literary and Performing Arts (3 units)                    | <input type="checkbox"/> DANCE-2: Dance in American Culture (3 units)<br>OR<br><input type="checkbox"/> ENGL-3: World Literature 1 (3 units)<br>OR<br><input type="checkbox"/> ENGL-15: Shakespeare (3 units)<br>OR<br><input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC-30: Music History I (3 units)<br>OR<br><input type="checkbox"/> TH ART-5: History of World Theatre (3 units) |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | PHCRT-2000: Philosophy and Critical Theory (3 units)                  | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOS-3: Early Philosophers (3 units)<br>OR<br><input type="checkbox"/> PHILOS-4: Modern Philosophers (3 units)<br>OR<br><input type="checkbox"/> PHILOS-11: Philosophy of Art and Aesthetics (3 units)  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | SCIMA-2000: Science and Mathematics (BA & BFA Degrees only) (3 units) | <input type="checkbox"/> Any Science or Mathematics course that would be accepted by the CSU or UC systems   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | SHISS-2000: Social Science / History (3 units)                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Any Social Science or History course that would be accepted by the CSU or UC systems  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>  | HAAVC-2000: History of Art and Visual Culture (3 units)               | <input type="checkbox"/> AHIS-5: Latin American Art History 1 (3 units)<br>OR<br><input type="checkbox"/> AHIS-18: Intro to African Art History (3 units)  |