

## Exchange Fact Sheet

### Massachusetts College of Art and Design

GENERAL INFORMATION	
Name of Institution	Massachusetts College of Art and Design
City/State/Country	Boston, Massachusetts, USA
Website	<a href="https://massart.edu/">https://massart.edu/</a>
Website for Exchange Students	<a href="https://massart.edu/incoming-exchange-applicants">https://massart.edu/incoming-exchange-applicants</a>
About MassArt	<p>As the nation's first and only public college of art and design, we've spent 150 years demonstrating the truly amazing things that happen when world-class education is an option for every deserving student.</p> <p>We are a community of artists and designers from all walks of life, excited by the opportunity to learn, live, and do great work together.</p> <p>Read more about MassArt here: <a href="https://massart.edu/about">https://massart.edu/about</a>.</p>

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APPLICATION PROCESS	
Deadlines	Nomination & Application Deadlines: Fall Semester (September - December): April 1 Spring Semester (January - May): October 1
Application Materials	Online application: <a href="https://cof.studioabroad.com/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&amp;Program_ID=40563">https://cof.studioabroad.com/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgram&amp;Program_ID=40563</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Academic and biographical information</li> <li>• Portfolio</li> <li>• Statement of purpose</li> <li>• Copy of an official transcript</li> </ul>



Application Process	<p>Students must consult with the Exchange Coordinator at their home institution before applying. Students may not complete an online application without their consent.</p> <p>Home institution Exchange Coordinators will send a nomination email to <a href="mailto:international@massart.edu">international@massart.edu</a> by the nomination/application deadline. The email will include: student name, email, program level/year, and major course of study.</p> <p><i>Note: Applications are reviewed by the appropriate MassArt Department Chair. MassArt has the right of final approval, based on departmental approval and space availability. Placement is in second or third year, depending on portfolio and space availability. Depending on the major and space availability, students may be assigned studio space.</i></p>
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ACADEMIC INFORMATION																			
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Academic Calendar	<p><u>Fall Semester</u> Late August/Early September: Orientation Early September - Mid December: Classes Mid/Late December: Final Review Boards/Final Exams</p> <p><u>Spring Semester</u> Mid January: Orientation Mid January - Early May: Classes Mid May: Final Review Boards/Final Exams</p> <p>Dates are for informational purposes and subject to change. The current academic calendar can be found at <a href="https://massart.edu/academic-calendar">https://massart.edu/academic-calendar</a>.</p>																		
Course Registration	<p>Please visit the <a href="#">All Programs</a> website for information on the departments to which students are eligible to apply. Clicking on "BFA" then "Requirements" lists the courses students take each semester. Typically, accepted exchange students are placed into the sophomore or junior level of the department to which they are accepted depending on the student's portfolio and interests. Students take between 12-15 credits each semester. 6 credits are usually devoted to majors courses. 6-9 credits are made up of electives which can include studio courses, liberal arts courses and art history courses. Not all courses are open to exchange students and we can not guarantee placement in any specific class.</p> <p>Once students are confirmed to attend MassArt, they will be placed in courses based on their portfolio and application. After registration, students will be able to make adjustments to their schedules during the Add/Drop period at the start of the semester. It is the exchange student's responsibility to contact their home institution and confirm credits for any changes to their schedules.</p>																		

Credit System	<p>1 MassArt credit = 2 ECTS credits</p> <p>More information on MassArt's grading system can be found here: <a href="https://massart.edu/transcript-key">https://massart.edu/transcript-key</a>.</p> <p><i>Note: Many MassArt departments assign pass/fail grades. If a student needs a letter grade for a course taken at MassArt, it is their responsibility to work out with their home institution how their portfolio/work from that class will be counted in the home institution's grading system.</i></p>
Semester Workload	<p>Students take between 12-15 credits each semester. 6 credits are usually devoted to majors courses. 6-9 credits are made up of electives which can include studio courses, liberal arts courses and art history courses. Not all courses are open to exchange students and we can not guarantee placement in any specific class.</p>
Language of Instruction	<p>All classes at MassArt are conducted in English.</p>
Language Requirements	<p>Students must be fluent in the English language prior to arriving at MassArt.</p> <p>In order to apply for a J-1 visa, students are required to prove sufficient English language skills. Students applying from an institution in a non-English speaking country will need to submit TOEFL or IELTS scores. Other means of proof of language skills may be acceptable, and will be shared after acceptance to the exchange program.</p>
Transcripts	<p>One official transcript will be securely emailed directly to the student's home institution upon completion of the exchange semester. Additional official transcript requests can be made through the normal process: <a href="https://massart.edu/request-transcript">https://massart.edu/request-transcript</a>.</p>

#### ACCOMMODATION/HOUSING

Accommodations	<p>Exchange students are responsible for securing housing accommodations. We strongly recommend that students make housing arrangements prior to arrival in Boston. Housing in Boston is expensive and a semester (short-term) lease can be especially difficult to find.</p> <p>We encourage students to apply for MassArt on-campus housing. Please see the <a href="#">Housing and Residence Life website</a> to learn more about living on campus. Specific information about on-campus housing will be sent with student acceptance information. <b>We cannot guarantee that there will be space available in on-campus housing.</b> The website referenced above has resources for off-campus housing.</p>
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#### STUDENT HEALTH

Health Insurance	<p>Massachusetts state law requires that everyone residing in the state have health insurance, and students attending school in J-1 visa status must have minimum required insurance levels. Therefore, MassArt Sponsored Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) is <b>required</b> for all students, including exchange students. Accepted students receive detailed information on cost and enrollment in the plan.</p>
Immunizations	<p>Massachusetts state law requires each college to have on file a complete record of immunizations, including for COVID-19, for all students. As such, exchange students must provide complete documentation. Instructions are emailed with the acceptance packet.</p>



Student Health Services	Student Health Services at Massachusetts College of Art and Design is located on the second floor of the Tree House Residential Hall. Services provided include: urgent care; wellness care; screening for STIs; immunizations; contraception; pap smears/well woman exams; and more. <a href="#">Read more here.</a>
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VISA	
J-1 Exchange Visa	Non-U.S. citizens are responsible for maintaining immigration status for the duration of their time studying at MassArt. Students who require a J-1 visa receive detailed information on documentation required to apply, documentation provided to them for the application, and how to apply for the visa.

ARRIVALS	
Boston Logan Airport	The closest airport to MassArt is <a href="#">Boston Logan International Airport</a> (BOS). The campus can be reached from Logan by public transportation or taxicab. At this time, the College is unable to provide transportation for incoming exchange students from the airport to campus.

WELCOME TO BOSTON!	
City of Boston	<p>Boston is the hub of a diverse and thriving art community, and MassArt students, alumni, and faculty have contributed to local museums and galleries as interns, directors, curators, and exhibiting artists. Boston is also home to thousands of students attending its many colleges and universities, and the city hosts countless cultural, music and other events.</p> <p>Start exploring Boston: <a href="https://massart.edu/living-boston!">https://massart.edu/living-boston!</a></p>