

DCAD FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why a small art school?

The atmosphere of DCAD, with about 250 students, can speak for itself - friendly, family-like, and personable. Students meet and critique with the head of their major, who also serves as their advisor, consistently throughout their two years at DCAD. DCAD students are receiving this type of one-on-one exchange of views and ideas from the beginning of their education at DCAD. This may be customary only to juniors and seniors at other art schools.

After DCAD, students have the benefit of experiencing new teaching techniques at Pratt Institute or the Corcoran College of Art and Design, or a variety of other art schools. Because the art world focuses on visual communication, it makes sense to comprehend it from many different views; an idea that can be achieved by spending two years at DCAD and two years elsewhere.

Why is DCAD's merit scholarship offering different than that of other schools?

The amount of scholarship that may have been awarded is congruent with DCAD's tuition, which is about \$20,000 per year. DCAD's Merit Based Scholarships are competitive. Both the academic record and portfolio are considered before determining scholarship eligibility.

When will I be notified about Financial Aid?

The first step is to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and make sure to include DCAD's school code (041398) for financial aid consideration. Upon receiving all documents, our Financial Aid department sends financial aid packages via email within two – three weeks. If you were selected for Verification, or asked to submit Corrections, visit the Financial Aid section of the website (under Admissions heading) to download appropriate forms.

What types of classes should I expect?

DCAD's curriculum begins with visual literacy across a variety of disciplines including drawing, 2- and 3-dimensional design, digital design, and photography during the first year. With a curriculum accredited by Middle States and NASAD, DCAD is also committed to offering an academic foundation in Writing and Literature and Art History. Some studio classes are 4 hours in length and meet once per week, and academic classes meet twice per week, for an hour and a half. Second year students focus on major-specific courses.

Can you explain DCAD's 2 year + 2 year program?

DCAD was originally conceived through a partnership with Pratt Institute and the Corcoran College of Art and Design. The first two years of the BFA (Bachelor of Fine Arts) are spent at DCAD and the final two at Pratt, the Corcoran, or other art and design schools throughout the country. Students who transfer find themselves well prepared for their junior and senior years, both artistically and academically, often graduating at the top of their class.

How many students continue their education after DCAD?

The majority of our graduates transfer immediately upon completing DCAD's AFA degree. The most common colleges that students transfer to include Pratt, the Corcoran, UArts, MICA, and SVA. DCAD Area Coordinators and the Student Services department work with students to help provide a seamless transfer process.

Could transfer scholarships be awarded?

The short answer is DEFINITELY – ranging from full tuition scholarships to thousands of dollars, depending on the college. For examples Pratt Institute awards up to \$24,000 per year to DCAD students. DCAD students have attended Cooper Union, where tuition is waived. Corcoran, MICA and SAIC have awarded tuition scholarships, as well as UArts, VCU, Moore, SVA, SCAD, the Museum School in Boston, MECA, and MCAD.

More Questions? Contact the DCAD Admissions Office at 302-622-8000 or admissions@dcad.edu.