



Accreditation: Virginia Commonwealth University is accredited by SACSCOC.

Transfer Policy: Virginia Commonwealth University welcomes applications from students from the Art Institute to finish their degrees in any of our bachelor degree programs (<https://www.vcu.edu/programs/?d=bachelors>). We will accept up to 90 semester hours of transfer credits for courses from the Art Institute with passing grades of C- or better (see below for course grades accepted). We will work with students to explore degree options at VCU, which include visual art and design programs in the VCU School of the Arts and the Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies program.

Residency: Degree-seeking students from the Art Institute who matriculate at Virginia Commonwealth University must complete at least 25 percent of the credit semester hours required for their bachelor's degree program at VCU, including at least 30 of the last 45 credits.

Tuition grants and scholarships: Degree-seeking students coming from the Art Institute who matriculate at Virginia Commonwealth University and are enrolled in six semester hours or more may qualify for financial aid. In order to be considered for any financial aid, students must first qualify as degree-seeking and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online. For more information about current scholarships, grants and loans, visit Virginia Commonwealth University's financial aid webpage (<https://sfs.vcu.edu/financial-aid/>).

Course grades accepted: Only courses with grades of C- or higher will be transferable to Virginia Commonwealth University. This includes courses taken on the pass/fail or pass/no pass systems and courses taken for grades of satisfactory or unsatisfactory that receive earned credits and a satisfactory grade (or comparable passing grade) from the transfer institution as long as the comparable passing or satisfactory grade is equivalent to a grade of C- or better. Additionally, an exception to Virginia Commonwealth University's transfer policy will be made for Art Institute students who received passing grades (grades of P) in the calendar years of 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Course Crosswalks: Whenever possible, courses accepted for transfer from the Art Institute are evaluated and posted on the VCU transcript as VCU course equivalents to ensure those credits apply to VCU degree requirements. Transferable courses that do not have equivalents at VCU are posted as either lower-level (1XX or 2XX) or upper-level (3XX or 4XX) electives. A full list of equivalency decisions on transferable courses that have been reviewed by the Transfer Center (including Art Institute courses) is maintained on the course equivalency tables located on the Transfer Center's website (<https://transfer.vcu.edu/transferring-credits/transfer-course-equivalents/>). These equivalency tables are updated daily as new courses are evaluated by the Transfer Center. In order to maximize transfer credits, Virginia Commonwealth University will work with each student to develop the optimum major path that will earn the student a bachelor's degree (120 credits) upon successful completion of the degree requirements. Art Institute students can request a transfer advising appointment through the Transfer Center website (<https://transfer.vcu.edu/>).

Link for application: Art Institute students applying for admission to Virginia Commonwealth University will find information about the transfer application at: <https://admissions.vcu.edu/apply-to-vcu/undergraduate/transfer/>. Students interested in applying to visual art and design degree programs at Virginia Commonwealth University have additional requirements that include a portfolio. For more information about those requirements for the School of the Arts, see: <https://arts.vcu.edu/admissions/how-to-apply/transfer-applicants/>.



Transfer of Credit Articulation Agreement

Between

The Art Institutes
6600 Peachtree Dunwoody Road N.E.
100 Embassy Row
Atlanta, GA 30328

Virginia Commonwealth University
Richmond, VA 23284

The Art Institutes and the Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) have entered into a transfer of credit agreement to advance the admission process and the awarding of transfer credit for Art Institutes students. Credit alignment and acceptance from this agreement is exclusive between these two organizations and should not be used as a basis for acceptance or credit from other parties into VCU.

Students must meet the admissions requirements as outlined in the VCU catalog and an official transcript is required from The Art Institutes in order to complete the transferring of applicable credit.

This transfer agreement is effective upon signing of the parties listed below and shall remain in effect for a period of three (3) years or until modified or cancelled in writing by either institution. Each party agrees to notify the other of any changes in their respective programs that would necessitate a reevaluation of the agreement.

Both institutions should promote this agreement. The Art Institutes reserves the right to enter into similar agreements with other schools.

Lindsey Morgan

Lindsey Morgan
Interim President
The Art Institute Atlanta
Date signed: _____

Michael Rao

Dr. Michael Rao
President
Virginia Commonwealth University
Date signed: 10/26/2023

LaToya Williams

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Date signed: 10/26/23

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Dr. Leslie Baughman
President
Miami International University of Art & Design
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Effective date: Date of last signature