



Name of Policy: Association of Independent Colleges of Art and Design (AICAD) Exchange Program
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Form to Complete: AICAD Exchange Application, see the Registrar's office

**Policy:**

KCAI is a member of the Association of Independent Colleges of Art and Design (AICAD). KCAI maintains partnerships with the majority of these schools where our students may apply to spend one semester studying off-campus at one of these partner schools in the U.S. or Canada.

When students participate in the AICAD /exchange Program they continue to be considered full-time KCAI students. Because of the agreements we have with these partner schools students will pay tuition to KCAI per usual, and students still receive financial aid and scholarships. Students will pay no tuition to the host school and will only be responsible for transportation to and from the host school, cost of living, books/supplies, and any miscellaneous fees – such as an orientation fee or studio fees. Because we are partners with these schools, the credit earned while studying abroad qualifies as KCAI credit (*not* transfer credit) and fulfills the requirement of the last 30 credit hours being earned at KCAI.

It is recommended that students take advantage of off-campus study opportunities during the first or second semester of their junior year. Participation in AICAD Exchange and International Exchange may not be possible during the first semester of a student's senior year due to KCAI department chair approval and host school policies and preferences. Participation in AICAD Exchange or International Exchange is ***prohibited*** during a student's final semester of study.

In order to be eligible to apply to participate in the AICAD Exchange Program you must:

- Be a full-time KCAI student the semester prior to and the semester of your exchange
- Have at least junior studio status the semester of the proposed exchange
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Be a student in good academic and financial standing (students on disciplinary probation are ineligible to apply – if a student is in good standing at the time of application but later faces disciplinary proceedings after acceptance into the program, the student will no longer be eligible to participate and will be withdrawn from the program)

Application Deadlines: (there is no guarantee students will be accepted)

- For spring semester mobility
  - KCAI Deadline: September 15
  - AICAD Deadline: October 1
- For fall semester mobility
  - KCAI Deadline: March 1
  - AICAD Deadline: March 15

Post- Acceptance Policies:

- If studying at an AICAD School in Canada, the student is required to show proof of international health insurance coverage for the duration of their time abroad prior to departure. This may be obtained on their own, or through the host program if offered.
- KCAI reserves the right to revoke a student's accepted application if the student receives a failing grade for one or more major studio requirements the semester prior to studying abroad.