MECA
Maine College of Art

MECA’s mission is to deliver a transformative learning experience that prepares students to thrive in the areas of artistic excellence, creative entrepreneurship, and civic engagement within an intimate and demanding educational environment.

LOCATION
Located in the heart of the Portland Fine Arts District on the southern coast of Maine, Portland is a unique collective of culture, community, outdoor recreation, and great food. Students have access to all the opportunities of a big city while remaining only minutes from beaches, lakes, forests, and an abundance of natural beauty.

WEATHER
Southern Maine has a moderate climate with average temperatures ranging from 22.3°F (-5.4°C) in January to 69.1°F (20.6°C) in July. Portland enjoys exceptional air quality and four distinct seasons from hot summers to snowy winters.

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS MAJORS
Choose from the following areas of concentration:

- Ceramics
- Graphic Design
- Illustration
- Metalsmithing & Jewelry
- New Media
- Painting
- Photography
- Printmaking
- Sculpture
- Textiles, Apparel, and Fashion
- Woodworking & Furniture Design

MINORS
Minors are offered in the following subjects:

- Art History
- Drawing
- Public Engagement

MASTER OF FINE ARTS
MECA’s low-residency MFA program in studio arts is one of the first of its kind in the nation. Each summer the MFA program brings at least 8 nationally known artists to lecture and teach with its students during an interdisciplinary summer intensive. The MFA curriculum emphasizes the intersection of studio practice, individual research, and critical analysis.

POST-BACCALAUREATE IN ART EDUCATION
MECA’s 10-month program prepares artists to become effective art educators to creatively serve children and youth in PK-12 schools, museums, community-based, and alternative settings. Upon successful completion of the program, students are eligible for certification in Maine and all 50 states.

CONTINUING STUDIES
Community members of all ages, backgrounds, and skill levels are invited to take advantage of the institution’s high-caliber faculty, professional studio classrooms, and intimate learning environment. MECA’s wide range of CS programming include: open studios, a winter intensive week, and classes in art therapy, ceramics, digital arts, drawing, fibers and fashion, glass blowing, interior decorating, metalsmithing & jewelry, liberal arts, painting, photography, printmaking, professional development, sculpture, and more.

ARTISTS AT WORK
At MECA, we want you to make art and make a living. We provide students with the skills, opportunities and experiences to be creative professionals for life. Artists at Work is a center to connect students and alumni to internships, jobs, commissions, professional development opportunities, and residencies.

ENROLLMENT
BFA: 353 full time, 13 part time
MFA: 23; 68% out of state, 32% in state

TUITION, ROOM, BOARD + FEES
Full-Time Tuition: $23,380
Room & Board: $8,638-$10,604
Fees: $1,230 (including lab fees)

HOUSING
- Oak Street Residence Hall
  Houses approximately 85 students in a combination of single and double rooms. The majority of rooms share a bathroom with one other room.
- Shepley Street Residence Hall
  Houses 60 students in suite-style accommodations. Each apartment includes a kitchen, living room, bathroom, and one or two shared bedrooms.
- Miles Standish Residence Hall
  Houses 60 students in suite-style accommodations similar to those at Shepley.

ADMISSIONS
Requirements:
A personal statement, official high school transcript or official scored report of the General Equivalency Diploma, official transcripts from each college or university attended if applicable, two letters of recommendation, and a portfolio of 15-20 pieces of recent artwork.

DEADLINES
- Priority application due: 2.1.23
- Rolling notifications begin: 1.2.13

CLUBS + ACTIVITIES
Student involvement provides students with opportunities designed to promote individual growth, creativity and personal connections.

Clubs:
- Cycling Club
- Fiber Arts Group
- Futball Club
- Gardening Club
- Green Team
- Maine Type Lab
- MECA H.O.P.E (Helping Our People to Equality)
- Nontraditional Student Group
- Running Club
- Student Senate and Theatrical Arts Group

Activities are also held regularly in both the school and resident halls. From the Holiday Sale to the Yule Ball, there is never a dull moment at MECA.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
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