



Visual & Performing Arts

Drawing



2
Years

TO DEGREE

24
Units

TO CERTIFICATE

67%

HAVE ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Architectural/Civil Drafters

200,900

WORKING DRAFTERS

In the U.S.

Program Overview

The transformation of observed reality into art is at the core of the Drawing program. Coursework enhances perception, focus, and mechanical skills through practice of a variety of drawing techniques, from figure drawing to landscapes and perspective. Students also learn the language of visual art and practice analysis and evaluation. Graduates are prepared for onward study in the studio arts and careers as visual creators.

Job Outlook

While making a living as a fine artist can be challenging, demand for graduates with drawing skills is strong. Jobs are expected to grow 15% through 2026, with opportunities ranging from courtroom illustration to architectural drafting to film storyboarding. Those with a passion for drawing can also seek further training in order to become art teachers, whether for elementary school students or in recreational settings at local arts or community centers.

CAREERS

Illustrators

\$39,820 - \$176,460

Architectural & Civil Drafters

\$41,750 - \$89,990

*Production Artists

\$44,741 - \$82,292

*Special Effects Artists/Animators

\$47,080 - \$162,470

*K-12 Art Teachers

\$53,399 - \$107,760

* Requires additional training
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics (CA data) and Salary.com



San Jose State University's BFA in Animation & Illustration and CSU Fullerton's BFA in Art with an Illustration concentration are respected programs within the CSU system.



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Suggested Course Sequence

Associate in
Arts Degree
MPC GE Pattern

YEAR
1
Total Units:
30

F A L L		S P R I N G	
	Units		Units
ENGL 1A	3	Area A2	4
MPC Elective	2	MATH 10 rec.	
ENGL 101A rec.		ARTS 10B	3
LIBR 50	1	ARTS 12A	3
ARTB 2	3	Area B & Lab	4
ARTS 10A	3	ANAT 5 rec.	
Area F	3	MPC Elective	1
ETNC 4 or 5		PERS 10 rec.	
Total Fall Units	15	Total Spring Units	15

YEAR
2
Total Units:
30

F A L L		S P R I N G	
	Units		Units
Choose 2 from the following:	6	Choose 2 from the following:	6
ARTH 3; ARTS 11A, 11B, 12B-12D, 13A-B, 14.1-.2, 16, 21.1-21.4, or 46		ARTH 3; ARTS 11A, 11B, 12B-12D, 13A-B, 14.1-.2, 16, 21.1-21.4, or 46	
Area D	3	MPC Elective	3
HIST 4 or 5 rec.		SPCH 1, 2, 3 rec.	
MPC Elective	3	MPC Elective	3
ENGL 2 rec.		MPC Elective	3
MPC Elective	3		
Total Fall Units	15	Total Fall Units	15

This is a suggested sequence of coursework and is one pathway for students to earn their degree/certificate. This is not an official educational plan. A counselor is able to assist you with creating a personalized education plan based on your academic, career, and personal goals. For more information about counseling and up-to-date program requirements, please visit www.mpc.edu/counseling.



I was able to explore various art processes through excellent studio arts, graphic arts, and technology courses taught by faculty that are knowledgeable in their area of expertise and able to make learning these skills and tools fun and engaging. As an artist, I had solo shows based on the knowledge and skills that I gained through courses at MPC.

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MPC Graduate

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