Information About the Master of Professional Studies in UX Design
MICA saw how the educational needs of contemporary professionals required a non-traditional academic structure.

This suite of professional graduate programs makes for a robust community of innovative strategists and creative thinkers who become entrepreneurs and industry leaders.
MASTER OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

Education focused on an applied field of study

Taught by professionals and industry experts

Online (with three brief residencies at MICA)

Designed so that students can maintain their work-life balance

30-credit degree completed in just 15 months
"You’ve got to start with the **customer experience** and work backwards to the technology." – Steve Jobs

"It’s not enough that we build products that function, that are understandable and usable, we also need to build products that bring joy and excitement, pleasure and fun, and yes, beauty to people’s lives." – Don Norman

UX design leads to the **optimal interface** between individuals and digital systems. Throughout the process, UX designers consider user research, information architecture, and functionality to create elegant and efficient systems.
WHO SHOULD APPLY

Designers (Graphic, Game, Industrial)

Coders and Technologists

Interest in Human-Computer Interaction

Interest in Collaborative Environments

Knowledge of or Interest in Business Strategies
CURRICULUM

Fall 1
- Residency I
- Foundations of UX Design
- Human-Machine Interaction and Usability

Spring
- Technology Intensive
- Prototyping
- UX Design Lab I: Users

Summer
- UX Design Lab II: Utility
- Residency II
- UX Design Lab III: The Industry Challenge

Fall 2
- UX Business Basics
- Thesis and Reflection
- Residency III

UX DESIGN
DELIVERABLES / PORTFOLIO

Education ● Games ● Healthcare ● Commerce ● Government ● Entertainment

UX DESIGN
Founded in 1826, MICA is one of the country’s premiere colleges of art and design.

Location provides access to industry partners along the East Coast’s creative and technology corridor.

Enrollment includes all the benefits of MICA’s resources—accessible online and while on site—plus career development services.

Combined-program residencies create dynamic opportunities for cross-disciplinary networking.
"Online learning is awesome. You can interact with the teacher very easily and students use each other's expertise."
– Jennifer Stark
Graduate MPS in Information Visualization
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Graduate Admissions Application Form
Curriculum Vitae / Resume
Statement of Purpose
Letters of Recommendation
Official Transcript
Portfolio
International Students: TOEFL / IELTS
Application Fee: $75
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