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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
- Technology Intensive
- Human-Machine Interaction and Usability

Spring
- Prototyping
- UX Business Basics
- UX Design Lab I: Users
- UX Design Lab II: Utility

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

Fall 2
- Thesis and Reflection
- Residency III
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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Thank you for your interest in the MPS in UX Design at MICA.