

One Version of College “Boiler Plate” (191 words)

Massachusetts College of Art and Design, a public college in Boston, was the first U.S. institution to give an art degree and is one of the top schools of its kind in the nation. MassArt offers a comprehensive range of baccalaureate and graduate degrees in art, art education, and design, along with continuing education and K-12 courses, and attracts a highly diverse full- and part-time student body of nearly 3,000 students of which 70% are state residents. Ranked as one of the world’s top design schools by *BusinessWeek*, MassArt is among the most selective in both undergraduate and graduate admissions. MassArt’s faculty includes some of the world’s leading artists, designers, scholars, and educators.

In 2004 MassArt entered into a New Partnership with the Commonwealth, a plan that holds the college to high standards of accountability, but grants MassArt substantial freedom to determine how it achieves those outcomes. Continuing education classes, youth and community art programs, gallery exhibitions, artist talks, and other cultural programs help fulfill the college’s mission to provide access to the arts for Boston and state residents. In April 2010 MassArt publicly launched a \$140 million transformational campaign.