



2025-2026 Bachelor of Design

Choosing Your First Year Courses

To help you get started in your first year course selection in the Bachelor of Design, we've prepared a quick guide to core courses that have been scheduled without conflicts. These are a great way to simplify the registration process – when using the registration system, you can enter the CRNs (course registration numbers) to get to the exact course section you need. If you're receiving transfer credit for any of the listed courses, you don't need to enrol in that course.

In the BDes, you can take up to five courses each term in your first year. You can take as few as three courses to be considered full-time – if you're planning on completing in four years, you'll want take the full five courses. There are ten courses required in the first year of the BDes Visual Communication Design majors:

Core Studio	DESN 101 - Design Foundations DESN 102 - Colour Foundations DESN 103 - Digital Foundations for Design DESN 104 - Drawing Foundations
School of Critical and Creative Studies (SCCS)	AHIS 100 – Themes in Modern and Contemporary Art and Visual Cultures AHIS 101 – Themes in Pre-Modern Art and Visual Cultures: Before 1789 CCST 100 – Introduction to Critical and Creative Studies ENGL 100 – Writing for Critical and Creative Practices
Studio Foundation	Any two 100-level studio courses

Below are conflict-free blocks for the core studio and SCCS courses – when you go to register in May, use the CRN to quickly set up your timetable.

Block	Term	Course	Section	CRN	Day(s)	Start Time	End Time
Block 1	Fall	AHIS 101	A	20005	Tues/Thurs	11:45	13:10
		CCST 100	A	20034	Tues/Thurs	10:00	11:30
		DESN 101	B	20056	Wednesday	08:30	12:50
		DESN 104	B	20065	Friday	08:30	12:50
Block 1	Winter	AHIS 100	B	30009	Tues/Thurs	11:45	13:10
		DESN 102	C	30059	Tues/Thurs	14:00	18:20
		DESN 103	E	30065	Wednesday	14:00	15:30
		ENGL 100	B	30090	Friday	14:00	15:30
Block 2	Fall	AHIS 101	B	20006	Tues/Thurs	11:45	13:10
		CCST 100	B	20035	Tues/Thurs	08:30	10:00
		DESN 102	D	20062	Friday	08:30	12:50
		DESN 104	H	20071	Wednesday	08:30	12:50

Block 2	Winter	AHIS 100	A	30008	Tues/Thurs	11:45	13:10
		DESN 101	D	30055	Wednesday	14:00	18:20
		DESN 103	B	30062	Friday	14:00	18:20
		ENGL 100	A	30089	Tuesday/Thurs	15:30	17:00
Block 3	Fall	AHIS 101	B	20006	Tues/Thurs	11:45	13:10
		DESN 102	C	20061	Wednesday	08:30	12:50
		DESN 104	G	20070	Friday	08:30	12:50
		ENGL 100	B	20098	Tues/Thurs	17:00	18:30
Block 3	Winter	AHIS 100	A	30008	Tues/Thurs	11:45	13:10
		CCST 100	A	30032	Friday	10:00	12:50
		DESN 101	A	30052	Monday	08:30	12:50
		DESN 103	C	30063	Tuesday	14:00	18:20
Block 4	Fall	AHIS 101	B	20006	Tues/Thurs	11:45	13:10
		CCST 100	B	20035	Tues/Thurs	08:30	10:00
		DESN 101	C	20057	Monday	08:30	12:50
		DESN 104	E	20068	Wednesday	14:00	18:20
Block 4	Winter	AHIS 100	B	30009	Tues/Thurs	11:45	13:10
		DESN 102	D	30060	Tues/Thurs	14:00	18:20
		DESN 103	F	30066	Wednesday	14:00	15:30
		ENGL 100	B	30090	Friday	14:00	15:30
Block 5	Fall	AHIS 101	A	20005	Tues/Thurs	11:45	13:10
		DESN 102	B	20060	Mon/Wed	08:30	12:50
		DESN 104	D	20067	Tuesday	15:30	17:00
		ENGL 100	A	20097	Thursday	15:30	17:00
Block 5	Winter	AHIS 100	A	30008	Tues/Thurs	11:45	13:10
		CCST 100	A	30032	Friday	10:00	12:50
		DESN 101	B	30053	Wednesday	14:00	18:20
		DESN 103	D	30064	Tuesday	14:00	18:20
Block 6	Fall	AHIS 101	B	20006	Tues/Thurs	11:45	13:10
		DESN 101	D	20058	Wed/Fri	14:00	18:20
		DESN 104	F	20069	Tuesday	17:00	18:30
		ENGL 100	B	20098	Thursday	17:00	18:30
Block 6	Winter	AHIS 100	B	30009	Tues/Thurs	11:45	13:10
		CCST 100	B	30033	Wed/Fri	14:00	15:30
		DESN 102	B	30058	Tuesday	14:00	18:20
		DESN 103	H	30068	Friday	08:30	12:50
Block 7	Fall	AHIS 101	A	20005	Tues/Thurs	11:45	13:10
		CCST 100	D	20037	Wed/Fri	14:00	15:30
		DESN 102	A	20059	Thursday	14:00	18:20
		DESN 104	C	20066	Tuesday	14:00	18:20
Block 7	Winter	AHIS 100	A	30008	Tues/Thurs	11:45	13:10
		DESN 101	E	30056	Wed/Fri	14:00	18:20
		DESN 103	A	30061	Tuesday	15:30	17:00
		ENGL 100	A	30089	Thursday	15:30	17:00
Block 8	Fall	AHIS 101	A	20005	Tues/Thurs	11:45	13:10
		CCST 100	D	20037	Wed/Fri	14:00	15:30
		DESN 102	E	20063	Tuesday	14:00	18:20
		DESN 104	I	20072	Thursday	14:00	18:20
Block 8	Winter	AHIS 100	B	30009	Tues/Thurs	11:45	13:10
		DESN 101	C	30054	Friday	08:30	12:50
		DESN 103	G	30067	Monday	08:30	12:50
		ENGL 100	D	30092	Tues/Thurs	10:00	11:30
Block 9	Fall	AHIS 101	D	20008	Tues/Thurs	13:45	15:10
		DESN 101	A	20055	Friday	14:00	18:20
		DESN 104	A	20064	Monday	08:30	12:50
		ENGL 100	A	20097	Tues/Thurs	15:30	17:00
Block 9	Winter	AHIS 100	D	30011	Tues/Thurs	13:45	15:10
		CCST 100	B	30033	Wed/Fri	14:00	15:30
		DESN 102	A	30057	Tuesday	08:30	12:50
		DESN 103	I	30069	Thursday	08:30	12:50

If you're taking a full five-course load, you'll have room for one elective each term. The studio electives for the coming year are:

Term	Course	Course Title	Section	CRN	Day	Start Time	End Time
Fall	ANIM 101	Animation	A	20239	Mon	08:30	12:50
Fall	CRMC 101	Ceramics	A	20046	Thurs	14:00	18:20
Fall	CRMC 101	Ceramics	B	20047	Fri	08:30	12:50
Fall	FBRE 101	Fibre 2-D	A	20101	Mon	08:30	12:50
Fall	FBRE 102	Fibre 3-D	A	20102	Wed	14:00	18:20
Fall	GLSS 102	Hot Glass	A	20109	Fri	08:30	12:50
Fall	GLSS 102	Hot Glass	B	20110	Mon	08:30	12:50
Fall	JWLM 101	Intro to Jewellery	A	20155	Mon	14:00	18:20
Fall	JWLM 101	Intro to Jewellery	B	20156	Thurs	08:30	12:50
Fall	MADT 101	Exploring Media Culture	A	20171	Fri	08:30	12:50
Fall	OBDF 110	Object Design and Fabrication	A	20177	Fri	14:00	18:20
Fall	OBDF 110	Object Design and Fabrication	B	20178	Wed	08:30	12:50
Fall	OBDF 110	Object Design and Fabrication	C	20179	Mon	08:30	12:50
Fall	OBDF 110	Object Design and Fabrication	D	20180	Thurs	14:00	18:20
Fall	PHTG 101	Introduction to Photography	A	20184	Thurs	14:00	18:20
Fall	PHTG 101	Introduction to Photography	B	20185	Tues	14:00	18:20
Fall	PNTG 101	Painting	A	20194	Tues	14:00	18:20
Fall	PNTG 101	Painting	B	20195	Wed	08:30	12:50
Fall	PNTG 101	Painting	C	20196	Tues	14:00	18:20
Fall	PNTG 101	Painting	D	20197	Wed	08:30	12:50
Fall	PRNT 101	Print Through Drawing	A	20206	Fri	08:30	12:50
Fall	PRNT 101	Print Through Drawing	B	20207	Fri	14:00	18:20
Fall	PRNT 104	Pixels and Print	A	20208	Mon	08:30	12:50
Fall	SCLP 101	Sculpture	A	20214	Thurs	14:00	18:20
Fall	SCLP 101	Sculpture	B	20216	Thurs	08:30	12:50
Winter	ANIM 101	Animation	A	30230	Tues	08:30	12:50
Winter	CRMC 101	Ceramics	A	30044	Mon	08:30	12:50
Winter	CRMC 101	Ceramics	B	30045	Thurs	14:00	18:20
Winter	FBRE 101	Fibre 2-D	A	30093	Wed	14:00	18:20
Winter	FBRE 102	Fibre 3-D	A	30094	Fri	08:30	12:50
Winter	FBRE 102	Fibre 3-D	B	30095	Mon	08:30	12:50
Winter	GLSS 102	Hot Glass	A	30103	Tues	14:00	18:20
Winter	JWLM 101	Intro to Jewellery	A	30154	Mon	08:30	12:50
Winter	JWLM 101	Intro to Jewellery	B	30155	Tues	08:30	12:50
Winter	MADT 101	Exploring Media Culture	A	30170	Fri	08:30	12:50
Winter	OBDF 110	Object Design and Fabrication	A	30177	Tues	14:00	18:20
Winter	OBDF 110	Object Design and Fabrication	B	30178	Mon	08:30	12:50
Winter	PHTG 101	Introduction to Photography	A	30183	Tues	14:00	18:20
Winter	PHTG 101	Introduction to Photography	B	30184	Mon	08:30	12:50

Winter	PNTG 101	Painting	A	30191	Thurs	14:00	18:20
Winter	PNTG 101	Painting	B	30192	Fri	14:00	18:20
Winter	PNTG 101	Painting	C	30193	Fri	08:30	12:50
Winter	PRNT 101	Print Through Drawing	A	30202	Mon	08:30	12:50
Winter	SCLP 101	Sculpture	A	30210	Tues	08:30	12:50
Winter	SCLP 101	Sculpture	B	30211	Fri	14:00	18:20
Winter	SCLP 101	Sculpture	C	30212	Mon	08:30	12:50

Schedule Planner

If you want to plan your courses, you can use the empty schedule below as a guide. Studio courses are taken once a week in a 4.5 hour block (all morning or all afternoon), and lecture courses (Art History, English, and Critical and Creative Studies) are twice a week for 1.5 hours.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:30-10am					
10-11:30am					
11:30-1pm					
2-3:30pm					
3:30-5pm					
5-6:30pm					

Need more help choosing your courses?

If you have transfer credit or other questions about your course selection, our Academic Advisors can help. Please email advising@auarts.ca or book an appointment through our [Advising Booking App](#).

You can also track your progress towards your degree using the Degree Evaluation option in the student portal.

How to Register

Registration for new students opens on May 22 at 9am in our student portal. Watch your AUArts email address for more information on how to access the system. If you can't log in to our student portal, contact helpdesk@auarts.ca. If you have trouble registering online, send an email (from your AUArts account) with details of the issue to registrar@auarts.ca.