

2026-2027 Bachelor of Design

Choosing Your First Year Courses

To help you get started in your first year course selection in the Bachelor of Design (BDes), 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 – choose a block (each includes both Fall and Winter terms). 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 (offered Fall and Winter) DESN 102 - Colour Foundations (offered Fall and Winter) DESN 103 - Digital Foundations for Design (offered Fall and Winter) DESN 104 - Drawing Foundations (offered Fall and Winter)
School of Critical and Creative Studies (SCCS)	AHIS 100 – Themes in Modern and Contemporary Art & Visual Cultures (offered Winter only) AHIS 101 – Themes in Pre-Modern Art and Visual Cultures: Before 1789 (offered Fall only) CCST 100 – Introduction to Critical and Creative Studies (offered Fall and Winter) ENGL 100 – Writing for Critical and Creative Practices (offered Fall and Winter)
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, make sure you register for both Fall and Winter courses.

Block	Term	Course - ID	Section	Day(s)	Start Time	End Time
Block 1	Fall	AHIS101	A	Tuesday/ Thursday	11:45	13:05
		CCST100	A	Tuesday/ Thursday	08:30	09:50
		DESN101	B	Friday	14:00	18:20
		DESN104	B	Wednesday	14:00	18:20
	Winter	AHIS100	B	Tuesday/ Thursday	11:45	13:05
		DESN102	C	Friday	14:00	18:20
		DESN103	A	Wednesday	14:00	18:20
		ENGL100	B	Tuesday/ Thursday	08:30	09:50
Block 2	Fall	AHIS101	B	Tuesday/ Thursday	11:45	13:05
		CCST100	B	Wednesday/ Friday	11:30	12:50
		DESN102	D	Tuesday	14:00	18:20
		DESN104	A	Thursday	14:00	18:20
	Winter	AHIS100	A	Tuesday/ Thursday	11:45	13:05
		DESN101	D	Wednesday	14:00	18:20
		DESN103	B	Friday	08:30	12:50
		ENGL100	A	Tuesday/ Thursday	08:30	09:50

Block 3	Fall	AHIS101 DESN102 DESN104 ENGL100	B C C B	Tuesday/ Thursday Thursday Tuesday Wednesday/ Friday	11:45 14:00 14:00 14:00	13:05 18:20 18:20 15:20
	Winter	AHIS100 CCST100 DESN101 DESN103	A A A C	Tuesday/ Thursday Tuesday/ Thursday Wednesday Friday	11:45 14:00 14:00 08:30	13:05 15:20 18:20 12:50
Block 4	Fall	AHIS101 CCST100 DESN101 DESN103	B B C A	Tuesday/ Thursday Wednesday/ Friday Thursday Tuesday	11:45 11:30 14:00 14:00	13:05 12:50 18:20 18:20
	Winter	AHIS100 DESN102 DESN104 ENGL100	B A A B	Tuesday/ Thursday Wednesday Friday Tuesday/ Thursday	11:45 14:00 08:30 08:30	13:05 18:20 12:50 09:50
Block 5	Fall	AHIS101 DESN102 DESN104 ENGL100	A B D A	Tuesday/ Thursday Monday Friday Tuesday/ Thursday	11:45 08:30 08:30 08:30	13:05 12:50 12:50 09:50
	Winter	AHIS100 CCST100 DESN101 DESN103	A A B D	Tuesday/ Thursday Tuesday/ Thursday Friday Wednesday	11:45 14:00 08:30 14:00	13:05 15:20 12:50 18:20
Block 6	Fall	AHIS101 DESN101 DESN103 ENGL100	B A B B	Tuesday/ Thursday Wednesday Tuesday Wednesday/ Friday	11:45 08:30 14:00 14:00	13:05 12:50 18:20 15:20
	Winter	AHIS100 CCST100 DESN102 DESN104	B B B B	Tuesday/ Thursday Tuesday/ Thursday Monday Wednesday	11:45 17:00 14:00 08:30	13:05 18:20 18:20 12:50
Block 7	Fall	AHIS101 CCST100 DESN102 DESN103	A D A C	Tuesday/ Thursday Tuesday/ Thursday Friday Wednesday	11:45 10:00 14:00 14:00	13:05 11:20 18:20 18:20
	Winter	AHIS100 DESN101 DESN104 ENGL100	A E C A	Tuesday/ Thursday Friday Wednesday Tuesday/ Thursday	11:45 14:00 08:30 08:30	13:05 18:20 12:50 09:50
Block 8	Fall	AHIS101 CCST100 DESN102 DESN103	A D E D	Tuesday/ Thursday Tuesday/ Thursday Monday Wednesday	11:45 10:00 14:00 08:30	13:05 11:20 18:20 12:50
	Winter	AHIS100 DESN101 DESN104 ENGL100	B C D D	Tuesday/ Thursday Wednesday Friday Tuesday/ Thursday	11:45 14:00 08:30 10:00	13:05 18:20 12:50 11:20

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	Day	Start time	End time
Fall	ANIM101	Introduction to Animation	A	Tuesday	14:00	18:20
Fall	ANIM101	Introduction to Animation	B	Wednesday	14:00	18:20
Fall	CRMC101	Ceramics	A	Wednesday	8:30	12:50
Fall	CRMC101	Ceramics	B	Tuesday	8:30	12:50
Fall	FBRE101	Fibre-2D	A	Tuesday	14:00	18:20
Fall	FBRE102	Fibre-3D	A	Friday	14:00	18:20
Fall	GLSS102	Hot Glass	A	Wednesday	8:30	12:50
Fall	GLSS102	Hot Glass	B	Tuesday	14:00	18:20
Fall	JWLM101	Material Survey of Contemporary Jewellery	A	Wednesday	8:30	12:50
Fall	JWLM101	Material Survey of Contemporary Jewellery	B	Thursday	14:00	18:20
Fall	MADT101	Media Lab	A	Thursday	8:30	12:50
Fall	OBD110	Object Design and Fabrication	A	Friday	14:00	18:20
Fall	OBD110	Object Design and Fabrication	B	Thursday	8:30	12:50
Fall	OBD110	Object Design and Fabrication	C	Wednesday	14:00	18:20
Fall	OBD110	Object Design and Fabrication	D	Tuesday	14:00	18:20
Fall	PHTG101	Introduction to Photography	A	Wednesday	8:30	12:50
Fall	PHTG101	Introduction to Photography	B	Thursday	8:30	12:50
Fall	PNTG101	Painting	A	Wednesday	8:30	12:50
Fall	PNTG101	Painting	B	Tuesday	14:00	18:20
Fall	PNTG101	Painting	C	Wednesday	8:30	12:50
Fall	PNTG101	Painting	D	Tuesday	14:00	18:20
Fall	PRNT101	Print through Drawing	A	Wednesday	14:00	18:20
Fall	PRNT101	Print through Drawing	B	Thursday	8:30	12:50
Fall	PRNT104	Pixels and Print	A	Wednesday	8:30	12:50
Fall	SCLP101	Sculpture	A	Wednesday	14:00	18:20
Fall	SCLP101	Sculpture	B	Thursday	14:00	18:20
Winter	ANIM101	Introduction to Animation	A	Wednesday	8:30	12:50
Winter	CRMC101	Ceramics	A	Thursday	14:00	18:20
Winter	CRMC101	Ceramics	B	Friday	8:30	12:50
Winter	FBRE101	Fibre-2D	A	Thursday	14:00	18:20
Winter	FBRE102	Fibre-3D	A	Monday	8:30	12:50
Winter	FBRE102	Fibre-3D	B	Wednesday	14:00	18:20
Winter	GLSS102	Hot Glass	A	Tuesday	14:00	18:20
Winter	JWLM101	Material Survey of Contemporary Jewellery	A	Thursday	14:00	18:20
Winter	JWLM101	Material Survey of Contemporary Jewellery	B	Wednesday	14:00	18:20
Winter	MADT101	Media Lab	A	Tuesday	14:00	18:20
Winter	OBD110	Object Design and Fabrication	A	Wednesday	8:30	12:50
Winter	OBD110	Object Design and Fabrication	B	Wednesday	14:00	18:20
Winter	PHTG101	Introduction to Photography	A	Thursday	8:30	12:50
Winter	PHTG101	Introduction to Photography	B	Wednesday	8:30	12:50
Winter	PNTG101	Painting	A	Tuesday	14:00	18:20

Winter	PNTG101	Painting	B	Tuesday	14:00	18:20
Winter	PNTG101	Painting	C	Wednesday	8:30	12:50
Winter	PRNT101	Print through Drawing	A	Thursday	8:30	12:50
Winter	SCLP101	Sculpture	A	Wednesday	8:30	12:50
Winter	SCLP101	Sculpture	B	Friday	8:30	12:50
Winter	SCLP101	Sculpture	C	Tuesday	8:30	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.