

Your Program Requirements

This program guide defines the 20.0 credits required for the Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Integrated Media: Life Studies, including Major requirements (specific courses and course options), Arts & Science requirements and open electives.

Of the 20.0 credits required, the following applies:

- No more than 6.0 credits may be at the 1000 level
- At least 5.0 credits must be at the 3000 level or higher, including at least 1.0 credit at the 4000 level or higher
- At least 1.5 credits of Arts & Science courses must be at the 3000 or 4000 level

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Course Codes

Codes begin with a four letter subject code followed by four digits. The first digit indicates the year level of the course. For example, *GRPH-2004* designates a specific *Graphic Design* course at the *2000 level*. Generally, students complete 1000 and 2000 level courses before 3000 and 4000 level courses.

Course Weight

- 0.5 credit courses typically meet three hours per week for a 12-week term.
- 1.0 credit courses typically meet six hours per week for a 12-week term.

Major Requirements - Course Options

Although a specific number of credits are required from each category, you may choose to take additional courses from these lists as open electives.

Sample 4 Year Plan & Helpful Planning Information (at the end of this package)

The program is structured so that it can be completed in four years, by a student taking 2.5 credits per term in the fall and winter terms (a limited number of courses are also offered in the spring/summer terms). The sample plan will help you plan your courses.

In addition to general planning tips and suggested pathways, the helpful planning information can include recommended courses for your program and tips on meeting prerequisites for electives you may want to take.

If you want to accelerate your program progression, are attending part time or with a reduced course load, and require planning support, please contact **Student**

Advising at ocadu.ca/services/academic-advising.

More Information

Your program and degree requirements are also reflected on your **My Progress** page within My OCAD U Records (Self-Service) at selfservice.ocadu.ca/student.

View course offerings (available sections), course descriptions, prerequisites and more in the **Course Catalogue** at selfservice.ocadu.ca/student/courses.

View **videos and guides** on program planning and registration at ocadu.ca/reg-guides.

Integrated Media: Life Studies – 2025/2026 Program

Guide Major Requirements

Specific Courses:

Course Code	Course Title	Course Credit
GART-1040	Drawing Across Disciplines	1.0 credit
GART-1041	Form and Time	1.0 credit
CROS-2002	Contemporary Issues	0.5 credit
INTM-2014	The Moving Image: Production I	0.5 credit
INTM-2017	Hybrid Media Lab	0.5 credit
LIFE-2001	Worlding and World-making	0.5 credit
VISM-2002	History of New Media Art	0.5 credit
INTM-3012	Media Research Projects	0.5 credit
INTM-3019	INTM Studio Practice	0.5 credit
LIFE-3001	Speculative Bodies	0.5 credit
Total Course Credits: 6.0 credits		

Course Options: Complete the identified number of courses from EACH of the categories below.

Course Code	Course Title	Course Credit
Category A – Choose ONE course from the list below:		0.5 credit
CROS-3001	Professional Practice	
CROS-3023	Learning in the Field I (Must be taken with CROS-3024 Learning in the Field II, which may fulfill another requirement as needed)	
INTM-3897	Field Placement	
INTM-3898	Independent Study	
Category B – Choose ONE course from the list below:		0.5 credit
CROS-3018	Networks and Post-Digital Art	
CROS-3019	Complicated Bodies	
CROS-3020	Stories in Expanded Worlds	
CROS-3021	Land at the Centre	
CROS-3XXX	Untitled Studio Presentation (to be developed; not offered in 2022/2023)	
Category C – Complete requirements below:		2.0 credits
INTM-4901	Thesis: Studio Research (1.0 credit) AND	
INTM-4902	Thesis: Presentation (1.0 credit)	
OR		

Level 4000 Level 3000/ 4000	CROS/INTM courses (1.0 credit) AND CROS/INTM courses (1.0 credit)	
Category D – Complete requirements below:		
Level 1000/ 2000	Studio electives	1.0 credit
Total Course Credits: 4.0 credits		

Arts & Science Requirements:

Course Code	Course Title	Course Credit
Category F – Choose ONE course from the list below:		0.5 credit
ENGL-1003	The Essay & the Argument	
ENGL-1004	Essay and the Argument: ELL	
Category G – Choose TWO courses from the list below:		1.0 credit
IVCV-1001	Turtle Island Visual Culture	
VISC-1001	Global Vis & Mat Cult: to 1800	
VISC-1002	Global Vis & Mat Cult: to Pres	
VISC-1004	Contemporary Art and Design	
Category H – Complete requirements below:		
Level 2000/ 3000/4000	Visual culture courses (IVCV, VISA, VISC, VISD, VISM)	0.5 credit
Category I – Complete requirements below:		
Level 2000/ 3000/4000	Breadth elective course (HUMN, IVCL, SCTM, SOSC)	0.5 credit
Level 2000/ 3000/4000	Breadth elective courses (ENGL, HUMN, IVCL, SCTM, SOSC)	1.0 credit
Category J – Complete requirements below:		
Level 2000/ 3000/4000	Breadth elective and/or visual culture courses (ENGL, HUMN, IVCL, IVCV, SCTM, SOSC, VISA, VISC, VISD, VISM)	1.0 credit
Total Course Credits: 4.5 credits		

Open Electives:

Course Code	Course Title	Course Credit
Level 1000/ 2000/3000/ 4000 or higher	Open electives	5.5 credits
Total Course Credits: 5.5 credits		

Notes:

A **studio elective** may be chosen from any of the following subject areas: ADVR, ASOC, BUSI, CRCP, CROS, CRWR, DIGF, DRPT, ENVR, EXAN, FABR, GART, GDES, GRPH, ILLU, INDS, INTM, INVC, IVCA, IVCD, LIFE, MAAD, PHOT, PRNT, PRPB, SCIN.

An **open elective** may be chosen from any of the following subject areas: ADVR, ASOC, BUSI, CRCP, CROS, CRWR, DIGF, DRPT, ENVR, ENGL, EXAN, FABR, GART, GDES, GRPH, HUMN, ILLU, INDS, INTM, INVC, IVCA, IVCD, IVCL, IVCV, LIFE, MAAD, PHOT, PRNT, PRPB, SCIN, SCTM, SOSC, VISA, VISC, VISD, VISM.

Senior undergraduate students in good academic standing may take graduate courses at the **5000 level** from any of the following subject areas: CADN, CRCP, DHEA, DIGF, INCD, SFIN. Inquiries regarding access to 5000 level courses should be directed to the student's Faculty Office.

Students who have completed a minimum of 4.0 credits and are in good academic standing may **declare a minor**. Only open electives and general Arts & Science courses may fulfill both degree and minor requirements, subject to the credit limits stipulated in this program guide. For more information on minors: ocadu.ca/academics/minors.

<i>Course offerings and scheduling vary by year; in some cases it may not be possible to follow the sample plan exactly as listed.</i>		
Year 1	Specified Course(s): Take GART-1040 and GART-1041	2.0 credits
	Course Option(s): Choose one course from Category D option list	0.5 credit
	Arts & Science: Choose one course from Category F option list	0.5 credit
	Arts & Science: Choose two courses from Category G option list	1.0 credit
	Open Elective(s): Choose two course	1.0 credit
Year 2	Specified Course(s): Take CROS-2002, INTM-2014, INTM-2017, LIFE-2001 and VISM-2002	2.5 credits
	Course Option(s): Choose one courses from Category D option list	0.5 credit
	Arts & Science: Choose two courses from Category H, I and/or J	1.0 credit
	Open Elective(s): Choose two courses	1.0 credit
Year 3	Specified Course(s): Take INTM-3012, INTM-3019, and LIFE-3001	1.5 credit
	Course Option(s): Choose one course from Category A option list	0.5 credit
	Course Option(s): Choose one course from Category B option list	0.5 credit
	Arts & Science: Choose two courses from Category H, I and/or J	1.0 credit
	Open Elective(s): Choose Three courses	1.5 credits
Year 4	Course Option(s): Choose 2.0 credits from Category C option list	2.0 credits
	Arts & Science: Choose two courses from Category H, I and/or J	1.0 credit
	Open Elective(s): Choose four courses	2.0 credits
Open electives, Arts & Science courses, and Year 3 and 4 requirements, may be taken in any order, subject to meeting course prerequisites.		
Ensure that overall requirements are met (minimum and maximum requirements for year level and Arts & Science).		