

Your Program Requirements

This program guide defines the 20.0 credits required for the Bachelor of Design (BDes) in Environmental Design: Interior Design, including Major requirements, 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 (*term specified below includes formal assessment period)

- 0.5 credit courses typically meet three hours per week for a 13-week term*.
- 1.0 credit courses typically meet six hours per week for a 13-week term*.

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.

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Major Requirements

Courses designated 'core': Second, third and fourth year core courses each require a minimum grade of 60% in the identified prerequisite core course. To meet graduation requirements, students must also complete their final core course with a minimum grade of 60% as well as have a minimum 60% average for all of the core courses.

Course Code	Course Title	Course Credit
ENVR-1007	Environmental Design Studio I (core)	1.0 credit
ENVR-1008	Environmental Design Studio II (core)	1.0 credit
ENVR-2003	ED: Personal Space (core)	0.5 credit
ENVR-2004	Structure 1 (core)	0.5 credit
ENVR-2005	ED: Social Space & Diversity (core)	0.5 credit
GDES-2001	Think Tank 1: Awareness	0.5 credit
ENVR-3002	Research Methodologies for ED	0.5 credit
ENVR-3005	Building Systems/Materials	0.5 credit
ENVR-3006	ED: Retail & Hospitality (core)	0.5 credit
ENVR-3007	Residential Design/Inclusion (core)	0.5 credit
ENVR-3009	Structure 2 (core)	0.5 credit
ENVR-3010	Design: Inclusion & Well-being (core)	0.5 credit
ENVR-3011	Interior Design: Office	0.5 credit
ENVR-3014	Design: Colour & Lighting (core)	0.5 credit
ENVR-3015	Interior Design: Residential	0.5 credit
VISD-3005	History & Theory of Interiors	0.5 credit
ENVR-4001	Professional Practice for ED	0.5 credit
ENVR-4907	Interiors Thesis Studio 1 (core) <i>or</i>	1.0 credit
ENVR-4901	ED Thesis Studio 1 (core)	
ENVR-4908	Interiors Thesis Studio 2 (core) <i>or</i>	1.0 credit
ENVR-4902	ED Thesis Studio 2 (core)	
Total Course Credits: 11.5 credits*		

***The above courses transfer from or to the Environmental Design program as follows:**

Specific courses: ENVR-1007, ENVR-1008, ENVR-2003, ENVR-2004, ENVR-2005, ENVR-3006, ENVR-3007, ENVR-3009, ENVR-3010, ENVR-3014.

Course options:

Category A: ENVR-3005, ENVR-3011, ENVR-3015

Category B: ENVR-3002, ENVR-4001

Category C: ENVR-4907

Category D: GDES-2001

Open electives: ENVR-4908, VISD-3005

Arts & Science Requirements:

The following courses may not fulfill Arts & Science requirements:

- SCTM-2008 Intro to Material Science
- SCTM-3002 Human Factors for Designers
- VISD-2001 History of Modern Design
- VISD-2005 Contemp Design Theories & Prac
- VISD-2009 History of Modern Architecture
- VISD-3003 History of Furniture
- VISD-3005 History & Theory of Interiors (required for the specialization, but may not fulfill Arts & Science requirements)
- VISD-4002 Contemp Studies Arch & Design

Course Code	Course Title	Course Credit
Category E – Choose one course from the list below:		0.5 credit
ENGL-1003	The Essay & the Argument	
ENGL-1004	Essay and the Argument: ELL	
Category F – 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 & Design History	
Category G – Complete requirements below:		
Level 2000/ 3000/4000	Visual culture courses (IVCV, VISA, VISC, VISD, VISM)	1.0 credit
Category H – 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 I – 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: 5.0 credits		

Open Electives:

Course Code	Course Title	Course Credit
Level 1000/ 2000/3000/ 4000 or higher	Open electives	3.5 credits
Total Course Credits: 3.5 credits		

Notes:

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.

Sample 4 Year Plan		Environmental Design: Interior Design
<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	REQUIREMENTS	COURSE CREDIT
Year 1	Specified Course(s): Take ENVR-1007 and ENVR-1008	2.0 credits
	Arts & Science: Choose one course from Category E option list	0.5 credit
	Arts & Science: Choose two courses from Category F option list	1.0 credit
	Open Elective(s): Choose three courses	1.5 credits
Year 2	Specified Course(s): Take ENVR 2003, ENVR-2004, ENVR-2005 and GDES-2001	2.0 credits
	Arts & Science: Choose three courses from Category G, H and/or I	1.5 credits
	Open Elective(s): Choose three courses	1.5 credits
Year 3	Specified Course(s): Take ENVR-3002, ENVR-3005, ENVR-3006, ENVR-3007, ENVR-3009, ENVR-3010, ENVR-3014, and VISD-3005	4.0 credits
	Arts & Science: Choose two courses from Category G, H and/or I	1.0 credit
Year 4	Specified Course(s): Take ENVR-3011, ENVR-3015, ENVR-4001, ENVR-4907 and ENVR-4908	3.5 credits
	Arts & Science: Choose two courses from Category G, H and/or I	1.0 credit
	Open Elective(s): Choose one course	0.5 credit
Notes:		
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).		

Helpful Planning Information – Environmental Design: Interior Design

General Planning Tips:

- When choosing Open Electives, we recommend courses with the subject code ENVR (not already listed in your Program Guide above), as these courses are a good fit with your Major.
- Ensure that you review the course description and pre-requisites for all courses so you can plan correctly from year to year.

Planning for Fourth/Final Year:

- If you intend to pursue Interior Design as a profession upon graduation and are registered in the Interior Design Specialization, you are required to take ENVR-4907 Interiors Thesis Studio 1 and ENVR-4908 Interiors Thesis Studio 2. ENVR-4907 with a minimum grade of 60% is the pre-requisite for ENVR-4908.
- Alternatively, you can take ENVR-4901 ED Thesis Studio 1 and ENVR-4902 ED Thesis Studio 2. ENVR-4901 with a minimum grade of 60% is the pre-requisite for ENVR-4902.
- The pre-requisite for ENVR-4901 (or ENVR-4907) is ENVR-3002 Research Methodologies for ED with a minimum grade of 60% and ENVR-3006 with a minimum grade of 60%.