

## **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

## **Reading Your Program Guide**

### **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](https://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](https://selfservice.ocadu.ca/student).

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

View **videos and guides** on program planning and registration at [ocadu.ca/reg-guides](https://ocadu.ca/reg-guides).

# Integrated Media: Life Studies – 2026/2027 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    |
| LIFE-3001                                | Speculative Bodies             | 0.5 credit    |
| LIFE-3002                                | Hypo-Theses                    | 0.5 credit    |
| <b>Total Course Credits: 6.0 credits</b> |                                |               |

**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<br>(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                                                                                                                  |               |
| Category C – Complete requirements below:           |                                                                                                                                     | 2.0 credits   |
| INTM-4901                                           | Thesis: Studio Research (1.0 credit) <b>AND</b>                                                                                     |               |
| INTM-4902                                           | Thesis: Presentation (1.0 credit)                                                                                                   |               |
| <b>OR</b>                                           |                                                                                                                                     |               |
| Level 4000<br>Level 3000/<br>4000                   | CROS/INTM courses (1.0 credit) <b>AND</b><br>CROS/INTM courses (1.0 credit)                                                         |               |
| Category D – Complete requirements below:           |                                                                                                                                     |               |
| Level 1000/<br>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 1500                                                                                 |               |
| VISC-1002                                            | Global Vis & Mat Cult: to Pres                                                                                 |               |
| VISC-1004                                            | Contemporary Art and Design                                                                                    |               |
| Category H – Complete requirements below:            |                                                                                                                |               |
| Level 2000/<br>3000/4000                             | Visual culture courses (IVCV, VISA, VISC, VISD, VISM)                                                          | 0.5 credit    |
| Category I – Complete requirements below:            |                                                                                                                |               |
| Level 2000/<br>3000/4000                             | Breadth elective course<br>(HUMN, IVCL, SCTM, SOSC)                                                            | 0.5 credit    |
| Level 2000/<br>3000/4000                             | Breadth elective courses<br>(ENGL, HUMN, IVCL, SCTM, SOSC)                                                     | 1.0 credit    |
| Category J – Complete requirements below:            |                                                                                                                |               |
| Level 2000/<br>3000/4000                             | Breadth elective and/or visual culture courses<br>(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/<br>2000/3000/<br>4000 or higher | Open electives | <b>5.5 credits</b> |
| <b>Total Course Credits: 5.5 credits</b>    |                |                    |

## 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](https://ocadu.ca/academics/minors).

| Sample 4 Year Plan                                                                                                                         |                                                                                    | Integrated Media |
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| <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 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 courses                                               | 1.0 credit       |
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| 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       |
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| Year 3                                                                                                                                     | Specified Course(s): Take INTM-3012, INTM-3019, LIFE-3001, LIFE-3002               | 2.0 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 Two courses                                               | 1.0 credits      |
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| 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      |
| <b>Notes:</b>                                                                                                                              |                                                                                    |                  |
| 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).                             |                                                                                    |                  |