Your Program Requirements

This program guide defines the 20.0 credits required for the Bachelor of Design (BDes) in Environmental Design, 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 (*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*.

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.

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Major Requirements

Specific Courses:

Courses designated 'core': Second and third 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**
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-3014	Design: Colour & Lighting **(core)**	**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 THREE courses from the list below:**		**1.5 credits**
ENVR-1003	Materials and Methods	
ENVR-1005	Digital Design for ED	
INVC-1001	Materials & Methods	
ENVR-2002	Colour, Light & Environment	
ENVR-2011	Urban Landscapes	
ENVR-3005	Building Systems/Materials	
ENVR-3011	Interior Design: Office	
ENVR-3013	Design for Dwelling	
ENVR-3015	Interior Design: Residential	
GDES-3007	Wayfinding Systems	
GDES-3102	Generative Design	
ENVR-4006	Architectural Design Studio 1	
Category B – **Choose TWO courses from the list below:**		**1.0 credit**
ENVR-2006	Research Studio: Public Space	

ENVR-3002	Research Methodologies for ED	
ENVR-4001	Professional Practice for ED	
Category C – Complete requirements below:		**1.0 credit**
Choose ONE course from the list below:		
ENVR-4009	ED Capstone Project	
ENVR-4901	ED Thesis Studio 1 (ENVR-4902 ED Thesis Studio 2 can be taken as an open elective)	
ENVR-4907	Interiors Thesis Studio 1 (ENVR-4908 Interiors Thesis Studio 2 can be taken as an open elective)	
OR **Choose TWO courses from the list below:**		
ENVR-3897	Field Placement	
VISA-3028	Art & Arch-The Islamic World	
VISD-3001	Architecture in Canada	
VISD-3005	History & Theory of Interiors	
VISD-3008	Sustainable Design Theories	
SCTM-4001	Understanding Climate Change	
VISA-4012	Art&Arch-MedievalMediterranea	
VISC-4005	Urban Life: Art, Design, City	
VISD-4002	Contemp Studies Arch & Design	
Category D – Choose ONE course from the list below:		**0.5 credit**
DIGF-2002	Physical Computing	
GDES-2001	Think Tank 1: Awareness	
INVC-2003	Language and the Land	
IVCL-2001	A History of the Métis	
SCTM-2001	Introduction to Biology	
SCTM-2008	Intro to Material Science	
SCTM-2009	Introduction to Psychology	
SOSC-2001	Cultural Anthropology	
SOSC-2003	Doing Human-Centred Research	
SOSC-2004	Business & Social Innovation	
VISD-2001	History of Modern Design	
VISD-2005	Contemp Design Theories & Prac	
VISD-2009	History of Modern Architecture	
BUSI-3003	Busi Ethics, Sustainability	
GDES-3011	Social Innovation Design	
GDES-3051	Participatory Design	
IVCV-3001	Indigenous Brilliance in Art	
SOSC-3010	Creative Economies	
SOSC-3014	Sociology of the Body	
IVCV-4004	Indigenous Art and Activism	
Total Course Credits: 4.0 credits		

Arts & Science Requirements:

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*		
* Visual culture courses (IVCV, VISA, VISC, VISD, VISM) taken to fulfill Major requirements may also fulfill Arts & Science requirements. In this case, replace the credit value in this section with an open elective(s). For example: If you take VISA-3028 as a course option for your Major, it will also fulfill 0.5 credit visual culture course requirement in this section. Replace this 0.5 credit with an open elective.		

Open Electives:

Course Code	Course Title	Course Credit
Level 1000/ 2000/3000/ 4000 or higher	Open electives	**5.0 credits**
Total Course Credits: 5.0 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	
Course offerings and scheduling vary by year; in some cases it may not be possible to follow the sample plan exactly as listed.		
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 and ENVR-2005	1.5 credits
	Course Option(s): Choose one course from Category A, B or D option list*	0.5 credit
	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): ENVR-3006, ENVR-3007, ENVR-3009, ENVR-3010 and ENVR-3014	2.5 credits
	Course Option(s): Choose two courses from Category A, B and/or D option lists*	1.0 credit
	Arts & Science: Choose two courses from Category G, H and/or I	1.0 credit
	Open Elective(s): Choose one course	0.5 credit
Year 4	Course Option(s): Choose 1.0 credit from Category C option list	1.0 credit
	Course Option(s): Choose three courses from Category A, B and/or D option lists*	1.5 credits
	Arts & Science: Choose two courses from Category G, H and/or I	1.0 credit
	Open Elective(s): Choose three courses	1.5 credits
Notes:		
*Ensure each option category (A, B and D) is completed by the end of Year 4.		
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

General Planning Tips:

- When choosing Open Electives, we recommend you consider the courses in the Option Categories as these courses are a good fit with your Major. If you take more courses than the minimum requirement to fulfill the Category, these courses will fulfill Open Electives.

- 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 a M.Arch or MLA upon graduation, it is strongly encouraged you take ENVR-4901 ED Thesis Studio 1 (in Category C) and ENVR-4902 ED Thesis Studio 2 (in Open Electives) in your final year. ENVR-4901 with a minimum grade of 60% is the pre-requisite for ENVR-4902.

  - Alternatively, you can take ENVR-4907 Interiors Thesis Studio 1 (in Category C) and ENVR-4908 Interiors Thesis Studio 2 (in Open Electives). ENVR-4907 with a minimum grade of 60% is the pre-requisite for ENVR-4908.

  - The pre-requisite for ENVR-4901 (or ENVR-4907) is ENVR-3002 Research Methodologies for ED (in Category B) with a minimum grade of 60%, and ENVR-3006 (which is a Specified Course) with a minimum grade of 60%. Take these pre-requisite courses in your third year of study.

- If you intend to follow a non-Thesis option in your final year, you are encouraged to take one of the following option combinations:

  - ENVR-4009 ED Capstone Project (in Category C) and ENVR-3897 Field Placement (in Open Electives)

  - ENVR-4009 ED Capstone Project (in Category C) and one Arts & Science elective selected from the options in Category C

  - ENVR-3897 Field Placement (in Category C) and one Arts & Science elective selected from the options in Category C

  - Two Arts & Science electives selected from the options in Category C