

Welcome to DYU

“Discover Your UFV”

This program orientation is for:

Bachelor of Media Arts Degree



ADVISING CENTRE

DYU: Bachelor of Media Arts

Hi, I'm Paula Funk!

I'm the Academic Advisor for students in Fine Arts, Design, and Media programs.

I work to **support your educational planning** by helping you to:

- ✓ Clarify your educational goals
- ✓ Develop academic success skills
- ✓ Access available resources and services

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This presentation is for you if:

1. You've been **admitted** or **conditionally admitted** to the Bachelor of Media Arts degree (BMA)
2. You are not admitted to the BMA, but intend to complete it as your goal program

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In this presentation, we'll cover:

- Admissions status
- BMA structure and options
- Tracking tool: myGRADplan
- Declaration
- Course choices for fall
- Workload
- Getting involved on campus
- Links for success
- Help!

DYU: BMA Admissions Status

At this point in your admissions process:

- Your portfolio has been submitted and reviewed, if needed
- Any post-secondary transcripts have been received by UFV
- Any international study permits are secured
- The only outstanding item should be a **high school transcript for 2020 grads**

DYU: BMA Admissions Status

If you were NOT admitted to the BMA:

You will still be able to study at UFV this fall, and make progress toward your goal program

- Please carefully review any communication from Admissions@ufv.ca and follow instructions for requesting an alternative
- **Need help?** Reach out to me at Paula.Funk@ufv.ca

DYU: BMA Structure

Intro to the BMA Structure

A BMA degree requires the completion of a minimum of **120 credits or 40 courses**.

- These 40 courses do not have to be completed in a specific timeframe.
- Your pace for completion of these credits is flexible -- based on your personal schedule and goals. **It needs to work for you.**
- Note: The VFS pathway is pro-rated to about 20 courses.

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Three main sections of the BMA

Within the 120 credits, **there are three main sections of requirements** to complete:

1. Media Core, the same for all BMA students
2. Concentration requirements chosen by you to create a focus for your degree
3. Electives or additional credit to support your goals

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#1: Media Core

The core of the BMA is **15 courses** from introductory 100-level courses to advanced professional preparation courses at the 400-level.

- It's best to tackle these starting with 100-level and advance somewhat sequentially.
- In some cases, you have a choice from a range of options to help you develop a given skill or outcome.

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#2: Concentration Requirements

To customize your BMA for your particular goals, you will choose a concentration from one of five options:

1. Applied Interactive Media
2. Digital Art
3. Interactive Media Leadership
4. Media and Performance
5. Screen Studies

Read more about each option in the [Academic Calendar](#).

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#3: Electives

Elective credit is chosen from almost any courses at UFV. Typically, students choose courses to build skill sets to **enhance their career preparation.**

- Add language studies for an Intermediate Proficiency certificate.
- Try Visual Arts studio courses to expand your creative thinking.

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Putting It All Together

To summarize, a BMA is 120 credits, or 40 courses, in three parts:

Media Core (chosen for you)

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Concentration* (you choose)

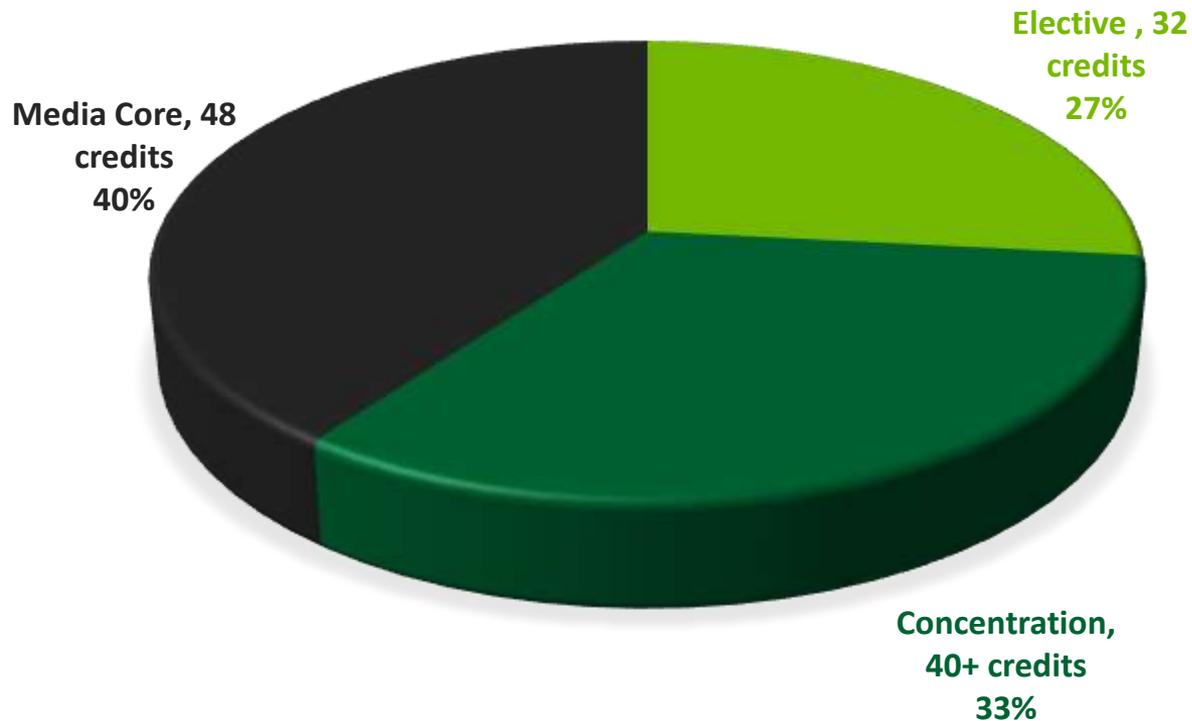
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Electives (you choose)

*Note: VFS pathway students do not choose a concentration; it is fulfilled by their VFS diploma. They complete approximately 20 courses.

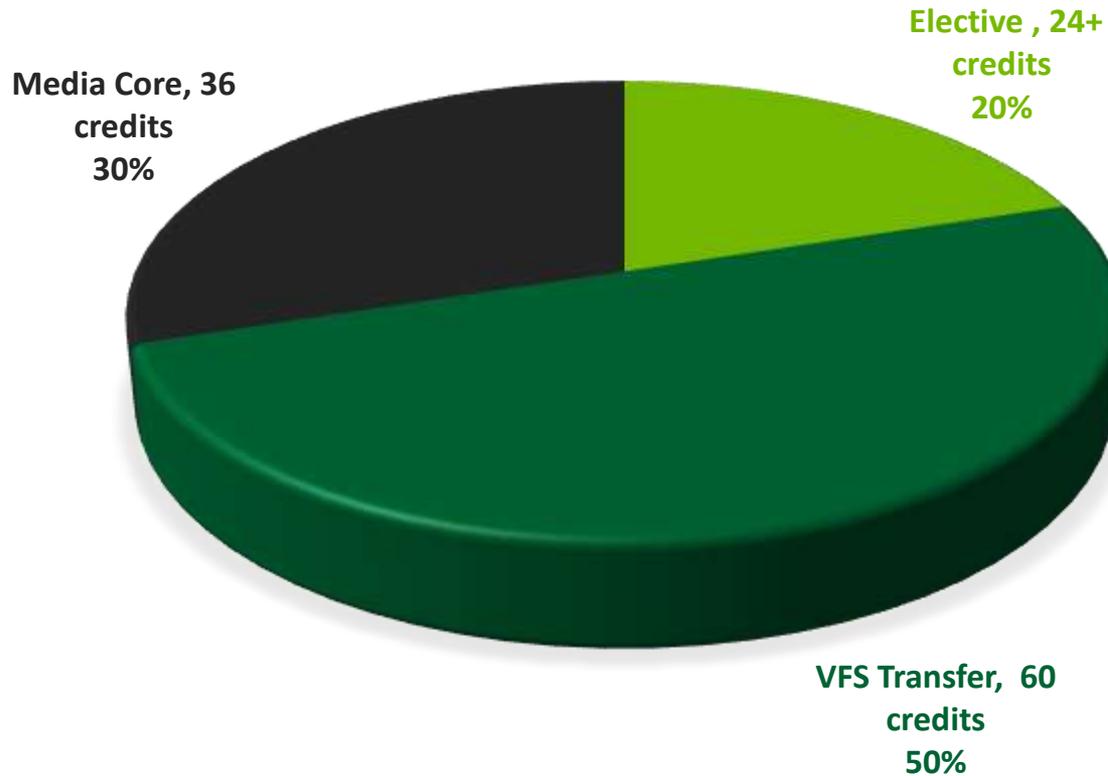
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BMA Sample Breakdown



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BMA Sample Breakdown: VFS Pathway



DYU: BMA Options

Don't Know What Program to Choose?

Don't worry -- you don't declare your concentration until you have **30 credits or ten courses complete.**

At this point:

- Consider your interests
- Try a variety of courses
- Meet up with your Academic Advisor or our Career Counselling services for direction.

DYU: BMA Tracking Tool

Reviewing Your options: MyGRADplan

The simplest way to view degree requirements is by using the **online tracking tool**, [MyGRADplan](#).

- Log into your myUFV account, look for the Campus Life tab, and scroll to the bottom for the access link.
- Make sure to review the tutorial -- the **‘what if’ & ‘look ahead’ features** will help with program planning.

DYU: BMA Declaration

After 30 credits: Choosing Your Concentration

Formally choosing your concentration in your degree is called “**declaration**”.

- You do this in an appointment with your advisor
- After declaration, your program requirements will be guaranteed, and we can develop a completion plan through to graduation.
- Declarations can always be changed if needed.

DYU: BMA Course Choices

Preparing to Register

The **How To's of Registration** are covered in another presentation. Here are a few reminders:

- The five-step online [How To Register guide](#) includes all pertinent links for reg
- The fall timetable will be available in late May
- Confirm your assigned registration time through your myUFV account
- Pay your \$200 registration deposit before registering

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What Should I Take My First Semester?

You'll be starting out with courses at the 100-level. Once you've reviewed the timetable to see what courses are available, you can choose based on what works for you. **The choice is yours!**

- Build a timetable that loads your courses on one or two days a week, or spread things out.
- Schedule around work or other commitments.
- Try an interest course in a possible concentration.

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Sample Four-course Semester

Fall Semester (Sept. to Dec.)	
GD 157	Digital Design Media I
MACS 130	Mass Communication in Canada
MEDA 100	Introduction to Media Arts
THEA 111	Acting Skills for Work and Life

DYU: BMA Workload

Timeframe to Complete

If you want to complete a degree in 4 years, that means completing 30 credits, or 10 classes, per calendar year.

- **There is no standard timeframe for degree completion.** Many students take 5+ years to complete a degree adjusting their course workload around their work schedules and other commitments.
- You can spread your coursework over 3 semesters per year at UFV: Fall, Winter, Summer

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Your Plan for Workload

Most first-year arts students take 3 or 4 courses to start, equalling about 9 to 12 hours per week in class.

- Expect to need the same number of hours for homework as you spend in class *weekly*.
- 3 classes will be approximately 20+ hours/week of school work both in & out of the classroom.
- **Plan accordingly!** Start with less and add on in future semesters to avoid overload in semester one.

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Planning Your Pace

Here are a few other **things to consider** when choosing how many courses to take per semester:

- Eligibility for a student loan requires 3 courses or nine credits per semester
- You can take as few as one course or as many as five
- You can stop out for up to one calendar year and still retain your student status

DYU: BMA Get Involved

Finding Your Place at UFV

Add value to your experience by connecting:

- **Field trips** are planned all Fine Arts, Design, and Media students each semester
- UFV students host a wide range of **clubs and associations** – find a group that shares your interests or hobbies
- Engage in weekly **wellness or rec opportunities**

DYU: BMA Links for Success

Navigating Our Student Tools

Here are some links to various tools and services that can help you make the most of your UFV experience:

- [Academic Calendar](#), a manual of all courses and programs
- [myUFV](#), your portal for your personal student experience
- [Office of the Registrar](#) (OReg), the student administrative centre at UFV

DYU: BMA Help

Need More Information?

Here are some tips for further help:

- View the **BMA webinar**, launching May 28 as part of the DYU experience. I'll be reviewing this presentation live, and answering questions .
- Email advising@ufv.ca with specific questions after the webinar.
- [Book an advising appointment](#) if email is not detailed enough.

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Booking an Advising Appointment

We recommend meeting with your Academic Advisor **once per year, or every 30 credits.**

- [Book your appointment](#) by scrolling down to expand the “+” at Fine Arts, Design, and Media, then clicking through to choose your time.
- You could book our initial meeting prior to winter registration, sometime in October.

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Looking Forward to September!

That ends my presentation. Give yourself some time to digest the information, review for gaps, and take in the webinar for new info.

- I hope you're feeling confident and excited.
- Remember, a little anxiety is normal. If it grows or becomes troubling, reach out for help.
- I'm your point person here at UFV and **I look forward to working with you!**