

Welcome to DYU

“Discover Your UFV”

This program orientation is for:

Graphic and Digital Design Diploma



ADVISING CENTRE

DYU: GDD Diploma

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

DYU: GDD Diploma

This presentation is for you if:

1. You've been **admitted** or **conditionally admitted** to the Graphic and Digital Design (GDD) diploma
2. You are not admitted to the diploma, but intend to complete it as your goal program

DYU: GDD Diploma

In this presentation, we'll cover:

- Admissions status
- GDD diploma structure and options
- Tracking tool: myGRADplan
- Course choices for fall
- Equipment
- Getting involved on campus
- Links for success
- Help!

DYU: Admissions Status

At this point in your admissions process:

- Your portfolio has been submitted and reviewed
- 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: Admissions Status

If you were NOT admitted to the diploma:

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:

Qualifying Studies

- Need help? Reach out to me at Paula.Funk@ufv.ca

DYU: Program Structure

Intro to the GDD Diploma Structure

A GDD diploma requires the completion of a minimum of **60 credits or 20 courses**.

- The diploma is a full-time cohort program.
- All students take five courses per semester for two consecutive years, with summer off.
- Exceptions are made for students with a documented disability.

DYU: Program Structure

Skills and Outcomes

Courses are offered sequentially to support **skill development** in six key areas:

- History and Writing
- Foundation
- Visual Identity and Communication Design
- Dynamic Media
- Interactive Design
- Professional Development

DYU: Program Structure

From Diploma to Degree

All 60 credits of the GDD diploma can be applied toward the **Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) degree** if you decide to continue your studies.

- Apply to the BFA degree online at any point during your diploma studies, or after graduation
- The BFA is 120-credits or 40 courses, and can improve your employment opportunities
- Book an [advising appointment](#) to discuss further.

DYU: 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: Choosing Courses

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

DYU: Course Choices

First Semester Planning

All GDD diploma students take the same **five courses** in their first semester.

- If you already have credit for any of the five courses, do not retake it. The credit counts toward your program and you are exempt from the five course requirement.
- We cannot guarantee early completion for students with prior credit completed

DYU: Course Choices

Full Time Fall Courseload

Fall Semester (Sept. to Dec.)	
GD 101	Fundamentals of Design
GD 154	Typography
GD 157	Digital Design Media I
GD 159	Digital Design Media II
VA 113	Introduction to Drawing

DYU: BFA Get Involved

Finding Your Place at UFV

GDD diploma students create their own vibrant creative community:

- The Graphic Design Student Association hosts students events regularly
- Field trips take you out into the design world for inspiration

DYU: Equipment

Hardware and Software Requirements

GDD diploma students supply their own **MacBook Pro laptop** and purchase a student subscription to Adobe Creative Cloud.

- Specs for equipment will be sent to you in July for August equipment purchase.
- Equipment orientation will be held in September
- Equipment questions? Email GDDlabtech@ufv.ca.

DYU: 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: Help

Need More Information?

Here are some tips for further help:

- View the **GDD Diploma 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.

DYU: Help

Booking an Advising Appointment

An appointment with your **Academic Advisor** can help if you run into problems in your program.

- [Book your appointment](#) by scrolling down to expand the “+” at Fine Arts, Design, and Media, then clicking through to choose your time.
- Face to face meetings are held on the Abbotsford campus.

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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!**