

Welcome to DYU

“Discover Your UFV”

This program orientation is for:

Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree



ADVISING CENTRE

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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 Fine Arts degree (BFA)
2. You are not admitted to the BFA, but intend to complete it as your goal program

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In this presentation, we'll cover:

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

DYU: BFA 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**

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If you were NOT admitted to the BFA:

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: **Visual Arts diploma or Qualifying Studies**
- Need help? Reach out to me at Paula.Funk@ufv.ca

DYU: BFA Structure

Intro to the BFA structure

A BFA 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.**

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Three main sections of the BFA

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

1. General Education requirements, the same for all BFA students
2. Program requirements chosen by you as a major or extended minors to, creating a focus for your degree
3. Electives or additional credit to support your goals

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#1: General Education requirements

The BFA has three Gen Ed requirements in most cases:

1. Writing
2. Reasoning
3. Lab Science

Each of the three requirements is met by completing courses chosen from specific lists. **One or two of these courses would be a good choice for your first semester.**

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#2: Program requirements

Program requirements in the BFA are made up of one of the following options:

1. One major or
2. Two extended minors

Your choice of major or extended minors will be based on factors such as **personal interests, educational goals, and career plans.**

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#3: Electives

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

- A student wanting to teach English in Japan might take Japanese language courses
- A prospective Art Therapist might take Psychology courses

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Putting It All Together

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

Gen Ed requirements (chosen for you)

+

1 major OR 2 extended minors (you choose)

+

Electives (you choose)

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Choosing a Major

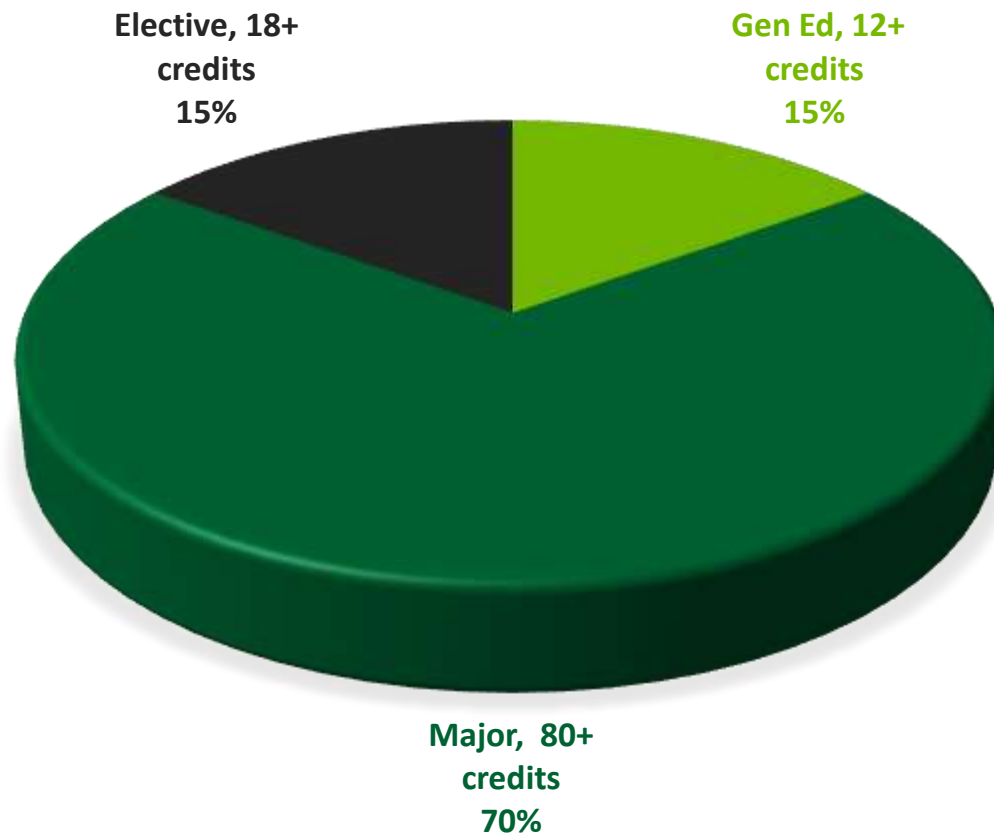
There are **two major options** in the BFA:

1. Graphic and Digital Design
2. Visual Arts

A major is a great choice if you think you might like to pursue a Masters degree in the future. A Visual Arts major works well to teach Art at the high school level.

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BFA Breakdown with a Major



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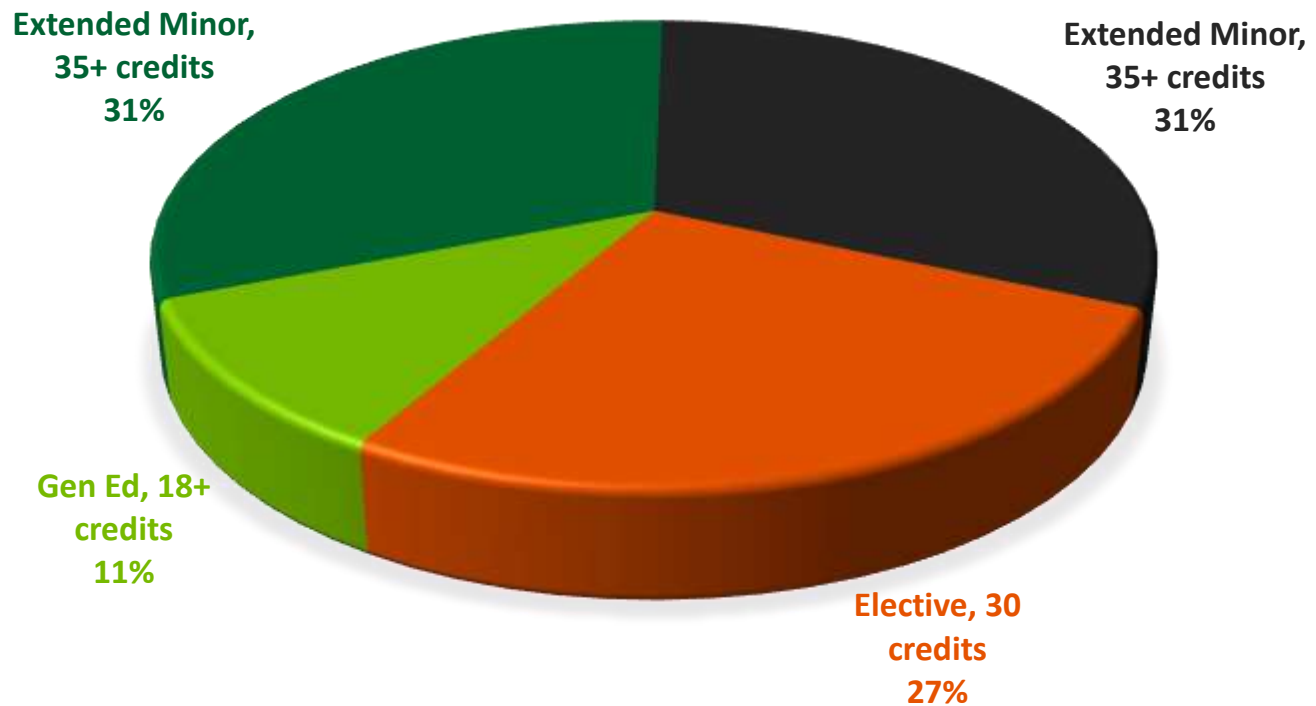
Choosing Two Extended Minors

You can **pair any two extended minor options** below for a customized educational or career outcome:

- Art History
- Creative Writing
- Graphic and Digital Design
- Media and Communication Studies
- Theatre
- Visual Arts

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BFA Breakdown with Extended Minors



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Don't Know What Program to Choose?

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

At this point, consider your interests, try a variety of courses, and meet up with your [Academic Advisor](#) or our [Career Counselling](#) services for direction.

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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.

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After 30 credits: Choosing Your Program

Formally choosing your program 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.

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What Should I Take My First Semester?

Blend some requirements with an exploration of interests in areas you might want to major or minor in later on.

The choice is yours! Some ideas...

- Writing requirement
- 100-level courses in possible major or extended minor
- Personal interest electives
- Academic Skills course like UNIV 101 or CSM 108

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Sample Courses: Visual Arts Major

Fall Semester (Sept. to Dec.)	
AH 100	Art & Culture in a Global Context
CMNS 125	Professional Communications
VA 113	Introduction to Drawing
VA 115	Intro Studio I: Material Practices

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Sample Courses: Graphic + Digital Design Major

Fall Semester (Sept. to Dec.)	
CMNS 125	Professional Communications
GD 101	Fundamentals of Design
GD 157	Digital Design Media I
GD 159	Digital Design Media II

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Sample Courses: Extended Minors in GD + VA

Fall Semester (Sept. to Dec.)	
CMNS 125	Professional Communications
GD 101	Fundamentals of Design
GD 157	Digital Design Media I
VA 113	Introduction to Drawing

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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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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

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Finding Your Place at UFV

BFA students have opportunities to be part of a vibrant creative community:

- The Visual Arts Student Association meets regularly throughout the year
- Gallery field trips are planned all Fine Arts, Design, and Media students each semester
- Regional and national artists visit UFV to deliver Artist Talks for students

DYU: BFA 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 at UFV
- [myUFV](#), your portal for your personal student experience
- [Office of the Registrar](#) (OReg), the student administrative centre at UFV

DYU: BFA Help

Need More Information?

Here are some tips for further help:

- View the BFA webinar, launching May 25 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.
- Think about booking 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 May 25 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!

GLOSSARY:



Course:

A unit of instruction that is offered under a designated subject code, course number, and credit value; for example, ANTH 102 (3 credits).

Credit:

A numeric value assigned to a course, based on both the hours of direct instruction and the coursework done outside of the classroom, which indicates the course's weight relative to other courses.

Prerequisite:

A requirement such as a previous course, a specified number of course credits, or other academic skills, knowledge, or achievements that must be completed prior to enrolling in a particular course.

Co-requisite:

A course that is to be taken at the same time as another course.

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Major:

A degree option in a particular subject area consisting of a defined set of courses, including a minimum of 30 upper-level credits. In general, 5-7 courses at the lower-level and 8-11 courses at the upper-level.

Extended Minor:

A degree option in a particular subject area consisting of a defined set of courses that includes a minimum of 14 upper-level credits. In general, 5-7 courses at the lower-level and 4-5 courses at the upper-level.

Minor:

A degree option in a particular subject area consisting of a defined set of courses, including a minimum of 14 upper-level credits. In general, 3-4 courses at the lower-level and 4-5 courses at the upper-level.

GLOSSARY:



Lower-level:

Courses that are considered first- or second-year courses and are numbered 100–299.

Upper-level:

Courses that are considered third- or fourth-year and are numbered from 300–499.

Preparatory level:

Courses considered developmental or preparatory to post-secondary studies. Course numbers will start with a 0 and will not be used to satisfy program requirements.

GLOSSARY:



Elective:

A course that may be chosen from a number of course options, as specified in the requirements for completion of a particular program. For the BA degree, any UFV course numbered 100-level or higher chosen based on interest in content, satisfy course prerequisites, and fits with schedule of courses already chosen.

Full-time Studies:

Enrolment in nine credits per semester (considered 60% of a standard course load).

Grade Point Average (GPA):

Academic performance expressed as a numerical average of grades in UFV courses. GPA values are truncated at two decimal places, not rounded.

Tuition:

Amount of money assigned to a course based on the number of credits assigned. This increases once a year starting with the Summer semester.

GLOSSARY:



Fall semester:

Courses are scheduled September to December.
Registration period occurs in June.

Winter semester:

Courses are scheduled January to April.
Registration period occurs in November.

Summer semester:

Full courses are scheduled May to August.
Early courses are scheduled May and June.
Late courses are scheduled July and August.
Registration period occurs in March.