

## OPEN STUDIES TO BACHELOR OF APPLIED ARTS IN ANIMATION AND VISUAL EFFECTS RED DEER POLYTECHNIC- SCHOOL OF ARTS AND CULTURE

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You are responsible for ensuring that your registration is complete and appropriate and that your course choices comply with the program to which you have been admitted at Red Deer Polytechnic and/or to the university to which you wish to transfer (if applicable). You are cautioned that any changes to your courses, your major or your transfer destination may adversely affect your transferable credit (if applicable), admission requirements for future programs, or eligibility to graduate from Red Deer Polytechnic. Please consult with an Advisor if you have any questions.

Students in university transfer programs are strongly advised to refer to the calendar of the university to which they wish to transfer and should contact appropriate university departments as required.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

- ELA 30-1 or 30-2 or equivalent is required for admission to Open Studies.
- Open studies provides you with an opportunity to:
  - Explore topics of interest to help you determine which program is right for you.
  - Start taking courses that count towards another program, prior to being admitted to your goal program.
  - Take upgrading courses, if needed, in addition to post-secondary level courses.
  - You can take any course for which you have the pre-requisites, and which are not restricted to a specific program.
- Check the admission requirements for your goal program in the [Academic Calendar](#).
- Completion of courses in Open Studies will result in a lighter course load in the Animation and Visual Effects program; however, it will not impact the overall length of the program as it will still take four years to complete once admitted.
- Completion of courses in Open Studies does **not** guarantee admission into your goal program.
- Applications for admission open on October 1, 2022 for Fall 2023. You are encouraged to apply to your goal program as early as possible.

### WHAT IS THIS GUIDE?

- This is an Academic Planning Guide, prepared by the Student Connect Centre to help you register for courses towards your desired program.
- If you are transferring to another institution to complete your degree, we strongly advise that you read the Academic Calendar of your destination institution for full information.

### WHAT IS A TERM? TERMS ARE THE PERIOD IN WHICH YOUR STUDIES TAKE PLACE. AT RDP, WE OFFER FOUR TERMS.

- **Fall** term (September through December)

- **Winter** term (January through April)
- **Spring** term (May through June): Spring term is an optional, condensed term. Course offerings are limited.
- **Summer** term (July through August): Summer term is an optional, condensed term. Course offerings are limited.

### HOW MANY COURSES SHOULD I TAKE A TERM?

- For Fall or Winter, the maximum course load is:
  - 5 post-secondary courses
  - OR 2 upgrading courses and 2 post-secondary courses
  - OR 1 upgrading course and 3 post-secondary courses
  - OR 3 upgrading courses
- For Spring or Summer, the maximum course load is:
  - 2 courses, regardless of whether they are upgrading or post-secondary level.
- We encourage you to find the best course load for you to be successful in your courses and your program! Open Studies is very flexible and you can choose a course load that matches your goals and the demands of your life.
- When determining your course load keep your funding in mind, if applicable. For course load requirements for funding purposes, please visit [www.rdpolytech.ca/psfunding](http://www.rdpolytech.ca/psfunding).

### WHAT IF I COMPLETED COURSES AT ANOTHER POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION?

Once you are admitted to RDP, you can then apply to have your post-secondary courses assessed for transfer credit through our [Recognition of Prior Learning Office](#). Once admitted to RDP you can complete an [RPL application form](#), provide the Polytechnic Assessors with any and all transcripts, course outlines/descriptions, or other documentation necessary to support your PLAR application.

**NOTE:** To qualify for a Red Deer Polytechnic program credential, students must complete at least 50% of the credit requirements for the credential through enrolment in RDP courses.

### REGISTRATION AND PROGRAM AUDIT

- Refer to the **Registration** tab on your Loop account to view **Registration Tips and Tricks** for information on:
  - Registering in classes
  - Waitlisting
  - Checking Prerequisites and Corequisites
    - Courses listed as **prerequisites** must be completed before you start the course in question.
    - Courses listed as **co-requisites** must be taken at the same time as the course in question.
  - Viewing Your Schedule
  - And much more!
- After you have completed your registration, if you would like an advisor to review your registration please submit a [Registration Review Form](#).

## SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

\*Below are the only courses that can be completed outside of the Bachelor of Applied Arts in Animation and Visual Effects.

FIRST TERM	SECOND TERM
<b>ART 241-</b> Drawing <b>or ART 231-</b> 2D Visual Fundamentals (3 credits)	<a href="#">Breadth Elective</a> (3 credits)
<b>AVFX 109-</b> Animation History (3 credits) <i>*Only offered in the Fall term</i>	<a href="#">Creative Arts Elective</a> (3 credits)
<a href="#">Breadth Elective</a> (3 credits)	

This is just one example of how to arrange your schedule. Your schedule may look different depending upon the courses you choose to fulfill each requirement.

## IMPORTANT NOTES

1. If you are unable to secure a seat in AVFX 109 you could take both ART 241 and ART 231. The reason we do not recommend taking all 3 courses is that if you are admitted to the degree program, you may not have enough first term courses to be considered a full-time student.
2. Some Creative Arts courses have program restrictions on them (e.g. Studio Art classes and AVFX 109). Please email [studentconnect@rdpolytech.ca](mailto:studentconnect@rdpolytech.ca) if you would like to request permission to register into any of these courses. Permission is not guaranteed and will depend upon available space.
3. Please ensure you check for pre and co-requisites.

## COURSE CATEGORIZATION/ELECTIVE LIST

To add breadth to your overall education and training students in the Animation and Visual Effects program are required to complete:

- **One (1) Creative Arts (CA) Elective** (3 credits total)
- **Two (2) Breadth Electives (Non-CA)** (6 credits total)

These can be taken in any order depending upon your preferences and course availability.

Creative Arts (CA) Elective	Breadth Elective (Non-CA Elective)
Any <b>3 credit</b> course from within Creative Arts, plus any FILM course, which you have the pre/co-requisite to take.  Includes: ART, ARAN, AVFX, DRAM, FILM, ACT, PROD, FTLE, CREA and MUSI.  Click <a href="#">HERE</a> for examples of Creative Arts Electives.	Any <b>3 credit</b> course <i>except for those listed as Creative Arts Elective</i> , which you have the pre/co-requisite to take.  Click <a href="#">HERE</a> for examples of Breadth Electives.

## CONTACT INFORMATION AND HELPFUL RESOURCES

Red Deer Polytechnic Student Connect Centre	<a href="mailto:studentconnect@rdpolytech.ca">studentconnect@rdpolytech.ca</a> <a href="http://www.rdpolytech.ca/SCC">www.rdpolytech.ca/SCC</a> 403.342.3254
Red Deer Polytechnic website	<a href="http://rdpolytech.ca">rdpolytech.ca</a>
Transfer Alberta Guide	<a href="http://transferalberta.alberta.ca">transferalberta.alberta.ca</a>