

RDP VISUAL ART DIPLOMA | BACHELOR OF FINE ART (UNIVERSITY TRANSFER)
RED DEER POLYTECHNIC- SCHOOL OF ARTS AND CULTURE
FALL 2022 AND LATER

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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

- See the [Academic Calendar for Bachelor of Fine Art](#)
- See the [Academic Calendar for Visual Art Diploma](#)
- The Visual Art Diploma program is a two-year program.
- The Bachelor of Fine Art program is four-year program. The first two years of this program can be completed at RDP, but the remaining two years of the program must be completed at another post-secondary institution.

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.
- The following Academic Planning Guide outlines the graduation requirements for the Visual Art Diploma program and the course sequence for both Visual Art Diploma **AND** Bachelor of Fine Art students. We strongly encourage that Bachelor of Fine Art students also follow this guide to gain a breadth of artistic exposure and to maximize transferable coursework for the future. There are choices built into the program which may be better suited for those who wish to transfer to a University; however, you may transfer after completing either the BFA (UT) or Visual Art Diploma.
- If you are transferring to another institution to complete your program, we strongly advise that you read the Academic Calendar of your destination institution for full information.
- If you began your program prior to Fall 2020, please contact studentconnect@rdpolytech.ca to discuss course sequencing.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS FOR RDP VISUAL ART DIPLOMA:

- Students must complete all courses with a minimum grade of 'D' and a minimum grade point average (GPA) of **2.00**.
- **If you are admitted to the Bachelor of Fine Art program but you would like to receive the Visual Art Diploma credential, please submit a *Change of Program* form through Online Services->Student Services->Applications->Option #3 in your Loop.** If you have questions about this, please feel free to contact studentconnect@rdpolytech.ca.

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?

- At RDP a typical maximum course load is 5 courses (15 academic credits) in the Fall or Winter terms. To complete this program in two years, students take 5-7 courses per term. **HOWEVER**, some of these courses are only 0.5 or 1 academic credit, which means they are not as heavy as a 3 credit course. **Please pay attention to the course sequence provided below when registering in courses so that you do not register in too heavy of a course load.** Because your courses range between 0.5 and 3 academic credits, a max per semester course load should sit between 15.5 and 17 academic credits. **We strongly advise against taking on more than this in a term.**
- **This program is designed to be taken full-time (i.e. at a maximum course load) over two years.** However, this program may be taken over three years, if needed. Contact studentconnect@rdpolytech.ca for course sequencing.
- While your communications and elective courses may be scheduled with more flexibility, **we strongly recommend that you take the ART courses in the sequence provided below.** Failure to do so will result in additional length to your program.
- 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.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I TAKE LESS THAN THE RECOMMENDED COURSE LOAD?

- You may need an extra year to complete your program.

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](#) and 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!

- You can also see for yourself exactly which criteria each course will meet, by using Grad Tracker. To access this, log in to the Loop and select Online Services→Student Services→Grad Tracker. Please note, Grad Tracker may not be as helpful as this guide when it comes to the Bachelor of Fine Arts University Transfer program.
- After you have completed your registration, if you would like an advisor to review your registration please submit a [Registration Review Form](#).

TWO YEAR RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE AND/OR GRADUATION CHECKLIST (UNOFFICIAL)

REQUIREMENT	PREREQUISITE	COMMENTS	COMPLETED
YEAR 1 FIRST TERM COURSES			
ART 201 (3 credits)	Art History I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This course is offered in the Fall term only. 	
ART 241 (3 credits)	Drawing I		
ART 231 (3 credits)	Visual Fundamentals 2D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be taken in either term. 	
<i>Choose one of:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ART 251- Two Dimension Study Painting • ART 261- Three Dimension Study Ceramics • ART 281- Three Dimension Study Sculpture (3 credits)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ART 251, ART 261 and ART 281 are all required, but can be taken in either first or second term. 	
COMM 210- Communication for Creative Art or COMM 150- College and Workplace Writing or ENGL 219- Essay Writing & Critical Read (3 credits)		Prerequisite for COMM 210: COMM 150 or ELA 30-1 Prerequisite for ENGL 219: ELA 30-1 or equivalent.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See English/Communication course pairings below! • COMM 210 is offered in the Fall term only. • If you are planning on completing a Bachelor degree you should complete ENGL 219 and ENGL 220. If you do not have the prerequisite for ENGL 219, contact studentconnect@rdp.olytech.ca to discuss Upgrading.
YEAR 1 SECOND TERM COURSES			
ART 101	Visiting Artists		

(0.5 credit)				
ART 203 (3 credits)	Art History II			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This course is offered in the Winter or Spring term only.
ART 243 (3 credits)	Drawing II	Prerequisite: ART 241		
Choose one of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ART 251- Two Dimension Study Painting ART 261- Three Dimension Study Ceramics ART 281- Three Dimension Study Sculpture (3 credits)				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ART 251, ART 261 and ART 281 are all required, but can be taken in either first or second term.
Choose one of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ART 251- Two Dimension Study Painting ART 261- Three Dimension Study Ceramics ART 281- Three Dimension Study Sculpture (3 credits)				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ART 251, ART 261 and ART 281 are all required, but can be taken in either first or second term.
ART 233 (3 credits)	Visual Fundamentals 3D Art			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can be taken in either term.
YEAR 2 FIRST TERM COURSES				
ART 101 (0.5 credit)	Visiting Artists			
ART 341 (3 credits)	Drawing III	Prerequisites: ART 241 and ART 243		
ART 310 (1 credit)	Professional Practice I	Pre-requisites: ART 231, 233, 241, 243, 251, 261, 281 or department approval		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This course is offered in the Fall term only.
<u>University Transfer Elective</u> (3 credits)				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ART 305 strongly recommended. ART 305 is offered in the Fall term only.
CREA 110- Storytelling or COMM 250- Business and		CREA 110 prerequisite: COMM 210 COMM 250 prerequisite: COMM 150		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>See English/Communication course pairings below!</u> CREA 110 is offered in the Winter term only.

Workplace Writing or ENGL 220- Literary Analysis (3 credits)		ENGL 220 prerequisite: ENGL 219	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be taken in either term. • If you are planning on completing a Bachelor degree you should complete ENGL 219 and ENGL 220. 	
<u>Studio Art Elective #1 (First Term)</u> (3 credits)			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep in mind, you must take the corresponding course in the pair. • To avoid increasing the length of your program, you should take the second course in the pair in the second term. 	
<u>Studio Art Elective #2 (First Term)</u> (3 credits)			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep in mind, you must take the corresponding course in the pair. • To avoid increasing the length of your program, you should take the second course in the pair in the second term. 	
YEAR 2 SECOND TERM COURSES				
ART 343 (3 credits)	Drawing IV	Prerequisite: ART 341		
ART 311 (1 credit)	Professional Practice II	Prerequisite: ART 310	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This course is offered in the Winter term only. 	
<u>University Transfer Elective</u> (3 credits)			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>ART 306 strongly recommended.</u> • ART 306 is offered in the Winter term only. • ART 305 is not a prerequisite to 306. 	
<u>Open Elective</u> (3 credits)				
<u>Studio Art Elective #1 (Second Term)</u> (3 credits)			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You must take the corresponding second term course here (e.g. if you took ART 351 in the Fall you must take ART 353 in the Winter). 	

Studio Art Elective #2 (Second Term) (3 credits)			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You must take the corresponding second term course here (e.g. if you took ART 351 in the Fall you must take ART 353 in the Winter). 	
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IMPORTANT NOTES

- As part of your graduation requirements, you must complete **ONE PAIR of English/Communication courses** as follows:

Recommended pairings	Pre-requisite	Transferability	Recommended for...
COMM 210 and CREA 110	None (COMM 210 is a pre-requisite to take CREA 110)	Limited transferability	Strongly recommended for RDP Diploma students or those wishing to transfer to Alberta University of the Arts (AUArts).
COMM 150 and COMM 250	None (COMM 150 is a pre-requisite to take COMM 250)	Not university transferable	Students who only intend on completing the RDP Diploma only .
ENGL 219 and ENGL 220	ELA 30-1	Transferable to most institutions	Strongly recommended for students intending on transferring to a University , those presenting ELA 30-1, or those with an interested in English.

- As part of your graduation requirements, you must complete the following electives:
 - Two (2) University Transfer Electives** (6 credits total; 3 credits each)
 - [ART 305 and ART 306 are strongly recommended.](#)
 - One (1) Open Elective** (3 credits)

COURSE CATEGORIZATION/ELECTIVE LIST

University Transfer Electives/Open Electives

Any **3-credit course** at RDP which you have the pre/co-requisite to take.

We encourage you to choose electives that are at the University Transfer Level. To determine if your course transfers check the [Alberta Transfer Guide](#).

If a course is already a requirement of your program it cannot also fulfill an elective.

Studio Art Electives

You must complete **TWO PAIRS** of the following **FULL-YEAR Studio Art Electives**:

FIRST TERM	SECOND TERM
ART 351 Painting II <i>Prerequisites: ART 251</i>	ART 353 Painting III <i>Prerequisites: ART 351</i>
ART 361 Ceramics II <i>Prerequisites: ART 261</i>	ART 363 Ceramics III <i>Prerequisites: ART 361</i>
ART 381 Sculpture II <i>Prerequisites: ART 281</i>	ART 383 Sculpture III <i>Prerequisites: ART 381</i>
ART 391 Contemporary 2D Strat & Tech I <i>Prerequisites: ART 231 or 241</i>	ART 393 Contemporary 2D Strat & Tech II <i>Prerequisites: ART 391</i>

Why is it recommended that I take 300 level Art History Courses?

It is highly recommended that all Visual Art Diploma and Bachelor of Fine Art, University Transfer students take **ART 305** and **ART 306**. Art History is a ticket to vibrant art community: a way to the heart of the culture that speaks the language you are learning. Without a deeper understanding of Art History your new vocabulary has no point of reference, no root, no guide, and no dictionary.

In addition, many Bachelor of Fine Art programs require multiple senior level art history courses. By taking senior Art History at RDP, you have access to small classes, an engaging classroom environment, enhanced access to your instructor, and allows you to access more specialized courses at the university level.

TRANSFER INFORMATION

- There are many transfer options available following your time at RDP. You may transfer **up to 60 credits** from RDP to another institution. The completion of two years at Red Deer Polytechnic **DOES NOT** guarantee acceptance into a university, nor does it guarantee that you will receive a full 60 transfer credits. The amount of and the specific transfer credit that you will receive varies depending upon the institution and program that you apply to.
- If you are planning on University Transfer it is recommended that you:
 1. Contact your destination institution directly to confirm admission requirements and transfer credit processes/policies, including minimum transferable grade requirements (as this is unique to each institution).
 2. Have all diploma requirements completed by the **end of the Winter term of the year in which you plan to transfer**. If you intend to take a Spring term, contact your transfer institution directly to discuss if this is acceptable in their transfer credit process.
 3. Choose electives that are transferable to your destination university. Consult the [Alberta Transfer Guide](#) for transfer within Alberta. If you are transferring to an institution outside of Alberta, it is especially important that you contact that institution directly to confirm information.

Existing Transfer Agreements:

Alberta University of the Arts (formerly ACAD) – Calgary, Alberta

- **Transfer to the Bachelor of Fine Art- General Fine Arts Major:** You may transfer following Year 1 (30 credits) or 2 (60 credits) of the Visual Art Diploma or Bachelor of Fine Art, University Transfer program at RDP. A minimum average of C (2.00) or higher is required. Admission will be based off your academic standing and a portfolio review.
- **Transfer to the Bachelor of Design- Visual Communication Design Major:** Students who have completed Year 1 (30 credits) of the Visual Art Diploma or Bachelor of Fine Art, University Transfer program at RDP with a minimum average of C (2.00) will be considered for admission to Year 2 of the Bachelor of Design (Visual Communication Design). Students must meet the entry criteria for admission to the School of Communication Design. Entry is competitive and will be based off your academic standing and a portfolio review.

Please refer to the [AUArts website](#) for application information and portfolio deadlines.

University of Lethbridge – Lethbridge, Alberta

Graduates **MAY** be admitted to:

- **Pre-Post-Diploma B.F.A. – Art / B.Ed. - Art** (35 course combined degree)
- **Post-diploma B.F.A - Multidisciplinary**
- **Post-diploma B.F.A - Art**

To be considered for admission to a U of L post-diploma program you must complete all RDP Visual Art requirements and be awarded your diploma. The minimum transfer admission average is 2.5 (cumulative GPA). Please keep in mind that this is only a minimum and *transfer is competitive*.

Please refer to the [UofL website](#) for application information and portfolio deadlines.

University of Athabasca – Online Learning

Bachelor of Professional Arts- Communication Studies Major: 60 credits toward will be awarded to students who have successfully completed the two-year Visual Art Diploma and have at least one year of communications related professional practice.

Please refer to the [AU website](#) for application information and deadlines.

CONTACT INFORMATION AND HELPFUL RESOURCES

Red Deer Polytechnic Student Connect Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• studentconnect@rdpolytech.ca• www.rdpolytech.ca/SCC• 403.342.3254
Red Deer Polytechnic website	rdpolytech.ca
Transfer Alberta Guide	transferalberta.alberta.ca