

## Interior Design Program General Education Requirements

The **Bachelor of Interior Design (BID)** program requires students to have **18 credits of required General Education** courses, which are incorporated in each year of the BID program as outlined below:

- Certificate (1<sup>st</sup> year): COMM 1120 (3 credits) and ENGL 1177 (3 credits)
- Diploma (2<sup>nd</sup> year): COMM 2320 (3 credits), LIBS 7001 (3 credits)
- Degree (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> year): LIBS 7002 (3 credits) and LIBS 7031 (3 credits)

In addition to the 18 Credits listed above, students are required to complete 12 credits of General Education Electives that are outside of the core academic discipline.

The **12 credits of General Education Electives** are required as follows:

- Completed within the **Diploma** (2<sup>nd</sup> year): 3 credits from Tables 1 or 2
- Completed within the **Degree** (3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year): 9 credits from Table 1 or 2.

**TABLE 1**

| Natural Science   | Social Science  | Humanities   | Arts & Sciences  |
|---|---|--|--|
| Astronomy<br>Biochemistry<br>Biology<br>Botany<br>Chemistry<br>Earth Science<br>Environmental Science<br>Ecology<br>Geography<br>Geology<br>Geophysics<br>Life Sciences<br>Ocean Science<br>Physical Anthropology<br>Physics<br>Space Sciences<br>Sustainability<br>Zoology | Anthropology<br>Archaeology<br>Criminology<br>Cultural and Ethnic Studies<br>Education<br>Environmental Studies<br>Gender and Sexuality Studies<br>International Relations<br>Law (Social or Cultural)<br>Multicultural Studies<br>Native Studies<br>Political Sci<br>Psychology<br>Regional/Human/Cultural<br>Geography<br>Sociology | Canadian Studies<br>Classical Languages<br>Classical Studies<br>Cultural Studies<br>History<br>Languages<br>Linguistics<br>Literature<br>Music History<br>Philosophy (excluding Ethics)<br>Religious Studies<br>Theatre Studies<br>Theology<br>Women's Studies | <i>Includes all subjects listed under Natural Science and Social Science &amp; Humanities.</i><br><br>Computer Science<br>Education<br>English<br>Information Science<br>Kinesiology<br>Mathematics<br>Library Science |

There are some courses available at BCIT that are pre-approved as General Education Electives for this Program (Tables 2 and 3). Other BCIT courses not listed below may be eligible in consultation with the [Degree Program Head](#).

**TABLE 2**

| Pre-Approved BCIT General Education Electives (2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> year) |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| Course Number  | Course Name                                     | Credits/Comments   |
| BHSC 1200  | Human Anatomy and Physiology                    | 6.5  |
| CINT 1210  | Basic Mandarin and Chinese Culture              | 3.0  |
| HIST 1100  | Introduction to Modern World History            | 3.0 – Included in the Full-time Diploma program matrix (Term 3) as an elective |
| HSSC 1000  | Selected Topics in Humanities & Social Sciences | 3.0  |
| HSSC 1100  | Selected Topics in Humanities & Social Sciences | 3.0  |
| HSSC 1101  | Selected Topics in Humanities & Social Sciences | 3.0  |
| HSSC 1200  | Selected Topics in Humanities & Social Sciences | 3.0  |
| MINE 1101  | Physical Geology                                | 4.0  |

TABLE 2 - continue

| Pre-Approved BCIT General Education Electives (2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> year) |  |                  |
|--|--|------------------|
| Course Number  | Course Name  | Credits/Comments |
| PHYS 1301  | General Physics 1  | 6.0              |
| PSYC 1101  | Introductory Psychology 1  | 3.0              |
| PSYC 1102  | Introductory Psychology 2  | 3.0              |
| LIBS 7XXX  | For a complete list of courses, please visit<br><a href="http://bcit.ca/cas/liberalstudies/courses.shtml">bcit.ca/cas/liberalstudies/courses.shtml</a> | 3.0              |

- Non-BCIT courses eligible to receive credit as General Education Electives for this Program must be:
  - General education courses, defined as those college or university studies intended to provide general knowledge and to develop general intellectual capacities (such as reason and judgment.)
  - Transferable into a recognized Canadian post-secondary degree program and taken at a recognized public post-secondary educational institution in Canada.
  - If courses were taken outside of Canada, please provide an ICES comprehensive report to determine transferability into a recognized Canadian post-secondary degree program.
- Courses **not eligible** for General Education Elective transfer credit include:
  - Interior Design
  - Business
  - Vocational or Technical studies courses
  - Courses with grades of S (satisfactory) and U (unsatisfactory)
- The Interior Design Department reserves the right to make the final decision in cases where ambiguity exists with:
  - The level of the course
  - The number of transferable credits available for the course.

**Note:****Full-time Studies Diploma and Bachelor Degree Students -**

General Education Electives are included in the schedule for the Full-time Interior Design Programs (Diploma and Bachelor). However, students can take General Education Electives in advance, but the full-time tuition will not be reduced. If students rely on student loans, scholarships, or bursaries, please check with Financial Aid and Awards to ensure you will still be eligible if you take a course in advance. To discuss selecting General Education Electives in advance for full-time programs, please contact [Tiia Manson, Bachelor of Interior Design Program Head](#).

**Part-time Studies Students -**

Please consult with Program Advising before course registration if you are taking General Education Elective courses that are not on Table 2 (Pre-Approved BCIT General Education Electives) or have any questions. Please email [program\\_advising@bcit.ca](mailto:program_advising@bcit.ca). Please allow 6-8 weeks for processing transfer credits.

**It is the student's responsibility to be fully aware of the General Education Elective requirements for the Interior Design Program.**