

Interior Design Program General Education Requirements

The **Bachelor of Interior Design (BID)** program requires students to have **15 credits of required General Education** courses, which are incorporated in each year of the BID program as outlined below:

- Certificate: COMM 1120 (3 credits)
- Diploma: COMM 2320 (3 credits), LIBS 7001 (3 credits)
- Degree: LIBS 7002 (3 credits)

In addition to the 15 Credits listed above, students are required to complete 18 Credits of General Education Electives (6 credits *must* be LIBS Electives) that are outside of the core academic discipline, of which at least 6 Credits must be in two different academic disciplines.

The **18 credits of General Education Electives** are required as follows:

- Prior to entry into the **Diploma in Interior Design**: 6 credits from Tables 1 and/or 2
- Completed within the **Diploma** (2nd year): 3 credits from Tables 1 or 2
- Completed within the **Degree** (3rd and 4th year): 9 credits (6 credits of Liberal Studies and BSCI 7200 or equivalent to be approved by the Program Head). See Table 3.

TABLE 1

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

There are a number of courses available at BCIT that are pre-approved as General Education Electives for this program (Table 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 (2nd year)		
Course Number	Course Name	Credits/Comments
CINT 1210	Basic Mandarin and Chinese Culture	3.0
BHSC 1200	Human Anatomy and Physiology	6.0
ENG 1177	Academic Writing	3.0 – Recommended prior to Diploma
HIST 1100	Introduction to Modern World History	3.0 – Included in the Full-time Diploma program matrix (Term 3) as an elective
MINE 1101	Physical Geology	4.0
PHYS 1301	General Physics 1	6.0
PSYC 1101	Introductory Psychology 1	3.0 – Please choose one psychology course
PSYC 1102	Introductory Psychology 2	3.0 – Please choose one psychology course

TABLE 3

Pre-Approved BCIT General Elective Courses (3 rd and 4 th year)		
Course Number	Course Name	Credits
LIBS 7XXX	For a complete list of courses, please visit bcit.ca/cas/liberalstudies/courses.shtml	3.0

1. Non-BCIT courses eligible to receive credit as General Education Electives for this program must be:
 - General education courses are 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.

2. 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)

3. 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.

Please note:

It is the student's responsibility to be fully aware of the General Education Elective requirements for the Interior Design Program and consult with Program Advising prior to course registration if students are taking courses that are not on Table 2 (Pre-Approved BCIT General Education Electives). Please email program_advising@bcit.ca if you have any questions.

Pre-approval for the 3rd and 4th year General Education electives must go through [Tiia Manson, Bachelor of Interior Design Program Head](#).

Please allow 6-8 weeks for processing.