

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)
- Prior to entry into the Diploma in Interior Design: ENGL 1177 (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 15 credits of General Education Electives that are outside of the core academic discipline and must be in a minimum of two different academic disciplines.

The **15 credits of General Education Electives** are required as follows:

- Prior to entry into the **Diploma in Interior Design**: ENGL 1177 and 3 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 5200 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
BHSC 1200	Human Anatomy and Physiology	6.5
CINT 1210	Basic Mandarin and Chinese Culture	3.0
FSCT 5106	Introduction to Criminology	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 the Humanities & Social Sciences - On being Indigenous in Canada	3.0
HSSC 1100	Selected Topics in the Humanities & Social Sciences - Graphic Novels	3.0

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Pre-Approved BCIT General Education Electives (2nd year)		
Course Number	Course Name	Credits/Comments
MINE 1101	Physical Geology	4.0
PHYS 1301	General Physics 1	6.0
PSYC 1101	Introductory Psychology 1	3.0
PSYC 1102	Introductory Psychology 2	3.0 } Choose one: PSYC 1 or PSYC 2 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

- 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.
- 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.
- LIBS 1126** (and also may be listed as **AHVC 1126**) will be a required course for the Diploma in Interior Design (2nd year) and will become a part of the program matrix in Fall 2023. **The course cannot be used as a General Education Elective to enter into the Diploma in Interior Design program.**
Please note: If you have taken INTD 3370, you can take LIBS 1126 as a GEE.

Please note:

Full-time Studies Diploma and Bachelor Degree Students:

General Education Electives are included in the Full-time Interior Design Programs (Diploma and Bachelor) and are included in the schedule. 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 taking General Education Electives in advance for full-time programs, please contact [Tia Manson, Bachelor of Interior Design Program Head](mailto:Tia.Manson@bcit.ca).**

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. 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.