



# PROGRAM PLANNING GUIDE

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Bachelor of Fine Arts - Indigenous Art

### Art History / Museum Studies



Be inspired by art and visual culture, and make your mark on the world. Work with active artists and scholars as you pursue your creative and professional goals in a collaborative environment. The BFA - Indigenous Art (Art History/Museum Studies) program prepares you for success in the complex and evolving fields of Indigenous art history and contemporary art practices. Combine critical studies in art history and theory with extensive hands-on museum and gallery experience. Study visual, material, and cultural production from a global perspective, and develop a frame of reference for understanding imagery and material culture.

#### What determines my program requirements?

Please refer to the Academic Calendar ([www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/academic-calendar](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/academic-calendar)) for complete program information.

**Calendar Year:** 2025/2026 - Your calendar year is set to the academic year you are admitted (or readmitted) and you should follow the requirements for that year for the duration of your program.

**Faculty/School:** Faculty of Fine Arts ([www.ulethbridge.ca/fine-arts](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/fine-arts))

**Program(s):** Bachelor of Fine Arts - Indigenous Art

**Major(s):** Art History / Museum Studies

**Minor:** A defined set of courses, designed to provide depth in a particular discipline, study in an interdisciplinary area, or focus on a theme-related topic. To learn more about optional minors see [www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/minors](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/minors).

#### Am I admissible to this program?

**Admission:** [www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/admissions/undergrad](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/admissions/undergrad)

**Transfer:** [www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/transfer-resources](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/transfer-resources)

#### When/How do I apply to the University?

**Deadlines:** [www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/admissions/undergrad/deadlines](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/admissions/undergrad/deadlines)

**Step-by-Step:** [www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/admissions/step-by-step](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/admissions/step-by-step)

#### Where can I find information on courses?

**Course Catalogue:** [www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/courses](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/courses)

**Registration Guide:** [www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/registration-guide](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/registration-guide)

#### When can I register for classes?

**Register early!** (March for Summer and Fall; November for Winter)

**Registration Dates:** [www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/registration-dates](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/registration-dates)

#### How can I enhance my program?

**Career Bridge:** [www.ulethbridge.ca/career-bridge](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/career-bridge)

**Co-op Education:** [www.ulethbridge.ca/career-bridge/co-operative-education](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/career-bridge/co-operative-education)

**Honours Thesis:** [www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/undergraduate-thesis](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/undergraduate-thesis)

**Double Major:** [www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/double-major](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/double-major)

#### What supports are available to students?

**Student Services:** [www.ulethbridge.ca/campus-life/student-services](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/campus-life/student-services)

**Student Success Centre:** [www.ulethbridge.ca/student-success-centre](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/student-success-centre)

**Accessible Learning:** [www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/alc](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/alc)

**Counselling Services:** [www.ulethbridge.ca/counselling](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/counselling)





# PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (2025/2026)

## Required courses and notes

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### Core Requirements

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Art 2010 - Drawing Studio I
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Art 2350/Indigenous Studies 2350 - Indigenous Art Studio I
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. **One of:**
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Art 2060 - Media Arts (Digital Sketchbook)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Art 2061 - Media Arts (Video Sketchbook)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. **One of:**
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Art 3261 - Art NOW
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Art 3262 - Art NOW
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Art History 1001 - World Art Before 1400
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Art History 1002 - World Art Since 1400
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Art History 3001 - Theory and Methods in Art and Art History
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. Art History 3240 - Canadian Art History to 1960
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Art History 3152 - Indigenous Art History (Series)
  - Title: \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Indigenous Studies 1000 - Introduction to Indigenous Studies: Canadian Contexts
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Indigenous Studies 2000 - Introduction to Indigenous Philosophies
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Indigenous Studies 2300 - North American Indigenous Art History and Theory
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Indigenous Studies 2500 - Indigenous Histories of Canada
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Indigenous Studies 3300 - Canadian Indigenous Art History and Theory

### Major Requirements

- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Art History 3215 - 20th-Century Art History to 1945
- \_\_\_\_\_ 16. Art History 3220 - Art from 1945 to 1980
- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. Art History 3245 - Canadian Art History from 1960 to the Present
- \_\_\_\_\_ 18. Art History 3270 - Global Art Since 1980
- \_\_\_\_\_ 19. Art History 4150 - Art History (Series)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 20. Museum Studies 2900 - Introduction to Museum Studies
- \_\_\_\_\_ 21. Museum Studies 3900 - Exhibiting Cultures: Art Galleries, Museums and Cultures of Display
- \_\_\_\_\_ 22. Museum Studies 4000 - Museum Studies Internship

### Art Electives:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 23.-25. Three elective Art, Art History, or Museum Studies courses (9.0 credit hours) at the 3000/4000 level
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 23. \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 24. \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 25. \_\_\_\_\_

### Indigenous Studies Electives:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 26.-28. Three Indigenous Studies courses including at least one at the 3000/4000 level
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 26. \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 27. \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 28. \_\_\_\_\_

### Electives:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 29.-32. Four electives (12.0 credit hours) chosen from any Faculty or School
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 29. \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 30. \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 31. \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 32. \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Good writing is central to art history and museum studies so Writing 1000 is highly recommended as an elective taken early in the degree. Students considering graduate work in Art History are strongly encouraged to pursue studies in a second language, particularly French or German, as competence in one is generally required for a master's degree. Students planning careers or graduate work in Museum Studies are encouraged to take French, further Indigenous Studies, and Management 3710 - Managing Not-for-Profit Organizations. Other recommended courses include:

- Anthropology 2110 - The Anthropology of Popular Culture
- Anthropology 2600 - Anthropology of Gender
- Anthropology 3610 - Material Culture
- Applied Studies courses, as applicable
- Archaeology courses, as applicable
- Art 3210 - Architecture and Design NOW I
- Art 4210 - Architecture and Design NOW II
- History courses, as applicable
- Indigenous Studies courses, as applicable
- Philosophy 2150 - Philosophy of Art
- Political Science courses, as applicable
- Sociology 2410 - Sociology of Gender
- Women and Gender Studies courses, as applicable, but especially Women and Gender Studies 3040 - The Politics of Representation (Series)

### Liberal Education List Requirement

Only four courses (12.0 credit hours) in total may be counted from any one discipline toward the Lib Ed Requirement. Disciplines are identified by separate course subject codes. Cross-listed courses count toward the limit for both disciplines (e.g. IGBM 3250/INDG 3250 counts toward the limit for Dhillon School of Business courses and Indigenous Studies).

Only four courses (12.0 credit hours) in total from the Faculty of Education (EDUC), Faculty of Health Sciences (ADCS, HLSC, INHL, NURS, PUBH, and TREC), and the Dhillon School of Business (ACCT, AGEM, FINC, GLBU, HRLR, IGBM, MGT, and MKTG) may be counted towards the Lib Ed Requirement.

To determine if a course has a Liberal Education designation, see School of Liberal Education in the 2025/2026 University of Lethbridge Undergraduate Calendar, [www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/academic-calendar](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/academic-calendar).

- \_\_\_\_\_ 33.-36. **List II: Social Science**
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 33. \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 34. \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 35. \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 36. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 37.-40. **List III: Science**
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 37. \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 38. \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 39. \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_ 40. \_\_\_\_\_



## Required courses and notes

### General Requirements

- \_\_\_\_\_ Successful completion of 40 courses (120.0 credit hours) with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.00 (on the University of Lethbridge's 4.0 scale).
- \_\_\_\_\_ A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 in all Art, Art History, and Museum Studies courses.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Completion of four courses from each of List II: Social Sciences and List III: Sciences to fulfill the Liberal Education List Requirement (see **School of Liberal Education** in the 2025/2026 University of Lethbridge Calendar, [www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/academic-calendar](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/academic-calendar)).
- \_\_\_\_\_ At least 13 Art, Art History, and Museum Studies courses (39.0 credit hours) at the 3000/4000 level, and at least two Indigenous Studies courses at the 3000/4000 level.
- \_\_\_\_\_ A maximum of five Independent Studies (15.0 credit hours).
- \_\_\_\_\_ A maximum of five courses (15.0 credit hours) in Disciplinary Credit Applied Studies and/or Museum Studies Internship (Museum Studies 4000, 4001, 4002, 4003, and 4004) courses.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Not more than 10 courses may be taken at the 0100/1000 level for credit toward the degree. Activity courses and courses numbered in the range of 0520 to 0530 are exempted from this limit.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Residence requirement: 20 courses (60.0 credit hours), including a minimum of 12 offered by the Department of Art of which at least seven must be at the 3000/4000 level and at least four courses offered by the Department of Indigenous Studies.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Completion of a minimum of 30 (90.0 credit hours) required courses for Art Studio majors, and a minimum of 18 (54.0 credit hours) required courses for Art History/Museum Studies majors.

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### Optional Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

For information about minors see **Minors** in the 2025/2026 University of Lethbridge Calendar, [www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/academic-calendar](http://www.ulethbridge.ca/ross/academic-calendar). Consult with an Academic Advisor if you wish to add a minor to your program.

#### \_\_\_\_\_ 1.-6. Required Courses

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_
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Shown below is the recommended sequence of courses for your degree. Consult timetables for course offerings, prerequisites, and corequisites before registering each term as some courses may have limited offerings (ie. once a year, alternating years, or only offered in the Fall or Winter terms). Consult with an Academic Advisor in your faculty if you wish to alter this sequence with regard to the specifically listed courses.

**Note that this sequence was prepared based on course scheduling at the time of publication and may change during your studies.**

### First Year (Fall)

- One of: Art History 1001 or Art History 1002
- One of: Art 2010 or Lib Ed List Requirement
- One of: Art 2061 or Lib Ed List Requirement
- Indigenous Studies 1000
- Lib Ed List Requirement

### First Year (Winter)

- One of: Art History 1002 or Art History 1001
- One of: Art 2010 or Lib Ed List Requirement
- One of: Art 2060 or Lib Ed List Requirement
- One of: Museum Studies 2900 or Lib Ed List Requirement
- Indigenous Studies 2000

### Second Year (Fall)

- Art History 3215
- One of: Museum Studies 2900 or Lib Ed List Requirement
- Indigenous Studies 2300
- Indigenous Studies 2500
- Lib Ed List Requirement

### Second Year (Winter)

- One of: Art 3261 or Art 3262
- Art 2350/Indigenous Studies 2350
- Indigenous Studies 3300
- Art, Art History, or Museum Studies elective (3000/4000 level)
- Lib Ed List Requirement

### Third Year (Fall)

- Art History 3001
- One of: Art History 3152 or Lib Ed List Requirement
- Art History 3240
- Museum Studies 3900
- One of: Indigenous Studies elective or Elective

### Third Year (Winter)

- One of: Art History 3152 or Lib Ed List Requirement
- Art History 3220
- Art History 3245
- Art History 3270
- One of: Indigenous Studies elective or Elective

### Fourth Year (Fall)

- One of: Art History 4150 or Art, Art History, or Museum Studies elective (3000/4000 level)
- Art, Art History, or Museum Studies elective (3000/4000 level)
- Indigenous Studies elective
- Elective
- Elective

### Fourth Year (Winter)

- One of: Art History 4150 or Art, Art History, or Museum Studies elective (3000/4000 level)
- Museum Studies 4000
- Indigenous Studies elective (3000/4000 level)
- Lib Ed List Requirement
- Elective

**Note:** Museum Studies 2900 and senior level Art, Art History, and Museum Studies courses are offered once per year and may alternate between terms. Students are advised to speak to an Advisor in the Fine Arts Advising Office (W660) when choosing courses for an upcoming term.