First Semester Blueprint
Department of Art and Design

When planning your first semester…

- Students should register for a minimum of 12 credits and no more than 16.
- All First-Year students are required to take First Year Seminar their first term. This is a required writing course, and each section focuses on a different topic for students to explore.
- **QuEST** (Qualities Essential for Student Transformation) courses are Messiah University's general education program completed by all students. Specific recommendations for your first semester are included on the blueprint.
- Students who have earned AP, CLEP, or IB credit should refer to the information provided here: AP, CLEP, IB Credit.
- You can view the most up-to-date version of the schedule of classes by accessing The View.

The First Semester Blueprint is your guide to course registration in your first semester. Click on your major to view the recommended courses (developed by your faculty) for your first semester at Messiah.

Art Education with K-12 Teaching Certification (B.S.)
Digital Media (B.A.) with Interactive Design concentration
Graphic Design (B.F.A.)
Studio Art (B.A.)
Studio Art (B.F.A.)

Art Education with K-12 Teaching Certification (B.S.)

Students *MUST* register for the following courses:		Credits
IDFY 101	First Year Seminar	3
ART 110	Visual Thinking & Digital Tools	3
Students *SHOULD* register for **ONE** of the following courses:		
ART 121	Form, Space and Media **OR**	3
ART 171	Drawing I **OR**	3
ART 182	Color and Composition	3
Students *SHOULD* register for the following courses:		
Language Course	(CHIN, FREN, GERM, SPAN)	3
Mathematical Science** (QuEST/GenEd: Math)		3 or 4

Select from the following *QuEST* options to complete your schedule:	Credits
COMM 105 (Fundamentals of Oral Communication)	3
PHIL 101 OR RELI 229 (Problems in Philosophy or Islam)	3

Recommended total credits your first semester:	12-16 credits

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Specific major-related questions may be directed to David Kasparek, dkaspare@messiah.edu.

Digital Media (B.A.) Interactive Design Concentration

Students *MUST* register for the following courses:		Credits
IDFY 101	First Year Seminar	3
Students *SHOULD* register for *ONE* of the following courses:		
ART 121	Form, Space and Media **OR**	3
ART 171	Drawing I **OR**	3
ART 182	Color and Composition **OR**	3
ART 217	Digital Imaging **OR**	3
ART 251	Darkroom Photography	3
Students *SHOULD* register for the following courses:		
COMM 217	Introduction to Film	3
Language Course	(CHIN, FREN, GERM, SPAN)	3

Select from the following *QuEST* options to complete your schedule:	Credits
European History or U.S. History** (QuEST/GenEd: Euro History or U.S. History)	3
PHIL 101 OR RELI 229 (Problems in Philosophy or Islam)	3
Social Science** (QuEST/GenEd: Social Science)	3

Recommended total credits your first semester:	**12-16 credits**

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Graphic Design (B.F.A.)

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IDFY 101	First Year Seminar	3
ART 110	Visual Thinking & Digital Tools	3
Students *MUST* register for *ONE* of the following courses:		
ART 121	Form, Space and Media **OR**	3
ART 171	Drawing I **OR**	3
ART 182	Color and Composition	3
Students *SHOULD* registering for the following course:		
Language Course	(CHIN, FREN, GERM, SPAN)	3

Select from the following *QuEST* options to complete your schedule:	Credits
COMM 105 (Fundamentals of Oral Communication)	3
European History or U.S. History** (QuEST/GenEd: Euro History or U.S. History)	3
PHIL 101 OR RELI 229 (Problems in Philosophy or Islam)	3
Social Science** (QuEST/GenEd: Social Science)	3

Recommended total credits your first semester:	**12-16 credits**

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Studio Art (B.A.) and (B.F.A.)

Students *MUST* register for the following courses:		Credits
IDFY 101	First Year Seminar	3
ART 110	Visual Thinking & Digital Tools	3
Students *MUST* register for *ONE* of the following courses:		
ART 121	Form, Space and Media **OR**	3
ART 171	Drawing I **OR**	3
ART 182	Color and Composition	3
Students may *CONSIDER* registering for the following courses:		
ARTH 150	Art History I	3

Students *SHOULD* register for a Language Course:	Credits
Language Course (CHIN, FREN, GERM, SPAN)	3

Select from the following *QuEST* options to complete your schedule:	Credits
COMM 105 (Fundamentals of Oral Communication)	3
European History or U.S. History** (QuEST/GenEd: Euro History or U.S. History)	3
PHIL 101 OR RELI 229 (Problems in Philosophy or Islam)	3
Social Science** (QuEST/GenEd: Social Science)	3

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