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Welcome to the Environmental Design (ED) Program at the Faculty of Architecture at the University of Manitoba. You are joining a community of knowledge seekers that will both support and challenge you. Your professors will guide you, and you will have a strong peer group of students who will be great colleagues as you move forward together in the Program and beyond. I hope you will be inspired and excited and that your understanding of design and its numerous relationships to the environment deepens with your time in this Program.

Keep in mind that you are responsible for the course of your education. Be involved in helping to make our ED community stronger, begin by taking an active role in making this a significant, productive, and satisfying year that contributes to your understanding of not only design but also yourself and the world that you inhabit. Take time to experiment with new ideas and design practices, learn how to think critically, read more about design history and theory, and express your ideas clearly in all the ways that you communicate. Make friends, volunteer for faculty-related activities, and try to be involved in student organizations and the faculty's culture!

In all of this, look after yourself and keep the right balance of studies and life. Take time to reach out to your professors, instructors, mentors and advisors for guidance and support. Establish healthy routines that include sleep, exercise and good eating habits. Look for things to add to your schedule that bring you happiness.

Please read the following carefully, as it includes important information regarding the Environmental Design Program. Further information will be available and updated throughout the summer on the Environmental Design Program website at <http://umanitoba.ca/architecture/student-experience/faum-salons>.

ORIENTATION

A mandatory Orientation Session for incoming Environmental Design students will be held on **August 26, 2022**. The Orientation Session agenda will be posted on the [FAUM Salons](#) page in mid-August.

REGISTRATION

Below is a list of courses required in your first year of the Environmental Design Program (ED2). Registration Access Times will be available to students in Aurora July 8, 2022 with returning student registration opening on July 21st, 2022.

- [EVDS 2100: Urban Media Lab \(Pre-Fall, 3 credit hours\)](#)
- [EVDS 2200: Ecology and Design \(3 credit hours\)](#)
- [EVDS 2300: Materials, Structures and Assemblies \(3 credit hours\)](#)
- [EVDS 2400: Visual Media 1 \(3 credit hours\)](#)
- [EVDS 2500: Design Studio 1 \(6 credit hours\)](#)
- [EVDS 2600: Tectonic Precedent \(3 credit hours\)](#)
- [EVDS 2702: Natural and Human Systems \(3 credit hours\)](#)
- [EVDS 2800: Visual Media 2 \(3 credit hours\)](#)
- [EVDS 2900: Design Studio 2 \(6 credit hours\)](#)

URBAN MEDIA LAB

Urban Media Lab (EVDS 2100) is a mandatory 3-credit hour workshop course. This course is a **2-week** intensive course that introduces visual methods of representation and related media including drawing, photography, and video. The intention is to critically engage the environment as a laboratory for investigating cultural values, aesthetic issues, design principles, and representational techniques, 'prerequisite' to undertaking design studio work.

In 2022-2023 academic year, Urban Media Lab will be held from **August 29 to September 9, 2022**, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am – 4:30 pm; more details on the course structure will be distributed closer to the start date.

DIGITAL BASICS

There is an expectation that you will have completed online tutorials prior to the start of the Urban Media Lab (UML) as there will be assignments issued in UML and the first week of classes that require a basic understanding of these programs, if tutorials have not been completed there will be difficulty with those assignments, please ensure that you have undertaken the listed tutorials. Links can be found here:

<http://umanitoba.ca/architecture/student-experience/faum-salons>

I am pleased to welcome you to the Environmental Design Program and hope that your experience is rewarding and successful!

All the best,



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