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Congratulations on being admitted to the Environmental Design Class of 2026!

You are joining a community of knowledge seekers, guided by professors and supported by classmates. Take ownership of your education, engage in shaping your learning experience, and balance your studies with your personal life. Take care of yourself and enjoy the journey!

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 **Friday, August 25, 2023**. 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 on **June 30, 2023** with returning student registration opening on **July 20, 2023**.

[Environmental Design Year 2 \(foundational studies\) courses](#)

- 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, pre-term**, 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, a 'prerequisite' to undertaking design studio work.

In the 2023-2024 academic year, Urban Media Lab will be held from **Monday, August 28 to Friday, September 8, 2023**, 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>

LAPTOP REQUIREMENTS

At the beginning of the ED program, each student is required to own a laptop computer that will be used for design work in the studio. The purchasing specifications for a new computer will be available on the [FAUM Salons](#) page by mid-July.

SUPPLY KITS

Environmental Design Supplies are available at the UM Bookstore. Two conveniently packaged kits of the products you will need for ED2 are listed here: <http://umanitoba.ca/architecture/student-experience/faum-salons>.

NOTE ON EXPENSES and BOOKSTORE DISCOUNTS

Academic supplies for Studio will cost around \$500 each term. This estimate will include items such as project printing costs, papers, model building and design studio project supplies. Please consider this in your term budgeting. The UM bookstore offers a 20% discount on regular-priced ART SUPPLIES, throughout the year for Faculty of Architecture students.

Once again, 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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