Design MFA Curriculum–DRD Track *[July, 2023 version]*

	AUTUMN	SPRING	SUMMER
Year 1	**Design 6100** Methods for Design Research — 3cr. (Design) [DRD][General]	**Design 6300** Exploration in Graduate Design Studies — 3cr. (Design) [DRD][DAIM][Focus]	**Elective** — 4-9cr. (Elective)
	Design 6200 Foundation in Graduate Studies — 3cr. (Design) [DRD][DAIM][Focus]	**Design 6400** Graduate Studio (DRD section) — 3cr. (Design) [DRD][General]	
	Design 6400 Graduate Studio — 3cr. (Design) [DRD][DAIM][General]	**Design 7193** 2-mentors, Independent Study — 3cr. (Research Elective) [DRD][General]	
	Elective[1] — 3cr. (Elective) [Fellow]	**Elective[1]** — 3cr. (Elective) [Fellow]	
		1st yr. Review Research Orientation — (Milestone) [DRD][DAIM]	

Year 2	**Design 6400** Graduate Studio — 3cr. (Design) [DRD][DAIM][Focus]	**Design 6400 or 58xx** Design Studio — 3cr. (Design) [Focus]	**Elective** — 4-9cr. (Elective)
	Design 6500 Graduate Design Seminar — 3cr. (Design) [DRD] [General]	**Design 7998** Thesis Project Development — 3cr. (Res. Elective) [Focus]	
	Elective *AAEP 7725 (recommended)* — 3cr. (Elective) [Focus]	**Elective** — 3cr. (Elective) [Focus]	
	Elective[1] — 3cr. (Elective) [Fellow]	**Elective[1]** — 3cr. (Elective) [Fellow]	
	1st yr. review retake *(if necessary)* **Elect primary advisor** *(Dec. 1st)* — (Milestone)	**2nd yr. Review** Research Proposal & Plan — (Milestone) [DRD][DAIM]	

Year 3	**Design 7998** Thesis Project Development — 3-6cr. (Res. Elective) [Focus]	**Design 7998** Thesis Project Development — 3cr. (Res. Elective) [Focus]	
	Design 7999 Thesis Writing — 3cr. (Res. Elective) [Focus]	**Design 7999** Thesis Writing — 3cr. (Res. Elective) [Focus]	
	Elective — 3cr. (Elective) [Focus]	**Elective** — 3cr. (Elective) [Focus]	
		Thesis Defense Project Exhibition, Oral Defense — (Milestone) [DRD][DAIM]	

1. For autumn and spring semesters, students on 50% GA appointments must be enrolled for a minimum of 8 credits. For a 25% appointment, the minimun is 4 credits. Fellowship students must be enrolled for a minimum of 12 credits.

- Internship (up to 6 credits) can fulfill Studio Elective or Interdisciplinary Elective credits depending on the nature of the work experience. This is determined by the advisor.
- Elective courses maybe taken in any order, and within Design or in other departments or centers at OSU.

Studio Electives
Courses providing hands-on experiences that advance skill applied in creative research or to understand and incorporate experimental or applied practices in any discipline.

Research Electives
Individual Studies (DESIGN 7193) that explore a research interest in design under the guidance of design faculty.

Theory/History/Criticism (T/H/C) Electives
Courses providing strong emphasis on history and analytical methods, as well as the philosophical, political, material, and context for works related to design, animation, or interactive media and specific research interests.

Interdisciplinary Electives
Courses providing opportunities to study and interact with another discipline beyond design.

Design Credits
Courses include: 6200, 6300, 6400, 7998, and 7999.

MFA Curriculum Credits Distribution

Design Credits:	39cr.
Research Electives:	3-9cr.
Studio Electives:	3-6cr.
(T/H/C) Electives:	6-9cr.
Interdisciplinary Electives:	6cr.
Total:	**60 Credits**

[DAIM]	Digital Animation & Interactive Media Track
[DRD]	Design Research & Develop Track
[Fellow]	Fellowship students must be enrolled for a minimum of 12cr. for autumn and spring semesters
[Focus]	Courses where students can expect to focus on their research project
[General]	Courses whose content is not necessarily aligned to the student's research project