

# PROGRAM PLANNING WORKSHEET

## INFORMATION DESIGN

This information is provided to act as a guide for your course selection throughout your degree, and takes into account course prerequisites. Your order of courses is ultimately determined by prerequisites and course scheduling. Please note INFO courses are only offered once per year.

### YEAR 1

#### FALL SEMESTER

- ☐ COMM 2501 - Media History and Contemporary Issues
- ☐ INFO 1600 - Information Design: Past, Present, and Future
- ☐ INFO 1610 - Principles of Design Thinking and Doing
- ☐ GNED 11XX - Foundation Cluster 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ GNED 12XX - Foundation Cluster 2 \_\_\_\_\_

#### WINTER SEMESTER

- ☐ INFO 1620 - Visual Communication Fundamentals
- ☐ INFO 1661 - Technical Communication
- ☐ INFO 2663 - Visual and Applied Rhetoric
- ☐ GNED 13XX - Foundation Cluster 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ GNED 14XX - Foundation Cluster 4 \_\_\_\_\_

### YEAR 2

#### FALL SEMESTER

- ☐ COMM 2500 - Introduction to Communication Studies
  - ☐ INFO 2666 - Thinking with Type
  - ☐ INFO 2667 - Information Architecture
  - ☐ INFO 4690 - Information Design Work Experience Seminar
  - ☐ GNED Tier 2 \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☐ GNED Tier 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- } Must select from two of  
Clusters 2, 3 or 4

#### WINTER SEMESTER

- ☐ INFO 2670 - Tools for Information Designers
- ☐ INFO 2673 - Systems and Structures
- ☐ INFO 2680 - Intercultural Perspectives and Inclusive Information Design
- ☐ GNED Tier 2, Cluster 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ GNED Tier 3, Any Cluster \_\_\_\_\_

**INFO 4691 - Information Design Work Experience (*Spring semester between Year 2 and Year 3*)**

### YEAR 3

#### FALL SEMESTER

- ☐ INFO 3600 - Usability
  - ☐ INFO 3610 - Visualizing Information
  - ☐ INFO 3665 - Technical Writing II
  - ☐ GNED Tier 3 \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☐ GNED Tier 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- } Must select from two  
different clusters

#### WINTER SEMESTER

- ☐ COMM 3500 - Media, Culture and Communication Theory
- ☐ INFO 3605 - Qualitative Research Methods for Information Design
- ☐ INFO 3620 - Content Development and Design Studio
- ☐ INFO Year 3 Option - take one (1) of: INFO 3611 - Designing for Interactivity or INFO 3675 - Memetics: Contemporary Rhetorics of Dissent and Disinformation \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Elective #1 \_\_\_\_\_

### YEAR 4

#### FALL SEMESTER

- ☐ COMM 4501 - Roles and Practices in Contemporary Comms
- ☐ INFO 4620 - Systems Thinking and Changemaking Studio
- ☐ INFO Year 4 Option #1 - take one (1) of: INFO 3660A - Biocentered Design for Sustainability or INFO 4650 - Critical Design \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Elective #2 \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Elective #3 \_\_\_\_\_

#### WINTER SEMESTER

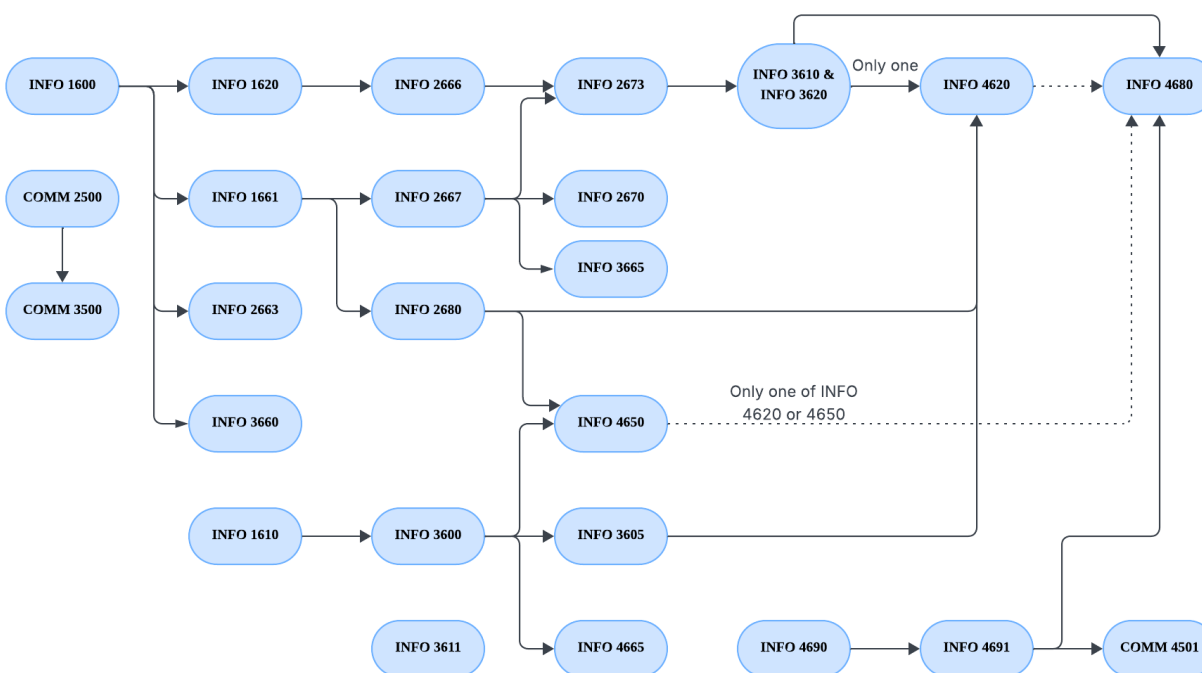
- ☐ INFO 4680 - The Practice of Information Design (*Winter*)
- ☐ INFO Year 4 Option #2 - take one (1) of: INFO 3660B - Design for Healthcare Systems or INFO 4665 - Instructional Design \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Elective #4 \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Elective #5 \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Elective #6 \_\_\_\_\_

Please note: Many courses have prerequisites. All students are responsible to ensure that they have the appropriate prerequisites before enrolling in their courses. Please refer to the Mount Royal University Calendar for prerequisite listings. Every effort is made to ensure this document is up-to-date, but in the event of a discrepancy between this degree checklist and the academic calendar, the academic calendar is deemed correct.

**2026-27 CALENDAR YEAR**



## Planning your Information Design coursework



## BCMM Terminology

### The BCMM is made up of:

- **24 major** courses (these distinguish your major from others at MRU)
- **10 General Education** courses (the breadth of your degree)
- **6 elective** courses (courses of your choice, but could include minor or Honours coursework, exploratory coursework to help you choose your major, further coursework in your intended field, international exchange courses, and field school opportunities)
- **2 non-credit** courses (your work term and work term prep seminar)

### What are...

**Prerequisites** - courses that must successfully be completed *PRIOR* to taking a higher-level course (i.e. INFO 1600 is a pre-requisite for INFO 1620).

**Recommended preparation** - where having prior coursework in the subject may prove beneficial to students, but is not required for higher-level courses.

## Advice from your Advisors

- Consider a balanced approach when picking your courses
  - \* Take major, general education and elective courses each semester.
  - \* Consider your personal strengths and weaknesses when picking courses to achieve a reasonable courseload and workload.
  - \* Keep in mind your commitments outside of the classroom (work, student clubs, volunteering, etc.) when determining your schedule of courses.
- Communicate any difficulties that you are having with your professor - the earlier you identify any issues, the earlier you can address them!
- The majority of your major requirements are only offered once per year in the Fall and Winter. Some of your COMM courses (e.g., COMM 2500 and COMM 2501) are offered more regularly, so plan ahead for each semester! Consult with your Advisor if you have questions.

## Outside the Classroom - Things to Consider

### FIRST YEAR



Courses include introductory / foundational requirements for your major and General Education courses

- Familiarize yourself with your major
- Attend Career Services workshops
- Attend Student Learning Services workshops
- Take advantage of a free MRU Recreation membership

### SECOND YEAR



Courses expand on foundations and takes on more specialized coursework within your discipline. Begin exploring potential minors to complement your degree

- Prepare for your work term
- Declare a minor
- Explore BCMM Honours program
- Join SAMRU clubs
- Meet with your Academic Advisor
- Use mruGradU8 to stay on track

### THIRD YEAR



Courses focus on advanced-level discipline specific material and alongside GNEDs and electives

- Go to workshops, panel discussions and conferences
- Explore mentorship opportunities
- Apply for BCMM Honours program
- Check in with your Academic Advisor to make sure you're on track
- Explore international exchange, field school and summer exchange opportunities

### FOURTH YEAR



Courses include capstone major specific requirements, requiring students to apply the knowledge they've gained at throughout their studies at MRU

- Apply to graduate
- Explore graduate degree and post-graduate opportunities
- Request a critique of your resume with Career Services via email
- Consider various research opportunities, including taking a directed readings course