



Otis College of Art and Design

## The Top Six Things To Know About Your BFA Program:

As an undergraduate student you are enrolled in a 120-credit degree program that leads to a B.F.A. Degree. The following *six key things to know* will help you navigate your college career, and graduate on time:

1. **The College Catalog** (The Hoot) tells you all about the program, its requirements, and how to move from level to level toward your earned degree. Download The Hoot for the academic year you entered (or would have entered) as a Freshman, save it as a pdf to your drive or send it to yourself as an email.

<http://www.otis.edu/registration-records/course-catalog-student-handbook>

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## COURSE CATALOG / STUDENT HANDBOOK

### CURRENT ACADEMIC YEAR

**2016-2017 Course Catalog / Student Handbook (The Hoot)**



The Hoot  
Catalog/Handbook

### PREVIOUS ACADEMIC YEARS

- [2015-2016 Course Catalog](#)
- [2015-2016 Policy Addendum](#)
- [2014-2015 Course Catalog](#)
- [2014-2015 Catalog Addenda](#)
- [2013-2014 Course Catalog](#)
- [2012-2013 Course Catalog](#)
- [2011-2012 Course Catalog](#)
- [2010-2011 Course Catalog](#)
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- [2004-2005 Course Catalog](#)

2. **Understanding Course Credits** allows you to build *with your Advisors* each semester's schedule, always remembering the goal—graduation! Your status as either a Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, or Senior depends on your total accumulated course credits.

Level	Credits
Senior	84–120 Credits
Junior	54–83 Credits
Sophomore	25–53 Credits
Foundation	0–24 Credits

3. Your **Course Requirements** are outlined in the catalog for your Foundation year, all your Liberal Arts and Science requirements, and your Major (and Minor, if you choose to pursue one), and Creative Action. Follow these **with your Advisors** to be sure you're on track each semester!

## FOUNDATION

Fall - Foundation		
COURSE		CR
Life Drawing I**	FNDT180	3
Principles of Design*	FNDT115	2
Drawing & Building Form	FNDT160	3
Writing in the Digital Age	ENGL107	3
Intro to Visual Culture	AHCS120	3
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Spring - Foundation		
COURSE		CR
Life Drawing II **or Creative Practices & Responses***	FNDT182	3
	FNDT171	
Connections Through Color & Design	CAIL101	3
Drawing Studio or Form and Space ****	FNDT192	2
	FNDT161	
Elective	FNDT145	1
Birth of the Modern	AHCS121	3
Ways of Knowing	LIBS114	3
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The Catalog includes one of these for every Major and Minor at the College.

4. Your **Academic Standing** depends on your successful completion of required courses. A cumulative GPA of 2.0 ("C") or better is required to continue in good standing. Academic Probation is conferred upon a GPA that falls below 2.0—this is remedied with help **from your Advisors**.

5. **Adding, Dropping, and Withdrawing** from courses can be successfully accomplished **with your Advisors**. It is important to be sure that any changes to your academic schedule be made in such a way that you don't fall behind on progress toward your degree! **Your Advisors** will help you do this in the most productive way; be sure to *read your Otis email* for important dates and reminders!

6. **Knowing and Using Your Resources** is critical to your success. Your Academic Advisor, Academic Mentor, Department Chair, Student Learning Center staff, and Student Affairs staff are all at your service to help you succeed at Otis, and beyond.