

## Credits Required: 30 Credits Minimum

**MA Illustration students must complete 24 studio credits (Core and studio electives combined) and 6 liberal arts credits to graduate.** Students register for a minimum of 15 credits total per semester.

Term	Course	Course #	Credits
Semester I	MA Studio I	IL 5000	6 Credits
	MA Lecture & Workshop Series	IL 5020	3 Credits
	Advanced History of Illustration	AH 5502	3 Credits
	Elective	Various	3 Credits
Semester II	MA Studio II	IL 5050	6 Credits
	MA Studio Practices		3 Credits
	Creative Writing for Illustrators		3 Credits
	Elective	Various	3 Credits
			<b>TOTAL = 30 Credits</b>

## Maximizing your Academic Opportunities

**Please note:** Students may take up to 19.5 credits per semester to enhance their academic experience beyond the 30 credits required in the MA degree plan. Consider additional electives to concentrate in Curatorial Practice or Critical Studies and /or You+ Professional Development coursework. Its important to be mindful of your studio time as well as Graduate Teaching Internships (GTIs) during the week when building your schedule. Your program director is a great resource to discuss both time management and electives that compliment your practice.

# Illustration, MA: DEGREE PLAN WORKSHEET

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## A. REQUIRED: CORE STUDIO (12 CREDITS)

TERM			CREDIT	TERM/YEAR	GRADE
Semester I	IL 5000	MA Studio I	6		
Semester II	IL 5050	MA Studio II	6		

## B. REQUIRED: LIBERAL ARTS COURSES (6 CREDITS)

- Choose from Graduate Liberal Arts Electives, Baltimore Student Exchange Program, or Independent Study
- Undergraduate Art History or Humanistic Studies coursework (400 level) - **MA students must receive a grade of B or better to receive graduate credit**

COURSE #		COURSE TITLE	CREDIT	TERM/YEAR	GRADE	CPC Eligible? (optional)	CSC Category (optional)
1	AH 5502	Advanced History of Illustration	3	Semester I			
2		Creative Writing for Illustrators	3	Semester II			

## C. REQUIRED: STUDIO ELECTIVES (6 CREDITS)

- Graduate or Undergraduate level (300-400) electives
- Additional elective courses available through Open Studies

COURSE #		COURSE TITLE	CREDIT	TERM/YEAR	GRADE	CPC Eligible? (optional)	CSC Category (optional)
				Semester I			
				Semester II			

## D. OPTIONAL: ADDITIONAL ELECTIVES

COURSE #		COURSE TITLE	CREDIT	TERM/YEAR	GRADE

### D. OPTIONAL: Writing Workshops and Courses (For English Language Learners)

• Students may apply up to 3 Workshop credits (maximum) toward required Liberal Arts Credit

COURSE #	WORKSHOP TITLE	CREDIT	TERM/YEAR	GRADE
CWRT 5015		1.5		
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COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT	TERM/YEAR	GRADE
CWRT 5017	Talking about Art & Design	3	Fall Only	
CWRT 5513	Graduate Writing	3	Fall Only	
CWRT 5580	Reading Literature for Artistic Inspiration	3	Fall Only	

### E. OPTIONAL: CERTIFICATE IN COLLEGE TEACHING OF ART

• MA students can earn a Certificate in College Teaching of Art by the successful completion of three GTIs and the graduate course ED 5533 Philosophy and Pedagogy of Post Secondary Education.

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	TERM/YEAR	GRADE
ED 5533	Philosophy and Pedagogy (satisfies 3 credits of Graduate Liberal Arts)		
GRADUATE TEACHING INTERNSHIP		INSTRUCTOR	TERM / YEAR
1			
2			
3			

### F. OPTIONAL: YOU + PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES

• PD Coursework also available through MICA's Open Studies

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT	TERM/YEAR	GRADE
		1		
		1		
		1		
		1		

## CHOOSING ELECTIVE COURSEWORK

Be mindful of your time during the week when building your schedule! Consult with your program director about time management and suitable electives to compliment your creative practice.

### Recommended Graduate Electives

Review the Graduate Elective Guide for a complete list of graduate studio, liberal art and professional development elective courses. Students can also choose from dozens of elective courses, graduate or undergraduate, listed in the full schedule of courses at [www.mica.edu](http://www.mica.edu).

### Baltimore Student Exchange Program

Explore elective courses at our partner institutions (Johns Hopkins University and University of Baltimore) through the Baltimore Student Exchange Program. Forms and approval required through Enrollment Services. Contact Carissa Langer, BSEP Coordinator, [clanger@mica.edu](mailto:clanger@mica.edu), in Enrollment Services for additional information.

### MICA Open Studies

Consider courses through MICA's Open Studies. Graduate students registered full-time may take one credit bearing course per semester (up to 3 credits). Call Open Studies directly (410) 225.2219 to register.

### Independent Study

Independent study courses provide students the opportunity to develop and conduct self-designed research projects in collaboration with campus faculty. Independent study courses require the instructor approval, and a completed contract complying with MICA standards. Forms should be returned to the Office of Enrollment Services.

### Internship for Credit

Professional internships may also be substituted for studio / liberal arts elective credit with permission from your program director. Students must attend an Internship Orientation through the Office of Career Development. Visit MICA's Career Development Office online for more information.

### Critical Studies Concentration (CSC)

Formed by the completion of (15) fifteen credits (or five, 3-credit courses) of graduate-level work in approved courses that fall within three categories a) History, b) Theory, and c) Criticism/ Practice. Alternatively, a student may complete twelve credits (or four, 3-credit courses) of graduate-level work as well as a written capstone project.

### Curatorial Practice Concentration (CPC)

Overseen and managed by the director of the MA in Curatorial Practice and the Office of Graduate Studies, this concentration is formed through the successful completion of (12) twelve credits (or four, three-credit courses) of graduate-level work in courses described below and following approval of documentation of a final project.

## ENROLLING IN ELECTIVE COURSES

Graduate students can register for graduate - level courses via MICA's online enrollment system. To register for an undergraduate level course, **with prerequisites or enrollment restrictions**, you will need to request approval to enroll from the undergraduate instructor.

## ADVISING / REGISTRATION SUPPORT

**If you have any questions about your degree plan or progress to graduation, you are welcome to schedule an advising appointment.** Schedule an appointment by phone, online, or in person with LaShay Harvey, Graduate Enrollment Advisor, [ljones02@mica.edu](mailto:ljones02@mica.edu), or 410-225-4219.