



**Credits Required: 30 Credits Minimum**

**Social Design, MA students must complete 18 credits (Core and studio electives combined) and 12 elective credits to graduate.** Students register for a minimum of 15 credits total per semester to reach 30 credits.

Term	Course	Course #	Credits	Total
Semester I	Social Design Studio I	SD 5550	6 Credits	15 Credits
	Social Design Seminar I	SD 5500	3 Credits	
	Elective (2)	Various	3 Credits	
Semester II	Social Design Studio II	SD 5600	6 Credits	15 Credits
	Social Design Seminar II	SD 5650	3 Credits	
	Electives (2)	Various	6 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, internships, ELL workshops, and ongoing Professional Development coursework. *Its important to be mindful of studio time as well as Graduate Teaching Internships 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.*

**Social Design, MA: DEGREE PLAN WORKSHEET**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**A. STUDIO AND SEMINAR (18 CREDITS REQUIRED) Complete All of the Following**

TERM			CREDIT	TERM/YEAR	GRADE
Semester I	SD 5550	Design Studio I	6		
	SD 5500	Design Seminar I	3		
Semester II	SD 5600	Design Studio II	6		
	SD 5650	Design Seminar II	3		

**B. REQUIRED ELECTIVES (12 CREDITS REQUIRED) Complete All of the Following**

- Choose from Graduate Electives, Baltimore Student Exchange Program, or Independent Study
- Undergraduate coursework (300-400 level) - **MFA students must receive a grade of B or better to receive graduate credit**
- Internships for studio / liberal art credit approved through the Office of Career Development
- Additional elective courses available through MICA's Open Studies

COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT	TERM/YEAR	GRADE
		3		
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		3		

**C. 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		
CWRT 5015		1.5		
CWRT 5015		1.5		
CWRT 5015		1.5		
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	

**D. OPTIONAL: YOU + PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES**

- You+ Professional Development Courses are offered Fall and Spring
- Additional PD Coursework also available through Open Studies.

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

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

- A graduate student in the role of GTI works in an undergraduate course under the supervision of a faculty member. GTIs are expected to be present for every class meeting, and to collaborate with the mentoring instructor, working no more than an average of 6 (six) hours per week.

	GRADUATE TEACHING INTERNSHIP	INSTRUCTOR	TERM / YEAR
1			
2			
3			
4			

## CHOOSING ELECTIVE COURSEWORK

### 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 classes 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 the Office of Enrollment Services with questions / approval.

### 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.

## 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 through your graduate advisor.

## ADVISING / REGISTRATION SUPPORT

**It is strongly recommended that you schedule an advising appointment to review your degree plan / progress to graduation.** Your graduate advisor is available to assist you in the enrollment process. 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 during Open Advising Hours posted regularly throughout the year.