

CCA COURSE PLANNING WORKSHEET & GUIDE

First-Year
Students

Before your phone registration appointment:

- Review pages 1-3
- Complete the Course Planning Worksheet (page 2-3)

Planning your first semester at CCA

In your first two semesters you will take required Core Studio and Humanities & Sciences (H&S) classes, which will help you prepare for your major; you also have the option of taking a studio elective each semester. You should plan to complete CCA's first-year requirements (8 courses) during your first year at the college.

WHAT ARE CCA'S FIRST YEAR REQUIREMENTS? *

CORE STUDIO		Course Title	Course Code	Prerequisite
Subject Area*: Core Studio <small>* As listed in online course schedule</small>	1	D1 (Drawing 1)	CORES-100	NONE
	2	2D	CORES-104	NONE
	3	3D	CORES-108	NONE
	4	4D	CORES-112	NONE

* **Note for Writing & Lit majors:** Any two of your Core Studio requirements can be exchanged with: First Year Writer's Workshop (WRLIT-110) and any 200-level Writing Workshop. World Literature Survey can be taken in place of Introduction to the Arts (VISST-102).

ENGLISH		Course Title	Course Code	Prerequisite and Placement Info
Subject Area*: Writing & Literature <small>* As listed in online course schedule</small>	5	English 1	WRLIT-100	Placement into an English class is determined by: standardized test scores or the CCA English Placement Exam.
		Writing Skills Workshop	WRLIT-099	Review details: www.cca.edu/admissions/admitted/english or on page #22 of the Enrollment Guide.

VISUAL STUDIES (Art History)		Course Title	Course Code	Prerequisite(s)
Subject Area*: Visual Studies <small>* As listed in online course schedule</small>	6	Introduction to the Arts	VISST-102	Placement at the English 1 level. Review details: www.cca.edu/admissions/admitted/english or on page #22 of the Enrollment Guide.
	7	Introduction to the Modern Arts	VISST-104	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ English 1 ▪ Introduction to the Arts

CRITICAL STUDIES		Course Title	Course Code	Prerequisite and Placement Info
Subject Area*: Critical Studies <small>* As listed in online course schedule</small>	8	Foundations in Critical Studies	CRTSD-150	English 1

WHAT DOES A TYPICAL FIRST YEAR SCHEDULE LOOK LIKE?

Most full-time First Year students take five classes each semester:

		Sample first semester schedule:	Sample second semester schedule:
three studio courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Core Studio ▪ Core Studio ▪ Studio Elective 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ D1 (Drawing 1) ▪ 2D ▪ Tools 1: Black & White Photo 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3D ▪ 4D ▪ Intro to Graphic Design
two Humanities & Sciences (H&S) courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ English ▪ Visual or Critical Studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ English 1 ▪ Intro to the Arts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Foundations in Critical Studies ▪ Intro to the Modern Arts

Course Planning Worksheet

Fill out this worksheet **before** your phone registration appointment. During your appointment, you will have a chance to discuss your course selections with a registration counselor. Take note of any questions so that you can discuss them during your appointment.

STEP ONE: Gather Information

Which majors(s) are you considering? _____

TIP: Read about CCA's undergraduate programs (majors) online at <http://www.cca.edu/academics>

Have you taken any standardized tests recently? (SAT, ACT, AP, IB, etc)

Test Name: _____ Score: _____ || Test Name: _____ Score: _____

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TIP: Send your official test scores to CCA *before* your phone appointment. The final deadlines for submitting official test scores to CCA are: August 1 (fall); December 15 (spring).

STEP TWO: Select Courses

In order to select courses, you will consult CCA's online course listings in WebAdvisor as well as the recommended first-semester schedule for students in your major. Write your selected courses for #3-6 in the right-hand column.

1) Review "Sequence Charts" for the programs (majors) in which you are interested.

- Visit <http://www.cca.edu/academics>. Each program's page has a "Curriculum" page from which you can download a Sequence Chart that lays out the recommended path through the major. The first two columns outline the recommended classes for your first year at CCA.

2) Review course offerings online at CCA's WebAdvisor site.

- Select "Search Course Schedule" from the bottom left-hand side of the page.
- To view the course schedule, begin by selecting your start term, ie "Fall 2010."
- From the "Subject" column, select which courses you are interested in viewing. For example, to find "Drawing 1" you would search for courses listed under the subject "Core Studio."

3) Review studio electives and select your top three choices.

- Most programs offer introductory classes that you can take in your first semester (no prerequisites). Review the Sequence Chart to see if your major has suggested electives for your first year. You can take one of these suggested electives, or any other elective with no prerequisites. Introductory classes are a good way to find out if a particular major might be right for you. Record your choices ☞

ELECTIVE (top 3 choices):

You will select one during your registration appointment.

1

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4) Select two Core Studio classes.

- Review the Sequence Chart for suggested Core Studios for your first semester.
- Consider the studio elective that you plan to take in your second semester; some electives have one or more Core Studios as prerequisites. For example: If you want to take the Textiles class Fiber Sculpture (elective) in your second semester, be sure to take 3D and Drawing 1 (Core Studios) in your first semester.
- Students who completed AP Drawing and received a score of 3 or higher will receive 3 units of credit for Drawing 1. Review details online at: www.cca.edu/admissions/admitted/advanced or the Enrollment Guide.

CORE STUDIOS:

Choose two:

- Drawing 1
- 2D
- 3D
- 4D

5) Select an English class.

- *If you submitted standardized test scores:* Find the appropriate English class by viewing details at: www.cca.edu/admissions/admitted/english or the Enrollment Guide.
- *If you do not have standardized test scores:* You will enroll in the English Placeholder class and take the English Placement Exam during Orientation. Review details at: www.cca.edu/admitted/english or the Enrollment Guide.

ENGLISH:

- Writing Skills Workshop
- Writing Skills Workshop:ESL
- English 1 (or Eng 1:ESL)
- English 2

6) Select a Visual Studies (art history) class.

- Students must place at English 1 level or higher in order to enroll in Intro to the Arts; this ensures that students have the strong foundation of writing skills that is necessary for success in Intro to the Arts.
- Students who place into Writing Skills Workshop will be limited to a 12-unit course load (4 classes) and should not enroll in Intro to the Arts (Visual Studies).
- Students who received a score of 3 or above on the AP Art History exam will receive 3 units of credit for Introduction to the Arts, and should instead enroll in Introduction to the Modern Arts.

VISUAL STUDIES:

- Intro to the Arts
- Intro to the Modern Arts
- None (for students enrolled in Writing Skills Workshop)

>>>> *Next Steps*

During your phone registration appointment, you will have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss your course selections with a registration counselor. S/he will register you for your first semester schedule while you are on the phone. You will then be able to view, print, and download your schedule from [WebAdvisor](#).

You will have opportunities to make changes to your schedule during Orientation Week as well as during the Add/Drop period (first two weeks of the semester).