

Natural Science Illustration



Natural science illustrators accurately translate and communicate subject matter to inform and educate.

This certificate equips students with the necessary skills to document and detail the natural world—strong visual acuity; precise hand-eye coordination and natural subject empathy and knowledge. Students explore various media and techniques including pencil, acrylic, watercolor, gouache and oil to discover their individual style. Composition and color strategies enable students to fully interpret, capture and portray subjects including birds, animals, insects, specimens, botanicals, etc. in natural environments. The program utilizes RISD's Edna Lawrence Nature Lab. Students progress towards creating portfolio-ready work for the purpose of professional presentation and potential publication.

Total Program Cost: \$9,140

Based on current tuition rates; subject to change over the course of your program. Supplies, software subscription fees and other materials are not included.

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LEVEL I: CORE	COURSE NUMBER	SEMESTERS OFFERED*	HOURS	TUITION (ONLINE)
Drawing I Online: Part A (0637) and Part B (0638)	2214	F, Sp	36	\$850
Design Online: Part A (0623) and Part B (0624)	1815	F, Sp	36	\$850
Applied Color	1186	F, W, Sp, Su	18	\$425
Illustration: Introduction	3580	W, Su	18	\$425
Digital Design Techniques Online: Part A (1466) and Part B (1467)	3542	F, Sp	36	\$850

LEVEL II: CONCENTRATION				
<i>Students must complete Level I: Core</i>				
Botanical Illustration	2849	Su	18	\$425
Drawing II	2260	W, Su	18	\$425
Adobe Photoshop	2533	F, W, Sp, Su	18	\$425
Drawing from Nature Online: Part A (9035) and Part B (9036)	2285	Sp	36	\$850
The Artful Bird	0918	W	18	\$425
The Artful Insect	2287	W	18	\$425
Painting from Nature Online: Part A (0626) and Part B (0627)	2286	F	36	\$850
Final Studio: Natural Science Illustration**	0928	Sp	36	\$640

ELECTIVES				
Student's Choice may be taken at any time		F, W, Sp, Su	54	\$1,275

* Some courses may be offered more frequently.

** Includes a final portfolio review

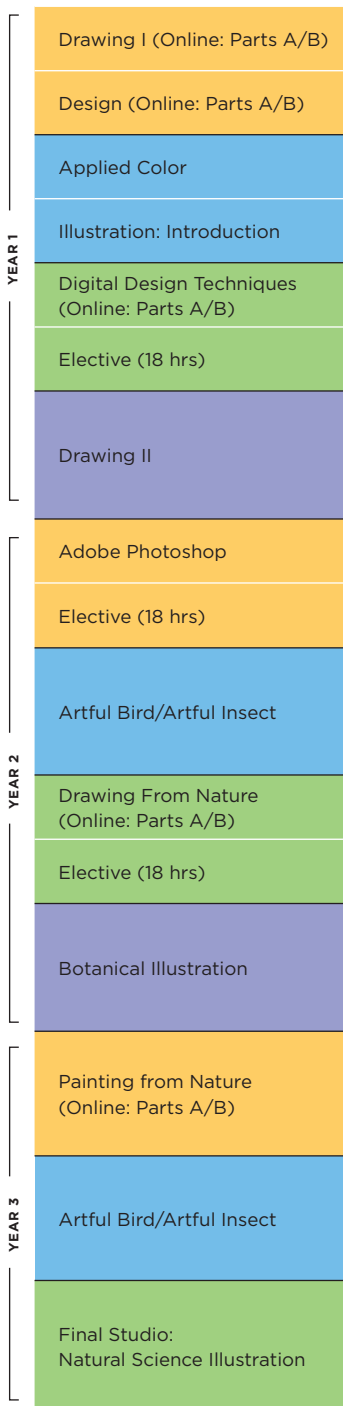
18 Contact Hours = 6 weeks/sessions

36 Contact Hours = 12 weeks/sessions

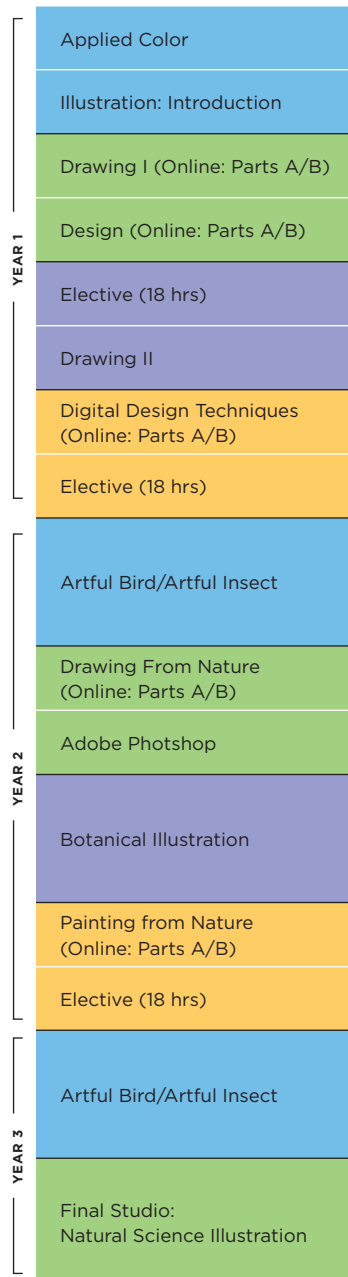
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Find your potential path! Our curriculum is designed to accommodate busy lives. Depending on what works best for your schedule, programs can be started in the Fall, Winter, Spring or Summer. See what your potential path might look like below. (Note: Students may need to enroll in two courses running concurrently in some semesters. Some courses require Part A and Part B when taken online; see Page 1 for details.)

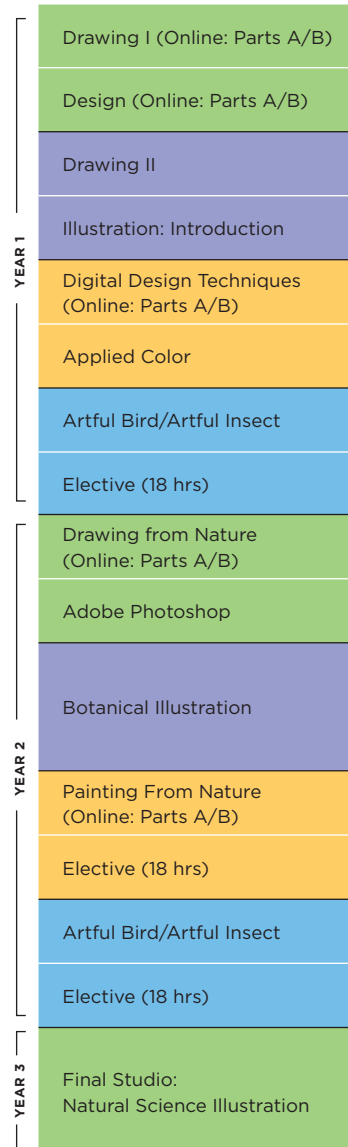
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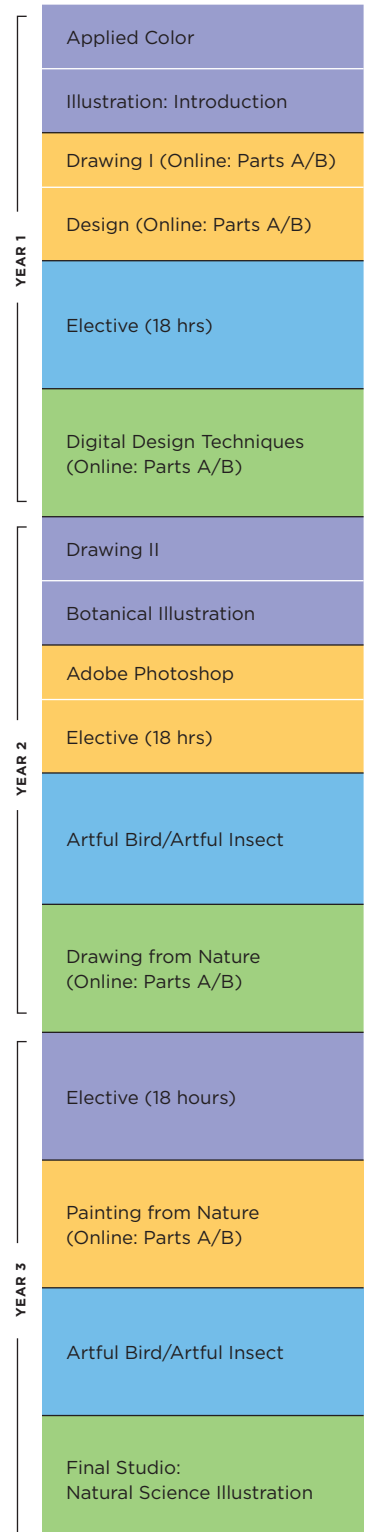
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