

School of Botanical Art & Illustration Student Self-tracking Form

There are four different Pathways options within the Botanical Illustration Program: Foundational Course Completion Pathway, Foundational Certificate Pathway, Advanced Course Completion Pathway and Advanced Certificate Pathway.

Within each Pathway there are required courses as well as elective hours that must be completed. For the two Pathways that end in the awarding of a Certificate, you will also submit a portfolio after completion of all required courses and electives. More information on the portfolio requirements can be found in the current Course Catalog as well as in the application to graduate.

Required Courses

The following Core Courses are required for the different Pathways in the Botanical Illustration program:

Foundational Course Completion Pathway: 11 core classes (all Foundational Courses)

Foundational Certificate Pathway: 12 core classes (all Foundational Courses + Portfolio Preparation)

Advanced Course Completion Pathway: 16 core classes (all Foundational Courses + 4 additional Advanced Courses)

Advanced Certificate Pathway: 17 core classes (all Foundational Courses and Advanced Courses + Portfolio Preparation)

Please note: Classes should be taken in order determined by their prerequisites. Courses consist of exercises, critiques, demonstrations and homework assignments. To receive credit for any course, attendance is required at the first classes as well as for 80 percent of the course. Completion of a final project is due 1 week after the class ends.

Required Course	Year Completed	Instructor	Number of Classroom Hours
The Following Courses are Required for the Foundational Course Completion Pathway:			
Pencil I (Botanical Illustration) Prerequisite: None			
Botany for the Botanical Illustrator Prerequisite: None			

Required Course	Year Completed	Instructor	Number of Classroom Hours
Introduction to Color Theory (As of January 2022) Prerequisite: None			
Light on Form Prerequisite: Pencil I (Botanical Illustration)			
Color Layering for Colored Pencils Prerequisite: Pencil I (Botanical Illustration)			
Color Mixing in Watercolor Prerequisite: Pencil I (Botanical Illustration)			
Composition for Botanical Illustration Prerequisites: Pencil I (Botanical Illustration), Light on Form			
Perfecting Perspective Prerequisites: Pencil I (Botanical Illustration), Light on Form			
Pen and Ink I (Botanical Illustration) Prerequisites: Pencil I (Botanical Illustration), Light on Form, Botany for the Botanical Illustrator			
Colored Pencil I (Botanical Illustration) Prerequisites: Pencil I (Botanical Illustration), Light on Form, Color Layering for Colored Pencil, Botany for the Botanical Illustrator			
Watercolor I (Botanical Illustration) Prerequisites: Pencil I (Botanical Illustration), Light on Form, Color Mixing in Watercolor, Botany for the Botanical Illustrator			
The Following Courses are Required for the Foundational Course Completion Pathway:			
All above classes, plus:			
Portfolio Preparation Prerequisites : All required course work and electives to complete a foundational certificate in botanical illustration			

The Following Course a	re Required for the Advanced	Course Completion	Pathway:
	All above classes*, plus:		
Required Course	Year Completed	Instructor	Number of Classroom Hours
Colored Pencil II (Botanical Illustration) Prerequisites: Pencil I (Botanical Illustration), Light on Form, Color Layering for Colored Pencil, Colored Pencil I (Botanical Illustration), Botany for the Botanical Illustrator, Composition for Botanical Illustration, Perfecting Perspective			
Pencil II (Botanical Illustration) Prerequisites: Pencil I (Botanical Illustration), Light on Form, Botany for the Botanical Illustrator, Composition for Botanical Illustration, Perfecting Perspective			
Pen and Ink II (Botanical Illustration) Prerequisites: Pencil I (Botanical Illustration), Light on Form, Pen and Ink I (Botanical Illustration), Perfecting Perspective, Botany for the Botanical Illustrator, Composition for Botanical Illustration			
Watercolor II (Botanical Illustration) Prerequisites: Pencil I (Botanical Illustration), Color Mixing in Watercolor, Watercolor I (Botanical Illustration), Light on Form, Botany for the Botanical Illustrator, Composition for Botanical Illustration, Perfecting Perspective			
*Please note that the Advanced C	ourse Completion Pathway does no	t require the Portfolio P	reparation class.
The Following Cour	se are Required for the Advan	ced Certificate Path	way:

All above classes, including Portfolio Preparation.

Elective Courses

Elective courses are designed to increase the student's knowledge, curiosity, ability and experience in botanical art. In addition to the required core courses for each Pathway, students must take elective hours.

Required elective hours for each Pathway:

Foundational Course Completion Pathway: 20 elective hours

Foundational Certificate Pathway: 40 (cumulative) elective hours

Advanced Course Completion Pathway: 80 (cumulative) elective hours

Advanced Certificate Pathway: 120 (cumulative) elective hours

Please note: It is strongly recommended that students take relevant elective courses simultaneously with the required curriculum. Not all courses offered by the School of Botanical Art & Illustration qualify as electives for the Certificate Program. Please read course descriptions carefully to determine if it is an elective.

Elective Course Title	Date	Instructor	Number of Classroom Hours
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Science and Art Lectures

Selected lectures at Denver Botanic Gardens qualify for elective credits. Attendance at one lecture gives one elective credit hour; students can receive a maximum of 15 credit hours from these lectures. Pre-registration is required for credit.

Lecture Title/Topic	Date	Speaker/Artist

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