

GOLDSMITHING AND SILVERSMITHING

Program Outline

Major:	GLDS
Length:	1 Year
Delivery:	2 Semesters
Credential:	Ontario College Graduate Certificate
Effective:	2017-2018
Location:	Barrie
Start:	Fall (Barrie)

Description

This one-year post-graduate diploma program is directed towards students wishing to pursue goldsmithing or silversmithing as a self-directed career.

Students will refine their jewellery and metalworking skills, develop their design abilities and acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to design, produce and market jewellery, flatware and hollowware. Students specialize in either goldsmithing or silversmithing. Within their area of specialization, students choose a number of advanced techniques to concentrate on, and develop the in-depth knowledge and skills that would allow them to work independently or as designers.

Goldsmith - A goldsmith is one who would design, as well as produce, jewellery as an employee or in one's own studio.

Silversmith - A silversmith is one who would design, as well as produce, hollowware and flatware items as an employee or in one's own studio.

Career Opportunities

Graduates will be able to find employment in jewellery and fine metal manufacturing, jewellery retailing, custom studios, or as a self-employed jewellery and/or metal

designer, craftsperson or teacher. Some of the positions possible are: goldsmith, silversmith, metalsmith, designer, jewellery and metals technologist.

Program Learning Outcomes

The graduate has reliably demonstrated the ability to:

- design, develop and produce a portfolio of personal work (jewellery and metalwork) and a skills inventory;
- be adaptable in applying various technical skills and aesthetic development to a wide variety of jobs in the jewellery and fine metals field;
- respond to style and marketing trends in the industry;
- plan and execute marketing and sales strategies;
- design and fabricate products that would produce sales and marketing opportunities in wholesale and/or retail venues, such as Kempenfest, Muskoka Arts & Crafts, galleries and custom work;
- recognize and identify materials as to their suitability for gem materials;
- cut and polish various shapes of cabochon and faceted stones;
- use advanced gem cutting and polishing techniques, including channel inlay and carving, and incorporate finished products into jewellery and hollowware;
- understand the history and tradition of vessels and other regalia used in various religious rituals and domestic occasions;
- use technical skills and dexterity in a variety of advanced metal working techniques as listed in the course descriptions, including reactive metal techniques, lathe work and machining, knifemaking and toolmaking;
- apply their skill to the production aspects of the industry;
- seek employment with an existing manufacturing or embark on a self-employment career such as a production studio;
- work in design, production and/or retailing within the industry;
- employ environmentally sustainable practices within the profession.

The Program Progression:

Fall Intake - Barrie

Sem 1 | Sem 2

Fall | Winter
2017 | 2018

Admission Requirements:

- College diploma or equivalent with a specialty in Jewellery and Metals.

Applicants lacking a post-secondary diploma, degree, or equivalent may be considered based on proven related experience in the chosen field.

Selection Process:

Qualified applicants will be considered on an individual basis, based on the admission requirements, quality of the portfolio work and space availability. Only a limited number of applicants will be accepted into this post-graduate program.

Additional Information:

GOLDSMITHING OPTION: Incorporates complex techniques such as working with exotic alloys, granulation and hydraulic die forming; and use aesthetic judgment, problem solving and critical thinking in the design and production of jewellery.

SILVERSMITHING OPTION: Incorporates non-metallic materials with metalwork, such as a wooden handle on a raised teapot; produce liturgical pieces and domestic objects using traditional and non-traditional materials and techniques; create complex flatware using forging techniques and different materials; and use aesthetic judgment, problem solving and critical thinking in the development and execution of metalwork objects.

Graduation Requirements:

- 4 Mandatory Courses
- 1 Optional Course - Studio 1
- 1 Optional Course - Studio 2

Mandatory Courses

- GLDS1000 Lapidary and Gem Cutting
- GLDS1001 Jewellery and Metal Techniques 1
- GLDS1004 Sales, Marketing and Photography
- GLDS1005 Jewellery and Metals Techniques 2

Optional Course - Studio 1

To be selected from College list

Optional Course - Studio 2
To be selected from College list

Course Descriptions:

GLDS1000 Lapidary and Gem Cutting 84.0 Hours

This course concentrates on various aspects of the cutting and polishing of stones as related to the jewellery and fine metals trade. Various cuts of stones, including cabochon and faceted as well as techniques including channel inlay and carving will be investigated. Students will be encouraged to incorporate the finished products into actual pieces of jewellery or hollowware.

GLDS1001 Jewellery and Metal Techniques 1 84.0 Hours

This course is offered by visiting professionals and is an in- depth study of three specific advanced jewellery and metal techniques. Where possible, students will have the opportunity to decide which techniques will be offered each semester. Recent selections have included knife-making, reactive metals, rotational fabrication systems (lathe and machine processes), commercial model-making, tool-making and advanced stone setting.

GLDS1004 Sales, Marketing and Photography 42.0 Hours

This course will give students a broad understanding of the post- production aspects of jewellery and metals as it relates to the business of sales and marketing of their products. Business plans will be formulated and prepared as well as the investigation and development of various sales and marketing opportunities. The course also covers practical photographic skills necessary for the documentation and display of personal work.

GLDS1005 Jewellery and Metals Techniques 2 84.0 Hours

This course is offered by visiting professionals and is an in- depth study of specific jewellery and metal techniques as selected by the students, not covered in Jewellery & Metal Techniques 1.

Course Description Legend

P = Prerequisite; C = Concurrent prerequisite; CO= Corequisite

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