

DIAC 2025 - Course Selections

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Major Studio Sessions

Course	Description
Drama	
Music Theatre	The opportunity to act, sing and dance! Students will explore all parts of either a pre-scripted or self created musical. **An audition is required for lead roles**
Stagecraft	The DIAC Drama Major allows students to explore acting, producing, and directing. Students will familiarize themselves with techniques for writing scripts, memorizing quickly, and putting together a one-act play in a week. Students will have the opportunity to audition for a lead role, write an original piece, and work backstage. *This program is designed to allow students an opportunity to get on stage and act, but not sing.
Blacklight Theatre	Students will work together to flesh out a story that fits teacher-selected pieces of music. Once we have the story, students will design and craft a simple mask or prop, individually or with a partner, then use it to perform our story under blacklight. No words; only our visuals will be used to tell our story. Note: All performers must bring a black long-sleeved shirt and black pants to wear.
Dance	
Dance - Jazz	This major is designed for dancers ready to explore Jazz. In this high-energy environment, students will focus on extensions, turns, and stylistic expression. The week culminates with a polished, dynamic Jazz routine performed at the end-of-camp showcase.
Dance - Hip Hop	This major is designed for dancers looking to find their groove and explore the fundamentals of Hip Hop style. In a fast-paced, creative environment, campers will master rhythm, footwork, and stage presence. The week culminates in a dynamic group choreography to be debuted at the final camp showcase.
Music	
Concert Band (Intermediate)	This is for students who are in Grades 8 & 9 and playing in a traditional concert band both as a whole group and like instruments. Concepts such as sound quality, playing as a group and having fun will be highlighted. As long as students can assemble and hold their instruments correctly, they are welcome! *The guitar and piano are not considered band instruments.*
Concert Band (Senior)	Students in Grades 10-12 will be placed in a traditional concert band setting where they will prepare and perform quality repertoire. Concepts such as intonation and playing together will be explored in both whole group and like instrument settings. *The guitar and piano are not considered band instruments.*
Rock Band	**Grade 9-12 only** Rock Band - Students will work collaboratively with their established music skills to create cover songs in a live performance setting. All facets of musicianship are welcomed, including keyboards, drums, guitar and bass guitar, and vocalists. Songs will focus on multiple layers, and so the course requires previous knowledge of chosen instruments. Performances will focus on synergy, dynamics, cohesion, and general rocking out.

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Visual Arts	
Acrylic	Students will develop competence with a broad array of acrylic techniques and will investigate their potential applications. They will then consolidate their skills through the completion of several compositions. Students will enjoy the bold, vivid nature of this medium and the ability to achieve surface texture with a variety of tools.
Ceramics	Students will have the opportunity to sculpt and fire decorative ceramic art. All students from beginner to advanced are welcomed. All materials and tools will be provided.
Crochet	We will learn the basic techniques and stitches such as the chain and single crochet. We will learn how to read beginner patterns with the end goal of completing a simple crochet project to take home. If time permits, we will learn more advanced stitches such as the double crochet and half double crochet, as well as how to crochet in the round.
Drawing	Looking for the class to build your repertoire of shading, shadows, scale and drawing in depth and dimensions? Look no further! Drawing Major is the place to work on creating fully finished pencil and charcoal drawings that will teach you specific skills in composition, drawing three dimensionally and tonal scales that you will learn to use in your everyday drawings. Reminder, that when placed in Drawing Kiwi or Drawing Dolphin that is simply the group name not the description of what you will be drawing at camp.
Learning with Nature	In this drawing/painting/sculpture-making/mixed-media course, students will get to dive into their own inquiry around reciprocal learning with Indigenous connections to the forest, water, rocks, earth, animals, and plants. They will have choices in the ways in which they would like to artistically express their findings through a variety of methods and materials available. For some sessions, students will have the opportunity to work with Anishinaabe Scholar - Beedahbin Peltier, who will help facilitate some deeper learning around the land and the territory upon which the camp is situated. Please note that this course is offered mostly outdoors and includes a large amount of hiking and walking off main trails. Sturdy shoes and outdoor clothing (rain jacket) are highly suggested.
Indigenous Artisan Beadwork and Sewing	If you are interested in using your hands with a needle and thread, to create works of art, come and work with Anishinaabe Artist, Michelle Boudrias, to create beautiful beaded works. You can also try your hands at sewing things such as handbags, using a sewing machine.
Screen Printing	Drawing on various subject matter for inspiration, students will generate intricate designs, suitable for printing on fabric. They will then use precision tools to create one stencil for each colour in the design before printing with coloured inks, building the print in layers. Students will be provided with several pieces of fabric, but it is suggested that additional material (i.e. shirts, pillowcases, bags, etc.) be brought for additional screening opportunities.
Watercolour	Come explore the endless possibilities of the versatile painting medium, watercolours. Using professional watercolour paper and brushes, create a series of paintings that explores all the techniques that watercolour paints can offer. Painting skills in creating depth, colour theory, realism and abstraction will be introduced. Be prepared to create works of art that are uniquely you

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Elective Studio Sessions

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Drama	
Improv	Students will explore the fundamentals of the theatre. The focus of this drama class will be Improvisational Techniques
Dance	
Dance - Beginner	A class welcoming dancers and movers of a variety of levels. Dancers will be introduced to fundamental technique and have the opportunity to build on existing training. A dance will be created and performed at the end of the camp.
Dance - Advanced	A class welcoming dancers and movers of a variety of levels. Dancers will expand on fundamental techniques and have the opportunity to build on existing training. A dance will be created and performed at the end of the camp.
Music	
Vocal	Experience the unparalleled feeling of creating harmony through ensemble singing. Explore your voice in a safe space. Learn new vocal techniques. Experience a variety of styles of music and work as an ensemble to create an unforgettable performance.
Beginner Concert Band	This is designed for students who play traditional concert band instruments who are in their first or second year of playing. We will review the basics of fingering, playing position and tone production. *The guitar and piano are not considered band instruments.
Jazz	Students will explore the repertoire and techniques of the jazz world. Rehearsals will emphasize the importance of good section playing. Improvisation by the students will be encouraged.
Jr Rock Band (Grade 7-8 Only)	Students will work collaboratively to enhance their music skills to create cover songs in a jam session setting. All facets of musicianship are welcomed, including keyboards, drums, guitar and bass guitar, and vocalists. Songs will focus on multiple layers, and so the course requires previous knowledge of chosen instruments. Performances will focus on synergy, dynamics, cohesion, and general rocking out.
Guitar Beginner	** Students must supply their own guitar. ** Students will explore skills and techniques on the guitar, and classes will be offered at the beginning level of play. A wide variety of musical styles will be explored.
Songwriting	The song writing program at DIAC allows students to grow their musical skill set and compose with their peers. Students will familiarize themselves with chord progressions, melody, harmony, and musical/lyrical form while composing a song of their own in a group setting. Students will be given the opportunity to perform their compositions for the other members at camp.
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Comic Illustration & Storyboarding	For the cartoon artist who is ready to start putting together characters, plot and action. Storyboarding will include different types of comic panels, establishing shots, scenes and dialogue bubbles. Illustration will include framing, drawing and inking and stylizing so you leave camp with an unique and individually polished, finished story panel that you could find in any comic story or website!
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Drawing	We will build your repertoire of shading, shadows, scale and drawing in depth and dimensions, regardless of your experience level. Specific skills in composition, drawing three dimensionally and tonal scales that are used in your everyday drawings will be addressed.
Harvesting and Processing Plant Medicines	If you are interested in learning a great deal more about the plants and trees around you, come out and try learning from Anishinaabe Scholar - Beedahbin Peltier. He is a knowledge carrier of knowledge that has been passed down from generation to generation for thousands of years and together we can learn, harvest, process, and drink plant medicine teas. Please consider that this course is offered mostly outdoors and includes a large amount of hiking and walking off main trails. Sturdy shoes and outdoor clothing (rain jacket) are highly suggested.
Portraiture	Students will learn about proportion, expression, and shading techniques while generating portraits that demonstrate character and personality. Both black and white and colour products will be produced, yielding many possibilities for experimentation and skill development.
Mixed Media Arts	In this Mixed Media class, get the chance to experience a wide breadth of dry and wet materials such as collage, paint, pastels and ink. Whether you are working on a variety of papers or elevating your sketchbook, you will learn lots of new techniques and skills to express yourself.
Photography	Students will learn the basics of the camera and shot compositions. There will also be opportunities to manipulate photos in post-production. Campers must bring their own camera and memory card.
Printmaking	Ready to try your hand at several different types of printmaking? Come to the class where you get to experiment with all sorts of plates and printing techniques from lino block printing, monotypes, gelli prints and plexi engravings. Printmaking offers the unique ability to make more than one of an image and in a variety of colours, styles and papers. This class will give you the unique opportunity to try lots of different materials and take home a variety of works of art.
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Non-Arts	

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Canoeing	<p>This course will introduce you to paddling strokes and rescue techniques while playing games on the water. It will be a fun time for all levels of paddlers from those that have never canoed to those that are more experienced. Successful completion of a swim test at camp will be mandatory for everyone who chooses this activity.</p> <p>*As part of the safety plan, a compulsory swim test will be conducted by Camp White Pine Aquatic Staff on the first day of camp. Decisions of the Aquatic Staff are final.</p>
GTA (Group Team Building Activities & Sports)	<p>Students will participate in a wide variety of large and small group activities, outdoors if weather permitting. The games change every day, but they will always be fun. Please bring extra clothes dedicated for this class as they will get dirty. A rotation of activities will be available using what is available to us at Camp White Pine: Pickle Ball, High Ropes, Archery, Basketball, Volleyball, Baseball, etc.</p>
Study Hall	<p>This session is provided for students to support their academic work while they are away from their school. Students should bring their chromebooks, power cords, and download any materials they need prior to coming to DIAC. Students may use this time to complete any school assignments that they have brought to camp. Computers will be stored in the Dining Hall between uses. For Gr. 9 - 12 students</p>
Trail Riding (Bike)	<p>Any level of previous biking experience is welcome - the class will go over bike safety, basic trail riding techniques and more advanced techniques for riders with more experience. Mountain bikes, safety glasses, and helmets are provided. Riders should plan to bring their own athletic clothing and running shoes.</p>