BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)

ART & DESIGN

Learn to see the world more clearly while you develop your creative vision, build your technical skills, and create innovative solutions for industry and community that shape how our world looks and functions.

OFFERS COURSES IN...
- Drawing
- Industrial design
- Media arts
- Painting
- Printmaking
- Sculpture
- Visual communication design

COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUR MAJOR

Complete your major requirements and test out different classes. Design your academic plan — you’re in control!

A MAJOR IN ART & DESIGN REQUIRES:
- A minimum of 30 credits (10 courses) to a maximum of 48 credits (16 courses) at the senior level (200-level and above), of which at least six credits must be at the 400-level. These courses can be any combination of ART and/or DES and/or HADVC classes.

WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN ART & DESIGN DEGREE?

I COULD BE A... professional artist, photographer, curator, critical writer, app developer, designer of games, graphics, sports products or medical products.

I COULD WORK IN... a gallery, museum, artist-run centre, communications office, advertising agency, or continue graduate study to become a teacher, professor, or architect.

TOP 5 REASONS TO STUDY ART & DESIGN

1. Customize your degree program by taking courses with our award-winning professors in fine art, design studies, and the history of art, design, and visual culture.

2. Spend time in the hands-on environment of the studio, preparing yourself and your portfolio for the next steps in your Art & Design career.

3. Expand your creative potential and build your innovative problem-solving, critical thinking, research, and presentation skills.

4. Gain career-related, paid experience through an Arts Work Experience term.

5. Participate in the Berlin e3 program and combine German language study, internship, and academic coursework.

ENHANCE YOUR DEGREE

ADD A CERTIFICATE IN:
International Learning or Computer Game Development.

CONNECT TO EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING:
Arts Work Experience, Community Service-Learning, Study Abroad, Research.

STUDENT SUPPORTS

These are services that enable you to pursue academic and personal success.
- Academic advising
- Student Ombuds
- Indigenous Student supports
- Academic support
- Health & Wellness
- Campus Food Bank
- Libraries
- International Student supports
- Accessibility Resources
- Financial Aid & Awards
- Professional & Career Development
- Mental Health Supports

WE ARE ALL TREATY PEOPLE

The University of Alberta respectfully acknowledges that we are situated on Treaty 6 territory, traditional lands of First Nations and Métis people.

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Participate in the e3 Berlin program and combine German language study, an internship, and academic coursework.

Add research to your degree with the Undergraduate Research Initiative — apply into our BFA, BDes, or HADVC Honors!

Visit the Fine Arts Building (FAB) Gallery and start getting to know Edmonton’s Art and Design organizations.

Go on a study tour over Reading Week to destinations like Berlin, London, New York, Paris, and Barcelona.

Learn more about Indigenous peoples, perspectives, and worldviews.

Present your work in an exhibition, at a conference or publish it in a student journal.

Ready to toss your cap in the air? Apply to graduate!

Let the Career Centre support you in communicating your skills and experience to prepare for your next steps.

Ask professors to be academic references for a graduate program, or for work in a gallery, at a journal, or in the design industry!

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LEGEND

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

GAIN EXPERIENCE

SEEK OUT CONNECTIONS

NAVIGATE COURSES

EARLY DEGREE

Expand your career options, be proactive, and test possibilities. Join a student group.

Volunteer with the Student Design Association (SDA) or Visual Arts Student Association (VASA).

Explore courses in Art & Design and develop your talents!

MID-DEGREE

Take risks, try new things, ask for and offer help to people you know and people you meet.

Apply to Arts Work Experience and gain full-time, paid work experience.

LATE DEGREE

Develop and revise your career story based on your values, interests, and what you learn.

Present your work in an exhibition, at a conference or publish it in a student journal.

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