BACHELOR OF ARTS (BA)
ART & DESIGN

Learn to see the world more clearly while you create innovative solutions and build your technical skills to shape how industry and community look and function.

OFFERS COURSES IN...
• Drawing
• Intermedia
• Industrial Design
• Painting
• Printmaking
• Sculpture
• Visual Communication Design

WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN ART & DESIGN DEGREE?
I COULD BE A... professional artist, photographer, curator, critical writer, app developer, game designer, graphic designer, designer of sports and medical products.
I COULD WORK IN... a gallery, museum, artist-run centre, communications office, or 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 in all three areas offered by the department with the guidance of instructors who are award-winning artists, designers, and historians.
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. You can also hone your academic skills in history of art, design, and visual culture courses, learning how to analyze and critique.
3. Prepare for a career in Art & Design fields by expanding your creative potential and building 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 e3 Berlin program and combine German language study, an internship, and academic course work.

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.

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:
• Ten to 16 senior level courses (200-level and above), of which at least two must be at the 400-level.
• These courses can be any combination of ART and/or DES and/or HADVC classes.

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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BA ART & DESIGN
DEGREE GUIDE

Your University experience is about what happens inside and outside of the classroom. This map is a tool to help you complement your academics with hands-on learning outside of the classroom and take advantage of student activities. Each new step will help you explore your options, take measured risks, and inform your next step. Being informed and engaged leads to a richer journey throughout your degree and beyond!

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

MID-DEGREE
Take risks, try new things, ask for and offer help to people you know and people you meet.
Go on a study tour over Reading Week to destinations like Berlin, London, New York, Paris, and Barcelona.
Apply to Arts Work Experience and gain full-time, paid work experience.
Add research to your degree with the Undergraduate Research Initiative — apply into our BFA, BDes, or HADVC Honors!

LATE DEGREE
Develop and revise your career story based on your values, interests, and what you learn.
Gain relevant work experience with the Work to Works summer internship program, at an artist-run centre, or design organization.
Ready to toss your cap in the air? Apply to graduate!
Ask professors to be an academic reference for a graduate program or work in a gallery, at a journal, or in the design industry!

LEGEND
GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE
GAIN EXPERIENCE
SEEK OUT CONNECTIONS
NAVIGATE COURSES