BACHELOR OF ARTS (HONORS)

HISTORY OF ART, DESIGN & VISUAL CULTURE

HADVC

Learn to understand our visual world and its messages! From representations of sex and death in the Renaissance to performing bodies in contemporary activist art to China’s design revolution, courses vary widely — as do the research interests of our award-winning professors.

OFFERS COURSES IN...

• Latin American art
• History of photography
• Indigenous art and visual culture
• Canadian art, design, and visual culture
• Activist art and design
• Early Modern art and the body
• Contemporary Asian art and design
• Performance art
• Art and ecology
• Print culture in the 19th century

WHAT CAN I DO WITH AN HADVC HONORS DEGREE?

I COULD BE A... curator, critic, author, journalist, publisher, lawyer, cultural policy analyst, public relations officer.

OR WORK IN... galleries, museums, communications offices, culture and heritage preservation centres, or advertising agencies.

TOP 5 REASONS TO STUDY HADVC

1. Pursue your passion and develop high-level skills in research, analysis, and writing as you develop your very own thesis project with personalized mentorship by a faculty supervisor.

2. Advanced seminar courses teach you to analyze works of fine and applied arts, architecture, design, and visual culture in Europe, Asia, and the America, from the early modern to the contemporary period.

3. Work with faculty on creative research projects including faculty and student curatorial projects, at local art galleries or pop-up exhibitions in public spaces.

4. Gain career-related, paid experience through an Arts Work Experience term, or apply for an HADVC practicum at a local art gallery.

5. Sign up for the Cortona e3 program to combine Italian language study with academic coursework in Italy!

COURSE REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUR MAJOR

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

AN HADVC HONORS DEGREE REQUIRES:

• 36 credits HADVC at any level
• 12 credits HADVC at the 400- or 500-level
• Six credits HADVC 418 - Honors thesis
• Six credits HADVC at any level or non-HADVC options
• Six credits Language Other than English at the 200-level or higher
• 39 credits non-HADVC options
• 15 credits BA common requirements

Notes:

• You can’t take more than 48 credits of 100-level classes
• You can’t take more than 18 credits of courses from outside the Faculties of Arts and Science

To verify your Honors and BA Common Requirements, check the University Calendar and speak to an advisor.

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.

ENHANCE YOUR HONORS DEGREE

ADD A CERTIFICATE IN:

International Learning, Community Engagement and Service-Learning, Engaged Leadership and Citizenship in Arts and Science, European Studies.

CONNECT TO EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING:

Arts Work Experience, Community Service-Learning, Study Abroad, Research.
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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!

LEGEND

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE
GAIN EXPERIENCE
SEEK OUT CONNECTIONS
NAVIGATE COURSES

EARLY DEGREE

Expand your career options, be proactive and get involved in campus life.

Explore courses in HADVC and other subjects!

Take a Community Service-Learning Course.

Go on a study tour to destinations like Barcelona, Berlin, London, New York, and Shanghai.

MID-DEGREE

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

Add research to your degree with the Undergraduate Research Initiative!

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

LATE DEGREE

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

Work closely with your Honors advisor to develop your work for a conference or publish it in a student journal.

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

Ask your Honors advisor to be an academic reference for work in an art gallery, art journal, or graduate program!

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

Get involved with Spectrum, a journal featuring undergraduate research.

Build your network and knowledge by adding a certificate to your BA.

Learn more about Indigenous peoples, perspectives, and worldviews.

Volunteer off or on campus, such as with programs like Safe Walk.

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