Faculty of Arts

VISUAL STUDIES

Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA)

Visual Studies is the program for you if you are interested in making or viewing art, thinking with materials or experiencing visual media as a form of inquiry and knowledge. In this program, you will focus on improving your technical skills and your self-sufficiency as an artist while learning how art and visual practices contribute to culture and community engagement. During the course of your studies you will develop visual thinking and critical research skills, written and verbal fluency in discussing historical and contemporary art practices, along with rigorous conceptual and medium specific visual studies training.

Did You Know?

Students have multiple opportunities to exhibit their work in the department’s two galleries, in addition to community exhibitions such as the Push and Pull exhibitions and the Art and Martinis’ sale. Students in the program have access to a full university curriculum to complement their studies in art.

Awards

- PRINGLE FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE VISUAL ARTS
- ISABEL STADELBAUER SCHOLARSHIP

Job Titles

- PROFESSIONAL ARTIST
- HIGH SCHOOL ARTS TEACHER
- COMMUNITY ARTS FACILLITATOR

Student Clubs

- FACULTY OF ARTS STUDENTS’ ASSOCIATION
- ART HOUSE UNION

My instructors gave me confidence to try new things without fear, lifted me up when I struggled and celebrated my successes. They made me feel like I wasn’t just in school, but that I was in a community.

Kathleen R. BFA Ô14, Student Engagement Coordinator, Faculty of Science

View Program Requirements

1. Visit ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/explore-programs
2. Select your program
3. Select your type of admission (high school or transfer)
4. Choose the location of your high school

Sample First-Year Courses

- Art Fundamentals (2D)
- Art Fundamentals (3D)
- Introduction to Photography and Digital Imaging
- Media Arts (Practice and Theory I)
- Drawing I
- Media Arts: Practice and Theory
- Introduction to Printmaking