

Alberta College of Art and Design Mandate

The Alberta College of Art and Design, located in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, is a public, board governed college operating as a specialized Arts and Culture Institution under the authority of the *Post-Secondary Learning Act* of Alberta. As the only post-secondary institution in the prairie provinces devoted exclusively to advanced education, practice and research in visual arts, craft, design and culture and associated and emergent fields, the Alberta College of Art and Design offers four-year undergraduate degrees, diplomas, certificates, and graduate degrees, preparing learners for careers in visual culture and design. The College is a centre of excellence in education and research for fine arts, crafts, design, media arts and digital technologies and related liberal studies, and supports life-long learning through its *credit and non-credit continuing education* programing. The College is committed to the principles outlined in the framework of Campus Alberta which calls for an approach to advanced learning in Alberta that is responsive, innovative, high-quality, accessible and focused on meeting the needs of the learner. Acting as a local, provincial, national and international visual cultural resource and through research, the College is a producer of original knowledge leading to cultural development. Its public activities are designed to enhance the general awareness of the College and advance knowledge and understanding of the importance of visual culture and design to the economic, cultural, and social life of the communities and society it serves.

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