Art and Art History is the study of human expression by interpreting and translating the visual into the verbal. Your courses will provide understanding of art history and design that may include traditional media such as painting, sculpture, architecture and photography along with innovations in the creative use of new technologies, traditional and indigenous media, and performance art.

This profile is a starting point for your career exploration. It may help you identify options and guide you in conducting further research, reviewing occupations or connecting with people. It is not intended to list every possible career path, or to limit you to what you see here. This is a tool to guide discovery and uncover opportunities that fit you.

**Key Skills & Knowledge**

**Art recognition and interpretation:** Appreciate and promote aesthetics; compare and contrast works of art.

**Organizational:** Manage multiple projects simultaneously; possess a high level of discipline and internally motivated work ethic; organize information and materials; careful attention to detail and observation skills.

**Creativity:** Possess a strong grasp of the creative process; artistic conveyance of ideas; abstract conceptualization; knowledge of popular culture and artistic events.

**Communication:** Strong skills in artistic and written expression; adapt ideas to different audiences; think clearly and form arguments, present theories and ideas in visual formats; convey complex information and emotions.

**Interpersonal:** Working as part of a team; comfortable with scrutiny and criticism; feel at ease in new situations.

**Qualitative and quantitative research and writing skills:** Understand history and interpret cultures, evaluate research results and present findings; think critically and analytically.

**Sample Job Titles**

Advertising Designer  
Architect  
Art Director  
Art Therapist  
Artist  
Arts Administrator  
Editor  
Communications Coordinator  
Cultural Events Planner  
Curator  
Designer  
Desktop Publisher  
Display Designer  
Exhibit Designer  

Graphic Designer  
Historical Preservation Co-ordinator  
Illustrator  
Museum Coordinator  
Photographer  
Printmaker  
Prop Building  
Sculptor  
Textile Designer  
Teacher/Professor  
Visual Merchandiser  
Visual Arts Consultant

Some of these roles may require further training, certification or education. Check out the Alberta Government’s occupational profiles for salary info and more detail: [alis.alberta.ca/occinfo](alis.alberta.ca/occinfo)

**Need help deciding what to do?**

Formal Career Assessments like the Strong Interest Inventory and the Myers Briggs Type Indicator can be helpful tools for your career development. Request an assessment via CareerLink
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### Associations & Professional Development

Associations provide an opportunity for continued professional development. Many also offer networking opportunities and other events for their members.

- Artists in Canada: [www.artiststincanada.com/](http://www.artiststincanada.com/)
- Canadian Art Therapy Association: [www.catainfo.ca](http://www.catainfo.ca)
- Canadian Conference of the Arts: [www.ccarts.ca/](http://www.ccarts.ca/)
- Canadian Council for the Arts: [www.canadacouncil.ca/](http://www.canadacouncil.ca/)
- Canadian Society of Decorative Arts: [www.csda-ccad.org/](http://www.csda-ccad.org/)
- Centre for Contemporary Canadian Art: [www.ccca.ca/](http://www.ccca.ca/)
- Federation of Canadian Artists: [artists.ca](http://artists.ca)
- Graphic Designers of Canada: [www.gdc.net](http://www.gdc.net)

### Career Services

**YOUR FUTURE STARTS HERE**

- Career Planning
- Job Search Support
- Resume Reviews
- Career Workshops
- Online Job Postings
- Career Fairs
- Networking Events
- Information Sessions & much more!

**Connect with us:**
MacEwan Student Centre, Room 188  
T: 403.220.8020  
E: csstdnt@ucalgary.ca  
CareerLink: [ucalgary.ca/careers](http://ucalgary.ca/careers)

**Job Boards**

- Indeed: [https://ca.indeed.com/](https://ca.indeed.com/)
- Banff Centre: [www.banffcentre.ca/](http://www.banffcentre.ca/)
- Canadian Council for Arts Employment: [http://canadacouncil.ca/about/careers](http://canadacouncil.ca/about/careers)
- Canadian Museums Association: [www.museums.ca](http://www.museums.ca)
- Work In Culture: [www.workinculture.ca](http://www.workinculture.ca)
- LinkedIn: [http://www.linkedin.com/](http://www.linkedin.com/)
- CareerLink: [careerlink.ucalgary.ca](http://careerlink.ucalgary.ca)

### Additional Resources

**Opportunities in Visual Arts Careers**
Taking the Leap: Building a Career as a Visual Artist (The Insider’s Guide to Exhibiting and Selling Your Art)
Career Opportunities in Art
Great Jobs for Liberal Arts Majors

**Faculty Contact**
Art Building, room 612  
T: 403.220.5251  
W: [art.ucalgary.ca/prospective/undergraduate](http://art.ucalgary.ca/prospective/undergraduate)  
W: [ucalgary.ca/admissions/programs](http://ucalgary.ca/admissions/programs)

**Student Clubs**
3D Printing Club, Art House Union, Faculty of Arts Students’ Association,  
Pop-Up Gallery Society, Scene & Heard, UCalgary Fashion Network  
**Aligned Majors:**
Communications, Drama, Marketing