Artstream lets you in

Studying at Alberta University of the Arts means joining a community of people who are passionate about creativity – people who “get it” and will encourage and challenge you to find your unique way of expressing yourself.

If you have the artistic chops, but don’t have the grades or English requirements to apply to a degree program yet, Artstream can help you bridge the gap. It’s a unique program offered in partnership with Continuing Education and Professional Development that lets you upgrade your academic skills while beginning degree-level art, craft or design education courses at the same time.

“I went on a tour of AUArts, and I learned that people do this as a job. In that moment, it became a thing that I could do for a living. I could go to school, and all the doors kind of opened.”

Riley Rossmo, former Artstream student
Illustrator/creator for DC Comics and former faculty
AUArts Alumni 2004, BDes, Visual Communication Design

About AUArts

We educate in ways that test the boundaries of common thought. Ways that will ignite your imagination and fuel your curiosity to go further.

Formerly Alberta College of Art and Design (ACAD), AUArts is the only dedicated art, craft and design university in Alberta and the Prairies – and one of four in Canada.

We will introduce you to a whole new world of passionate minds, provocative thinkers, ambitious doers and brave creators. Including the one in you.

We’d love to meet you!

Campus tours are available several times a week. Can’t make it to Calgary to visit? Don’t worry – we also offer virtual tours and you can always catch us on the road, too. Check out our website to see if we’re coming to a city near you!

Artstream is your passport to the future

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Listen to the voice inside you that says,

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How long does Artstream take?
Artstream can take two to four academic semesters to complete. If you complete the program successfully with a minimum grade of C in each course, you’ll be eligible to enter First Year Studies and continue towards a Bachelor of Fine Arts or Bachelor of Design degree.

Admission requirements
You’ll be assessed on your academic transcripts, a Statement of Intent and your portfolio.

Tuition and fees
Tuition fees vary depending if you are a Canadian citizen/permanent resident or an international student and are subject to change. For full details, please view our current fees online.

How to bridge the gap

Take the first step
Complete the following steps to apply to Artstream:

1. Complete the application form and pay your application fee at applyalberta.ca
2. Submit your transcripts.
   a. Alberta high school students: AUArts automatically receives your in-progress and official transcripts from Alberta schools.
   b. Non-Alberta high school students: Attach your in-progress transcripts to your portfolio.
3. Ensure all documents are in English. Transcripts that have been translated must be notarized before they are submitted.
4. Submit your portfolio of original artwork and your Statement of Intent (you’ll receive a link to submit these after applying).
5. Your academic transcripts and portfolio will be reviewed. An additional assessment may be required.

Admission to the program is offered on a first qualified, first accepted basis. So apply early!

See tuition and fees online auarts.ca/artstream

Apply online applyalberta.ca

Show us your passion
Show and tell us about yourself.
Show us 12 of your favourite pieces – including at least one observational drawing. Choose art that represents you and excites others about your work. These pieces should be original, recent and display the full range of your skills and achievements. Present your portfolio in a professional way, and include different types of media.

Some examples:
- Photographs, collage or mixed media work
- Observational drawings, paintings or print media (Required)
- Animation, video or audio recordings
- Three-dimensional work such as sculpture, textiles, glass, jewellery and ceramics
- Website designs and other forms of digital media
- Documentation of performance or installation art

Tips
- We encourage you to submit PDFs of your process work (sketchbooks, notes, etc.).
- Please fill in the “Details” section about your work.

Statement of Intent
Write 500 words about why you would be a great student at AUArts.

1. Why do you want to go to art school and earn a degree?
2. Besides art, what else do you like to do?
3. What excites you about AUArts?

Wes Niven, former Artstream student, Graphic Designer at Converse Inc.
AUArts Alumni 2013, BDes, Visual Communication Design

“During my time in Artstream, I learned the importance of having strong writing skills — it’s been a crucial asset in the corporate world. There is no question Artstream prepared me for AUArts, it gave me a clear advantage over my peers.”

Title: AUArts Mural, in collaboration with Wes Niven and James Mackenzie

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Artstream: The future belongs to you.

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Find your path to AUArts.

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