

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Bachelor of Fine Arts

BETWEEN

Board of Governors of
Alberta University of the Arts (AUArts)
1407 – 14 Ave NW, Calgary, AB, Canada T2N 4R3
And
College of the Rockies
2700 College Way, Box 850
Cranbrook, BC V1C 5L7

The purpose of this agreement is to facilitate transfer credits for students who have successfully completed a credit program credential from the **Fine Arts Certificate** at **College of the Rockies** interested in pursuing a Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) degree at the Alberta University of the Arts.

This agreement also serves as a Memorandum of Understanding between both institutions for the purpose of clarifying roles and responsibilities in this partnership.

This agreement shall commence on **January 1, 2023** beginning with the admission of students direct from the College to AUArts in **Fall 2023**. The agreement shall conclude on **June 30, 2028** unless terminated earlier as provided elsewhere in this Agreement. The agreement may be renewed by the mutual written agreement of the parties for additional terms. Either party may terminate or suspend this agreement upon sixty (60) days' written notice; termination of the agreement will not interfere with those students who have applied for admission to AUArts prior to or during the sixty day period and they will be treated as if this agreement continues to be in effect.

A. Principles

1. Admissions

- a. Students who have successfully completed a certificate or diploma credential with a minimum program GPA of 2.0 are invited to apply for admission under this agreement.
- b. Applicants will be required to follow the admission requirements as stated in the AUArts Academic Calendar, including the submission of a portfolio for the purpose of assessment for admissions.
- c. The AUArts Admissions unit evaluates applicants on the basis of their academic record from all previous institutions.

2. Transfer Credit

- a. Transfer of credit serves to reduce the number of courses that must be completed at Alberta University of the Arts, to complete a program of studies.
- b. University level courses with a minimum of a “C” grade will be accepted for transfer credit to Alberta University of the Arts.
- c. Not all courses receiving transfer credit may apply to the program (degree + major) requirements though every effort is made to align curriculum during the preparation of this agreement.
- d. A maximum of 60 credits will transfer to an AUArts degree program to ensure the student will meet the residency requirement of 50%.
- e. The final 30 credits of the degree must be completed at AUArts.
- f. Students should review the transfer credit granted, shown on their AUArts transcript, and their program requirements stated in the Academic Calendar to determine which courses can be used to meet their program requirements. (See 3. Advising)
- g. Course equivalencies, at the time this agreement was signed, are noted in Addendum B. These equivalencies will be reviewed and updated on an ongoing basis according to curricular changes at each institution.

3. Degree Program Requirements – Year of the Academic Calendar

- a. A student will follow the program (degree + major) requirements, stated in the Academic Calendar, that are in effect for the year they are admitted to their program.
- b. A student may opt to change their Academic Calendar Year and follow their program (degree + major) requirements of any Academic Calendar from their most recent admission up to the current Academic Calendar Year.
- c. Where a required course for a degree program is no longer offered, the School(s) may specify an alternate.
- d. Limitations:
 - i. This agreement does not apply to students transferring from a different program than the one(s) identified in this agreement.
 - ii. Students are required to meet the AUArts residency requirement by completing 50% of their program (credits) at AUArts. Therefore, students who are admitted to AUArts under this agreement may not be eligible to participate in an Exchange Program or to receive a letter of permission to attend another institution as a Visiting Student. Students should meet with an Advisor at AUArts if they are considering these options.

4. Changes in Curriculum or Program Requirements
 - a. Both partners agree to communicate admissions, program completion and course changes in a timely manner to avoid disruption to student progress toward degree completion.
 - b. Changes made to curriculum to the certificate or degree will necessitate a review of the relevant programs at both institutions to determine if modification of the agreement is necessary. If deemed appropriate, a new agreement will be generated and signed. Curriculum changes by either partner will be communicated in writing no later than June 30 of any academic year.

5. Advising

Students are encouraged to work with an academic advisor at AUArts upon admission to plan an efficient path of study for their program.

6. Scholarships

Students transferring to AUArts under this agreement who meet application deadlines may be eligible for student awards. They should review the awards listing and consider submitting applications as appropriate.

B. Ongoing Collaboration – Roles and Responsibilities

1. AUArts recognizes courses completed for credit at other Alberta post-secondary institutions in accordance with the Alberta Council on Admissions and Transfer (ACAT). In addition, the university aligns its policies with the Pan-Canadian Protocol on the Transferability of University Credits. AUArts is also a full member of the Association of Independent Colleges of Art and Design (AICAD) and aligns with its mission along with other members of the consortium of leading art schools in Canada and the United States.
2. In the spirit of articulation, representatives from both institutions will meet regularly (minimum annually) to engage in ongoing discussion to enhance and strengthen this collaboration.
3. AUArts representatives will serve as a resource, as available, to promote this partnership through presentations and other forms of information sharing.
4. AUArts and **College of the Rockies** agree to promote this partnership through listing of this transfer opportunity on their websites

C. Approval

Institutional contacts responsible for the administration of the articulation agreement:

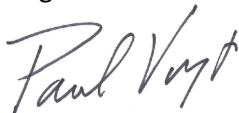
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June 7, 2023

Signature / Date

Paul Vogt
CEO and President
College of the Rockies



May 16, 2023

Signature / Date

Robin Hicks
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College of the Rockies



May 15, 2023

Signature / Date

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Addendum A: AUArts Programs

Eligible major(s) included in this agreement

Bachelor of Design

- BDes Visual Communication Design Major – Graphic Design and Advertising Stream
- BDes Visual Communication Design Major – Illustration and Character Design Stream
- BDes Photography

Bachelor of Fine Arts

- BFA Drawing Major
- BFA Ceramics Major
- BFA Fibre Major
- BFA Glass Major
- BFA Jewellery and Metals Major
- BFA Media Arts Major – Interactivity Stream
- BFA Media Arts Major – Time-based Arts Stream
- BFA Painting Major
- BFA Print Media Major
- BFA Sculpture Major

Addendum B: Course Equivalencies

Both AUArts and COTR are members of the Alberta Council on Admissions and Transfer (ACAT). Articulation agreements providing for course transfer credit from COTR to AUArts, represented under ACAT, will be recognized for transfer credit to AUArts.

Transfer credit is awarded at the institutional level for credit courses; therefore, students must review the institutional transfer credit awarded and their AUArts program requirements to determine which transferable courses can be used to meet their program requirements.

At the time of signing, the following agreements are in place between COTR and AUArts.

College of the Rockies	
COTR Course for Transfer	AUArts Equivalent
ANTH 101 - Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	SOSC 201 - Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
ASTR 100 - Astronomy	NASC 2XX - Natural Sciences - unspecified credit - 200 level
CHEM 101 - Fundamentals of Chemistry 1	NASC 2XX - Natural Sciences - unspecified credit - 200 level
CHEM 102 - Fundamentals of Chemistry 2	NASC 2XX - Natural Sciences - unspecified credit - 200 level
<i>CRWT 101 Creative Writing 1 and CRWT 102 Creative Writing 2</i>	ENGL 214 - Creative Writing
ENGL 100 - English Composition	ENGL 100 - Writing for Critical and Creative Practices
ENGL 101 - Introduction to Poetry and Drama	ENGL 2XX - English - unspecified credit - 200 level
FA 100 - Introduction to Fine Arts	CCST 100 - Introduction to Critical and Creative Studies
<i>FA 103 - Pottery</i>	CRMC 101 - Ceramics
FA 105 - Studio Foundations	ST2D 1XX - Studio 2D - unspecified credit - 100 level
FA 106 - Introduction to Drawing	DRWF 110 - Drawing I
FA 107 - Sculpture	SCLP 101 - Sculpture
FA 108 - Introduction to Painting	PNTG 101 - Painting
<i>FA 208 - Special Projects</i>	Unspecified 2xx studio
<i>FA 213 - Textiles: Dyes on Cloth</i>	FBRE 101 - Fibre-2D
<i>FA 217 - Sculpture 2- Mixed Media</i>	SCLP 211 – Introductory Sculpture (Materials and Processes)
<i>FA 218 - Painting 2</i>	PNTG 224 – Critical Theories
<i>FA 219 Watercolor Painting</i>	PNTG 223 - Methodologies and Methods

GEOG 101 - Introduction to Physical Geography	NASC 2XX - Natural Sciences - unspecified credit - 200 level
GEOL 105 - An Introduction to Geology	NASC 2XX - Natural Sciences - unspecified credit - 200 level
PHIL 101 - An Introduction to Philosophical Inquiry 1	CCST 2XX - Critical and Creative Studies - unspecified credit - 200 level
PHIL 102 - Intro to Philosophical Inquiry 2	CCST 2XX - Critical and Creative Studies - unspecified credit - 200 level
PSYC 101 - Introduction to Psychology 1	SOSC 2XX - Social Sciences - unspecified credit - 200 level
PSYC 102 - Introduction to Psychology 2	SOSC 2XX - Social Sciences - unspecified credit - 200 level
PSYC 151 - Interpersonal Relations	SOSC 2XX - Social Sciences - unspecified credit - 200 level