



16. ACADEMIC + ARTISTIC FREEDOM POLICY

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INTENT

Alberta College of Art + Design (ACAD) is committed to academic and creative freedom, and the open and free exchange of ideas and knowledge on behalf of all students, faculty and staff of ACAD. The advancement of learning through teaching, creative production and appropriate dissemination of ideas is essential to the academic life of ACAD.

SCOPE

All students, faculty and staff of ACAD have the freedoms of speech, artistic and intellectual expression to examine, question, investigate, speculate and comment on any issue, and to create or perform works of art without reference to prescribed doctrine. The exercise of academic and artistic freedom also entails the concomitant responsibilities of tolerance and mutual respect for alternative ways of expression, as well as compliance with applicable Canadian legislation.

POLICY

1. All students, faculty and staff of ACAD have the right to:
 - a. speak or act in their capacity as responsible citizens without institutional censorship
 - b. assemble on campus for the purpose of discussion of any issue.
2. Members of the faculty have the right to:
 - a. teach any topic in their classes that is of relevance to that course
 - b. undertake ethical research and creative activity with a commitment to the public dissemination of the results.

REFERENCE

- ACAD Respectful Workplace Policy
- ACAD Privacy Policy