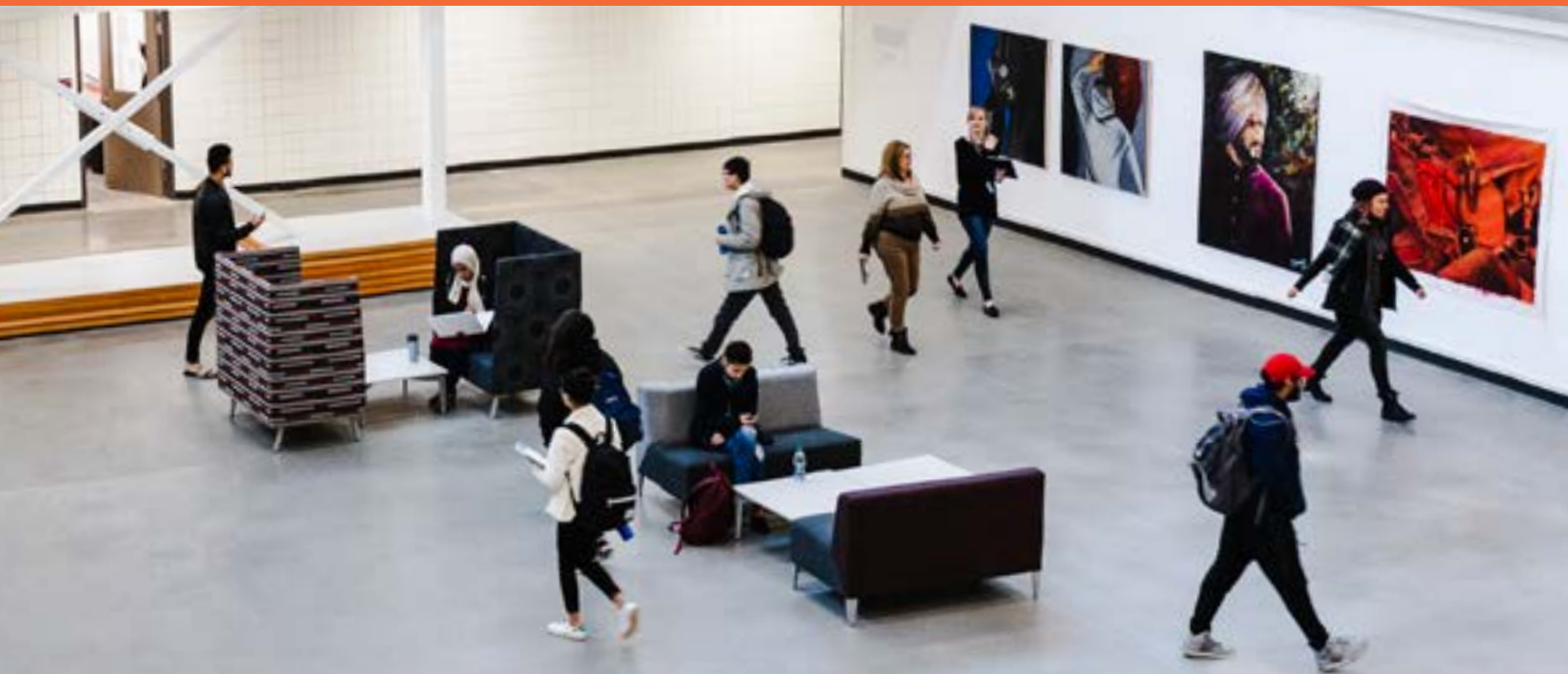


# RESOURCE GUIDE *for*

## Students in Fine Arts & Art History Courses



These resources are here to help you be successful in your fine arts and art history courses. Review this guide for advice and links to additional information about academic integrity, local art centres and galleries, art terminology, and more.

# KPU FINE ARTS STUDENT SUCCESS TIPS

## TIME MANAGEMENT AND STUDIO SPACES:

Be sure to manage your time and commit extra hours for assignments in your fine arts and art history classes.

Look for *Open Lab Hours* posted on the doors to the Fine Arts studio facilities, and plan to utilize these outside of class for work on your assignments.

### Spruce Building Hours

**Monday to Friday** 7:30 am - 10:00 pm

**Saturday** 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Sunday** 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

**TIP** | Fine arts and art history courses require extra work outside of class time. Expect to spend 4-6 hours a week outside of class on your assignments in order to succeed.

## KPU RESOURCES:

We offer many resources to support you throughout your education.

- » Visit [Arts Degree Advising](#) for guidance on all of your options in fine arts;
- » Visit the [Learning Centre](#) to access resources that can assist you with writing, studying, time management and more;
- » Use the many [library resources](#) available on campus;
- » Visit [Counselling Services](#) for help in managing anxiety, stress and personal difficulties;
- » Connect with your instructors or visit them during office hours.

## RESOURCES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS:

KPU International can support you with advising, initiation to a new home and new school. Visit [International Student Advising](#) for educational planning, support and resources.

### » Get the [icent app](#)

The icent app helps you adjust to life overseas, learn to navigate a new environment, and can guide you through the process of coming to Canada and studying here.

- » The Canadian approach to teaching and learning may be very different from what you have experienced in your home country. You may find it takes some time to get used to this new style of learning. Read this handout as a guide to your new Canadian classroom. You will find information on assessment expectations, class participation, language tips, and more:

“Achieving Academic Success: Adapting to the Canadian Classroom” [kpu.ca/international/achieving-academic-success](https://kpu.ca/international/achieving-academic-success)

## LIBRARY RESOURCES:

KPU has a fascinating library section specifically for fine arts with a range of books, resources and libGuides, which link you directly with more information and outline what plagiarism and cheating looks like in visual arts courses.

- » Libguide (Online Library Guide): [Fine Arts Resources](#)
- » Libguide (Online Library Guide): [Academic Integrity Guidelines for Visual Arts](#)

**TIP** | Plagiarism and cheating looks different in visual arts than it does in other academic disciplines. Read our [KPU Guidelines](#) to know more about this.

## ART GALLERIES AND MUSEUMS:

Visit local galleries and artist-run centres and museums for inspiration. Check gallery listings for current and upcoming exhibitions:

- » [Preview Magazine](#)
- » [Georgia Straight](#)
- » [Instant Coffee](#)

- » Vancouver Art Gallery \$5 Membership: Full-time Fine Arts students, bring your KPU card to the Membership Desk at the Vancouver Art Gallery, and receive a one-year membership for \$5.

**TIP** | Art openings in galleries are often open to the public – check arts listings to attend these events.



## ONLINE RESOURCES:

Check out these online sites for fun, interesting, and informative lessons in fine arts and art history. These will help you to understand the wonderful and broader context of historic and contemporary art.

- » [Khan Academy](#) has online lessons and courses in contemporary art and art history.
- » [Artstor Digital Library](#) has more than 2.5 million images of the world's cultural heritage. Students at KPU can access this resource by registering at [artstor.org](#) using their KPU email address.
- » [Dorothy Barenscott's Website](#): KPU instructor and art historian Dorothy Barenscott gives extensive resources for fine arts students from *Art History FLASHCARDS* *How-To Tutorial to Focus on Fundamentals: How to Visit An Art Gallery*.

## ONLINE GLOSSARIES OF ART VOCABULARY:

In fine arts and art history courses we use specific words and phrases. These incredible online sites are developed to help you with new vocabulary and terminology.

- » [Tate Glossary of Art Terms](#)
- » [MoMA Glossary of Art Terms](#)

## READINGS:

Take some time to read these articles and guides to the world of art school, writing, and critique. They are available at the library and online.

- Belton, Robert J. "The Elements of Art". *Art History: A Preliminary Handbook* Vancouver: University of British Columbia, 1996.  
<http://01.cms.ubc.ca/Page18824.aspx>
- Buster, Kendall and Crawford, Paula. *The Critique Handbook: The Art Student's Sourcebook and Survival Guide* Prentice Hall, 2010.
- Sayre, Henry. "Seven Steps to Thinking Critically About Art" in *A World of Art* New Jersey: Pearson Education, 2007. pp xxvi-xxviii.
- Sayre, Henry. *Writing About Art* (6th Edition) New Jersey: Pearce Prentice Hall, 2009.

## READINGS ON GOOGLE SCHOLAR:

Pearce, James Smith. *From Abacus to Zeus: A Handbook of Art History*

Barnet, Sylvan. *A Short Guide to Writing About Art*

**TIP** | Reading more about art and art history will help you to understand the broader context of art, and this adds great value to your studies and to your personal approach to art-making.

## STAYING SAFE AND FINDING HELP:

» Get the [KPU Safe](#) app

It provides you with links to emergency services, counselling, first aid, and much more.

KPU is a learning community committed to providing a safe and civil environment which is respectful of the rights, responsibilities, well-being and dignity of all its members. Additionally, Canadian Universities have strict guidelines around sexual violence and misconduct. It is important for you to become familiar with your rights and responsibilities as a student. For support and services, and to make a report of your own, the [Student Rights and Responsibilities](#) site offers a number of resources. You may also speak directly to your instructors, who will listen and direct you to help and services. If you find yourself in an emergency situation, immediately contact 9-1-1 and campus security.

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