



SUSTAINABLE FUTURES

OCAD U's Academic Plan 2017-2022 builds Sustainable Futures into our identity as a university. We're in it together, and we face some grand challenges on a planetary scale! Let's support each other to ask:

- What impact are you striving for during your time at OCAD U?
- How can we critically transform settler social relations?
- What skills can you gain to help carry out this impact beyond graduation?
From whom can you learn?
- How can we support each other to do the best that we can, whatever that may be?

We all have valuable roles! As artist, designer, resident, student, peer educator- cultivating sustainable futures can involve:

Research: Your research questions can pose questions that undo dysfunctional systems in favour of creating long-term socioecological benefits.

Materials: Choose materials and practices (recycled paper versus Styrofoam, assemble parts that can be dismantled and reused versus glued together) with care to divert stuff from landfills. Consider the supply chain, labour and environmental standards, and the whole life cycle! From acquisition to disposal or -better yet- repair/recovery... what's the impact of your stuff?

Governance and Advocacy: Participation in decision-making is a part of sustainability. Become informed, get involved! Take on a student role in Senate or the Board of Governors, meet your Student Union, or join a movement.

Partnerships: When working with an organization, what values and skills are you bringing into their space? What practices does that organization uphold? Consider opportunities to develop reciprocal relationships for a positive and lasting impact.

Daily Action: Try your best! Whether it's packing a lunch to reduce disposable plastics, taking transit instead of a car, or shutting off your computer rather than leaving it on all night. Our actions add up.

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