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THE COMPASS: ARTS STUDENT ENGAGEMENT HUB
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Celebrating the First Year of the Compass

2021 / 2022

The Arts Compass Student Engagement Hub

Year in Review: 2021 / 2022

What is the Arts Compass?

Created in 2021, the Compass has just completed its inaugural year of programming. The Compass is a community of Arts students, staff, faculty, and alumni that offers curated resources for student engagement and career programming. Compass programming is developed in consultation with students, particularly the AUS, and is hosted in the new Arts Student Centre. Weekly programming includes workshops on how to improve well-being, tips to get the most out of an Arts degree, and tools to prepare students for life after graduation.



Compass Objective

To support Arts students in navigating and maximizing their Arts degree by providing student engagement and career programming and resources.

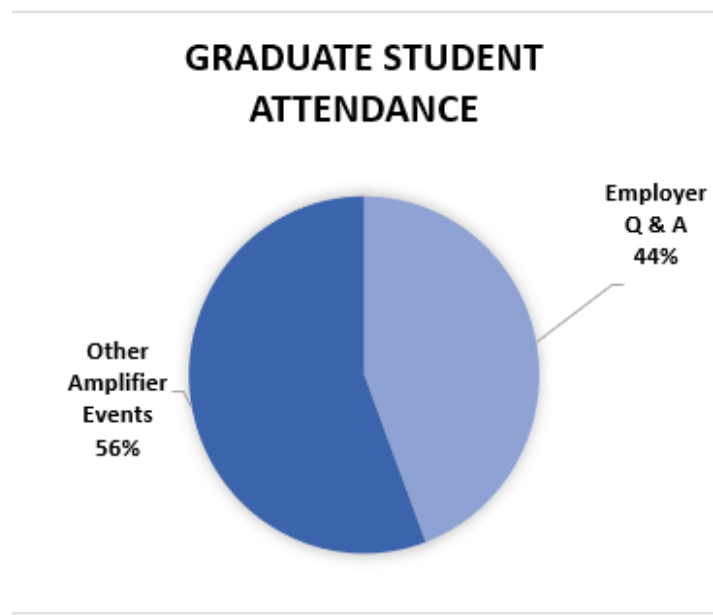
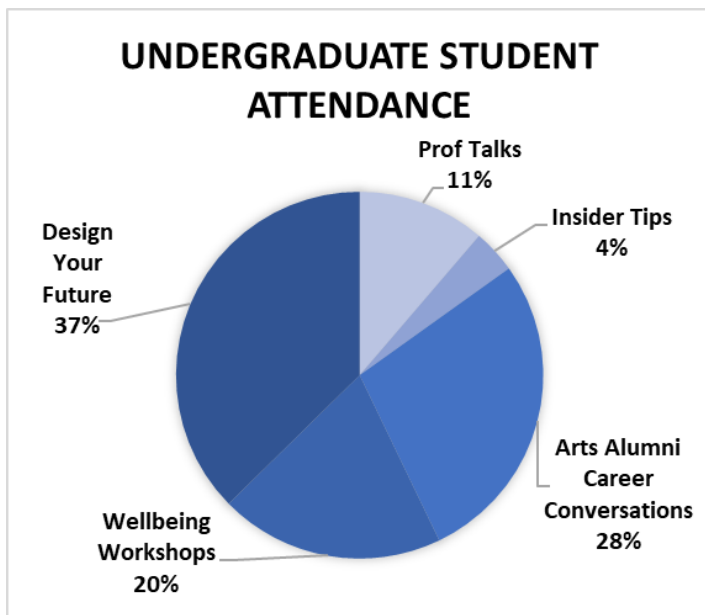
Six Pathways to Student Success

1. **Arts Insider Tips** — Arts faculty and staff members offer workshops on award opportunities, how to get involved, navigating the institution, and more.
2. **Designing Your Future** — This series teaches undergraduate Arts students across all year levels tools to design a meaningful path through their Arts degree and think about life after graduation. Students develop skills to tell their story in resumes, cover letters, interview skills, job search strategies, and more.
3. **Arts Alumni Talks** Drop-in Arts Alumni Talks allow students to meet with UBC Arts alumni from a range of disciplines. Through casual – and candid – conversations about their time at UBC, and career journeys following graduation, Alumni help students gain perspective on their time in the Faculty of Arts.
4. **Amplifier for Arts Graduate Students** — The Arts Amplifier is designed to help UBC Arts graduate students and postdoctoral fellows turn their ideas and projects into meaningful work experiences. We support paid short-term employment and applied research projects that integrate public engagement and knowledge exchange.
5. **Wellbeing Workshops** – In a series of workshops, Arts Embedded Counsellor Laura Harvey addresses pressing issues around student mental health and well-being as she provides helpful tips and skills, and connects students with each other.
6. **Prof Talks** — Students meet and learn from faculty members from a range of departments who will share their expertise and advice through informal, authentic conversation. Some of the previous topics covered are the psychology of gaming, how to make the most of your time at UBC, and how to bounce back after a low grade.

The People Behind the Arts Compass 2021 / 2022

- Laura Moss – Associate Dean, Students
- Julie Walchli – Executive Director, Work Integrated Education & Career Initiatives
- Christine Lee – Associate Director, Alumni Relations
- Reshaad Ali – Alumni Engagement Manager
- Laura Harvey – Counsellor
- Letitia Henville – Manager, Graduate Work Integrated Learning Programs
- Paul Lee – Student Engagement Officer
- Carli Fink – Career Strategist
- Angelina Tagliafierro – Communications and Marketing Strategist
- Sarah Sadh – WorkLearn Student
- Mary Falade – WorkLearn Student
- Chelsea Bian – AUS President
- Joshua Kim – AUS VP External

Program Attendance for Compass Events



Compass Highlights

- The Compass was launched in September 2021
- Between September and April, we successfully ran 40 events in the six Compass Pathways
- Student feedback consistently showed that events were positive and impactful
- Created Campus [webpages](#) and online archive

Looking Ahead to 2022 / 2023

- The Compass will expand in 2022/23 with 24 events already scheduled for fall term
- Continue to develop workshops and programming following student feedback throughout 2022/23
- Work closely with Arts departments and student groups on events and promotions
- Expand diversity of speakers and presenters
- Increase availability of online resources for students to engage with beyond attending events

Highlighted Student Feedback

- “Great conversation, very interactive and personal!”
- “I liked getting to talk to actual alumni and also getting to explore different career paths”
- “[W]hat I liked about the event is that the information presented to us was really clear and easy to follow, the slides helped a lot and had relevant information, I also liked how there were examples in there which solidified my understanding.”
- “It was very informative, and gave a bit more of an employer’s perspective when it comes to job applications”
- “It was my first time attending an Arts event and this is my third year! So I loved how it gave practical tips and also acknowledged really how challenging it is to return to campus. It was great having these talks because it’s generally small groups and it’s great for people in Arts to know and hear what students truly feel about return to campus and to be pointed to some resources.”
- “Just super grateful to have found these free insightful workshops!”
- “It’s super resourceful and useful specifically for lost and curious arts students.”
- “I learned so much about how the job market is structured, the process of recruiting, and how to style cover letters / resumes!”
- “Good tips for keeping motivated such [as] reminding yourself of your goals and setting rewards for motivation.”

*Attendance numbers and feedback from facilitator survey and annual end of year survey distributed to participants

To learn more about the Arts Compass, please email arts.compass@ubc.ca.

Appendix: All Compass Programs by Pathway

Arts Prof Talks

Event	Date	Topic
Arts Prof Talks: Lunch with Laura Moss	September 6/2021	Making the Most of an Arts Degree
Arts Prof Talks: Gender Justice with Janet Stewart	October 7/2021	Trans-Equitable Learning Spaces
Arts Prof Talks: Bants with Ben	October 21/2021	Psychology of Gaming
Arts Prof Talks: Lunch with Dr. Ervin Malakaj	November 4/2021	Research in Queer
Arts Prof Talks: Speak with Stephen Heatley	November 5/2021	Learning Methods (in Theatre)
Arts Prof Talks: Discussions with David Gramling	February 16/2022	Linguaphobia
Arts Prof Talks: Conversations with Carrie Jenkins	March 9/2022	Merging Creativity with Academia

Arts Insider Tips

Event	Date	Topic
Arts Awards Info Session	September 28/2021	Marcy Caouette, Academic Student Manager
Q&A with Arts Academic Advising	November 16/2021	Arts Academic Advising
Exam Survival Package with APAC	March 23/2022	Arts Peer Academic Coaches

Arts Alumni Talks

Event	Date
Arts Alumni Talks: Derek Fung	September 23/2021
Arts Alumni Talks: Chris Freek	October 14/2021
Arts Alumni Talks: Connie Wu	October 28/2021
Arts Alumni Talks: Kieran Davey	November 18/2021
Arts Alumni Talks: Ajay Puri	December 2/2021
Arts Career Conversations: The Art of Landing a Job	January 26 /2022
Arts Career Conversations: The Art of Social Change	March 9/2022

Design Your Future

Event	Date
What Can I Do with My Arts Degree?	September
Telling the Story of Your Degree: Resumes, Cover Letters & LinkedIn	September 28/2021
Job Search Strategies for Arts Students	October 5/2021
What Can I Do with My Arts Degree?	October 19/2021
Telling the Story of Your Degree: Resumes, Cover Letters & LinkedIn	October 26/2021
Job Search Strategies for Arts Students: Networking, the Hidden Job Market and Interview Skills	November 2/2021
How to Make the Most of a Virtual Career Fair	November 8/2021
Designing Your Future: Virtual Workshop Series	December 8-10/2021
Designing Your Future: Career Exploration Studio (Online)	February 22-24/2022
Designing Your Future: Career Exploration Studio	May 3- 5/2022

Wellbeing Workshops

Event	Date
Navigating a Successful Return to In-Person and On-Campus Life	September 14/2021
How to Human Again: Restarting	September 21/2021
Increase Your Focus and Avoid	October 5/2021
Help I'm Stressed! - How to Get	October 19/2021
But I Don't Have Time to Relax! -	November 2/2021
Lost Your Motivation? Let's Find It	November 23/2021
Setting Boundaries and How to	December 7/2021
Sleep - Getting Too Much or Not	January 19/2022
Perfectionism: What It Is and How	February 2/2022
But I Don't Have Time to Relax!	March 2/2022
Setting Boundaries and How to	March 16/2022
Lost Your Motivation? Let's Find It	March 30/2022
Increase Your Focus and Avoid	April 6/2022

Arts Amplifier: Graduate Student Programming

Event	Date
Grant Funding for Collaborative Projects	September 22/2021
Open House	September 29/2021
Q&A with Generation Squeeze	October 27/2021
Q&A with S.U.C.C.E.S.S.	October 27/2021
Exploring Careers Outside Academia & Accessing the Hidden Job Market	January 20/2022
Art Careers in Tech	January 25/2022
Q&A with Firelight Group	January 25/2022
Develop Your Own Mitacs Internship	January 26/2022
Amplify Your Product of Service Workshop 1-3 + Pitch	January 27/2022
Q&A with Dr. Siobhán McPhee	November 16/2021
Q&A with Dr. Rea	December 9/2021
Q&A with Arts Amplifier	December 15/2021
Job Shadow Week Training	February 22-25/2022
Job Shadow Week Informational Interviews	February 22-25/2022
Q&A ACE-WIL BC/Yukon	March 1/2022
Q&A Hikma Strategies	March 1/2022
Q&A Canadian Literature	March 3/2022
Q&A UBC Community Engagement Office	March 8/2022
Careers in Publishing	March 15/2022
Q&A with Equity and Inclusion Working Group	April 7/2022
Q&A with Women Transforming Cities	April 12/2022
Q&A with ArtStarts	April 13/2022
Q&A with Nelson Education	April 26/2022
Q&A with BC Arts Council	May 4/2022
Q&A with Ars Scientia	May 5/2022