

# ACADEMY OF REALIST ART

## POLICIES AND PROSPECTUS

### General and Administrative Information & Detailed Course Information

You've decided to pursue your fine art studies and are now in search of a comprehensive program that offers superlative training and a traditional approach to classical drawing and painting. **Academy of Realist Art (ARA)** is a good choice because it emphasizes a 19<sup>th</sup> century, European atelier technique that has a proven record of success. Whether you are at an amateur or professional level, ARA instructors are dedicated to helping you fulfill your individual artistic goals. The curriculum is outlined below:

Program	Approximate Length	Structure
<b>Fundamental</b>  See the Student Gallery (at the link below) for examples of exercises completed at the four Levels of the curriculum.	<b>Levels I – IV</b>  2–5 years	In the fundamental program you will complete:  <b>Level I - Drawing from the flat</b> 4 Bague drawings  <b>Level II - Drawing from the round</b> 2 cast drawings (charcoal)  <b>Level III – Painting from the round</b> 3 cast paintings (oil)  <b>Level IV – Still Life Painting</b> 3 still life paintings (oil) 1 Graduation piece; a self-portrait, single figure composition, or still life.  <u>Additional or recommended exercises:</u> Copies from the Masters (recommended)  Figure Drawings carbon pencil, charcoal Figure painting in oil Portrait painting

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## Semesters

Your instructors are Fernando Freitas, Esteban Rodriguez, Ryan Gauvin, Mark Daniels, and Marco Colangelo. At the senior student level, you will also benefit from demonstrations and instruction by “Living Masters” brought in by ARA. Guest lecturers are scheduled throughout the year.

**ARA operates year-round and the year is divided into the following semesters:**

<i>Winter semester</i>	January to April (closing Easter weekend)
<i>Spring semester</i>	May to August (closing for the Labour Day weekend)
<i>Autumn semester</i>	September to December (closing Christmas/New Years)

You are welcome to begin instruction at the start of any **month**, even after a semester is underway.

## Weekly Schedules

Scheduled days and times for all semesters are as follows:

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	No schem ed classes	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. <i>or</i> 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. <i>or</i> 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. <i>or</i> 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.	No schem ed classes
Open Studio with instruction		Open Studio with instruction	Life Model Session for students of All Levels	Life Model Session for students of All Levels	Open Studio with instruction	

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## Fees

Fees for the year 2018 are as follows. (See the Plan Details below.)

Plan	Total Annual	Total/Month
A	\$3,420.00	\$285.00
B	\$4,620.00	\$385.00
C	\$5,820.00	\$485.00
D	\$7,020.00	\$585.00

**Note: Plan D is the only plan which includes studio access during non-instructional periods.**

**Plans A, B, and C are prohibited from use of the studio outside of instructional periods.**

Payments are required prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month in cash or cheque only.

*Make cheques payable to*  
**ACADEMY OF REALIST ART LTD.**

Post-dated cheques are the preferred method of payment. Please contact Colleen for any adjustments if you have already submitted post dated cheques.

Fees are installment payments for an annual tuition and are pro-rated to consider holiday periods. Monthly payments are in actuality for a 4-week period for a total of 48 instructional weeks. The school will operate on 50 weeks of instruction.

Missed periods can only be considered for intervals of a full day or more and do not extend to miscellaneous hours. Missed periods can be made up within the semesters.

(Jan - April | May – August | September - December).

## Sessions Available per Tuition Plan

The following sessions are available for the different Plan options:

Plan	Open Studio Sessions	Live Model Sessions	Access to Studio
A	<b>One</b> 6-hour session per week	<b>One</b> 3-hour session per week	During scheduled classes.
B	<b>One</b> 6-hour session per week	<b>Two</b> 3-hour sessions per week	During scheduled classes.
C	<b>Two</b> 6-hour sessions per week	<b>Two</b> 3-hour sessions per week	During scheduled classes.
D	<b>Two</b> 6-hour sessions per week	<b>Four</b> 3-hour sessions per week	24/7 access

### Registration for the Fundamental Program

To reserve your place at ARA, you can make a lump sum annual payment in cash or cheque or make monthly installments by postdated cheques. All postdated cheques are to be handed in on or before your first day of class. All cheques are payable to “Academy of Realist Art Ltd.”. Automatic tuition payments by credit card can be allocated to PayPal.

### Refunds

If you must withdraw from the program for any reason, a pro-rated refund will be issued if you notify ARA within 2 weeks from the first day of class for the year or term. If you pay by monthly installments, all future post-dated installments will be returned.

### Payment Default and Special Circumstances

If you fail to cover tuition fees for two consecutive months, ARA will conclude that you have withdrawn from the program and your place will no longer be reserved. However, you may be reinstated upon payment of the default together with an extra month’s payment as security, which would be applied as a credit towards your last month’s installment. Exceptions may be made to accommodate severe financial hardship caused by medical or personal problems if arranged with the Directors. Please let us know as soon possible if a problem arises.

### NSF Cheques

A charge of \$15.00 will be applied for any NSF cheques.

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## **Tax Receipts**

In order for your paid fees to be eligible for Tuition Tax Credit, you must be enrolled in a “qualified educational institution” as defined by Revenue Canada. Academy of Realist Art is a registered business offering professional development and, therefore, under Revenue Canada’s definition, does not meet the criteria and cannot issue educational tax receipts. Academy of Realist Art can issue a business receipt to acknowledge payment received. This can then be claimed as a business expense against any portion of your income derived from an artistic activity.

## **Off Hours**

As an ARA student, you are requested to be considerate of the other tenants in the building at all times, but especially with regard to noise levels in the evening.

## **Accommodations and Workshops FAQ**

A list of moderately priced rental housing in the neighborhood is kept up to date at the Academy. Please ask for information on current accommodations when you register for a workshop or short-term session. Materials for workshops: a list of requirements for your specific workshop will be sent out via email shortly after you register. You can usually bring some of your own materials, such as oil paints, although airlines do not allow some materials (such as varnishes and solvents). The Academy will help you locate the art materials you need at a reasonable price. Workshop hours: most workshops are offered from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. weekdays only.

## **Wondering What to do Next?**

Your first step in pursuing your Academy training is selecting the Tuition Plan and Session schedule that meets your needs. If you have any questions, please feel free to phone us at 416-766-1280 or write to [info@AcademyofRealistArt.com](mailto:info@AcademyofRealistArt.com) . You *do not* need to have a portfolio of finished artwork to enroll – because our teaching system is unique, and all artists will start with the Fundamentals. (If you are an experienced artist, you will progress through the program faster and more efficiently.) You are welcome to enroll at the beginning of most months, and we will try to accommodate special schedules such as a vacation session.

We look forward to helping you become the artist you long to be!

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