



Mandate Statement

This mandate statement has been developed by Mount Royal University in consultation with Alberta's Ministry of Advanced Education pursuant to Section 103 of the Post-secondary Learning Act (PSLA).

1. Type of Institution, Sector, and Governance

Mount Royal University is a board-governed public post-secondary institution operating in Alberta as an undergraduate university under the authority of the PSLA.

2. Outcomes

Mount Royal University has built a reputation on being student-centred and offering a strong, liberal education foundation with an undergraduate focus. Mount Royal is responsive to the needs of the community through its enduring commitment to providing knowledge and skills to students which, in turn, provide the knowledge, talent and resources necessary to sustain the local and regional economy, to advance the province and to sustain the socio-cultural tapestries of surrounding communities.

Mount Royal is a vital part of Alberta's higher education system, and offers a rich program mix of undergraduate studies that provide direct pathways into the workforce or to further avenues in higher education such as graduate school. At Mount Royal, students work directly with their professors, gain practical experience, take carefully constructed general education courses, participate in community-based learning and research and engage with and contribute to the broader community. At Mount Royal, students' educational experiences are underpinned by the high-quality services needed to ensure their health, well-being, and success.

Mount Royal also serves its communities by providing non-credit instruction in contract training, professional development, international programming and music instruction.

3. Clients/Students

Mount Royal University serves undergraduate students, youth, adult and life-long learners. Undergraduate programs are primarily of interest to high school graduates and other students within the prime post-secondary demographic. Adults, families and life-long learners are served through youth education, professional development and contract training delivered through Continuing Education and Extension. Students of all ages also benefit from the internationally recognized Conservatory music programming.

4. Geographic Service Area and Type of Delivery

Mount Royal University is located in Calgary, Alberta, Canada and delivers the majority of its programming at a main campus located in south-west Calgary, with an Aviation program delivered at the Springbank airport. The majority of the University's students originate from Calgary and surrounding regions.

Mount Royal also serves a wider learner population provincially, nationally and internationally through face-to-face and distance delivery and through partnerships with other post-secondary institutions in our province. Mount Royal serves its communities by creating and communicating knowledge and by meeting the needs of the labour market in fields related to its program areas.

5. Program Mandates and Credentials Offering

Mount Royal University offers a wide range of programs in arts, business, communications, health, community, education, science and technology. The University's offerings align with the Alberta Credential Framework and include certificates, diplomas, post-diploma certificates, post-bachelor's certificates, bachelor's degrees and foundational learning.

Mount Royal plays a pivotal role in the Campus Alberta system. As an undergraduate university, Mount Royal is both a sending and receiving institution for student transfer and is committed to developing and maintaining partnerships with institutions within the Campus Alberta system.

6. Special Program Areas/Areas of Specialization

Mount Royal University supports scholarly activity that contributes to instructional excellence and to the cultural, social and economic well-being of communities.

Mount Royal advances program offerings by building new undergraduate degrees and majors and by expanding a core suite of diplomas and certificates that are driven by student and labour market demands. General Education is a signature component of all Mount Royal degree and diploma programs and serves as a launching pad for many minors. Unique to an institution of Mount Royal's size in Canada, the General Education core is designed to equip students with a range of perspectives and skills to complement any specialization.

Mount Royal offers specialized programs including the Bachelor of Interior Design, Bachelor of Midwifery, Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice, Bachelor of Communication with distinct majors in Broadcast Media Studies, Information Design, Journalism and Public Relations, Aviation Diploma, Advanced Studies in Critical Care Nursing Certificate, Bridge to Canadian Nursing Certificate, Indigenous University Bridging Program, International Pathway Program, and Transitional Vocational Program.

7. System Collaboration and Partnerships

As an undergraduate university, Mount Royal collaborates with other post-secondary institutions and Campus Alberta sectors to support regional access to undergraduate degree programming. Mount Royal is committed to transfer and mobility within the Campus Alberta system and maintains a focus on increasing the depth and breadth of transfer agreements available through the Alberta Council for Admissions and Transfer (ACAT).

8. Research and Scholarly Activities

The Mount Royal University learning community strives for excellence through the nexus of scholarly teaching and diverse research with a strong emphasis on liberal education in an undergraduate context. Our faculty pursue research and scholarship to advance and apply knowledge as well as to enhance the quality of teaching through thoughtful integration of research and scholarship into the tenure of all students. Mount Royal values research and scholarship across the full spectrum of creative, disciplinary,

interdisciplinary, professional and applied realms. Mount Royal is committed to community-based research and strongly values partnerships with Indigenous communities.

Research and scholarship at Mount Royal is enhanced through the leadership of its institutes and centres. The research capacity is augmented through the acquisition of external grants, scholarly partnerships and the growth of research chairs. Mount Royal values the quality and impact of scholarly activity over purely quantitative counts of output.

9. System Mandate

Mount Royal University is committed to doing its part to rebuild the relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in Calgary and across the country by fostering student success and focusing on activities that respond to the Calls to Action by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Addressing the prevalence of sexual violence experienced by students who attend post-secondary institutions is a priority for Mount Royal, through delivery of impactful and effective prevention, education and awareness initiatives, provision of support to victims and survivors of sexual violence and policies and procedures that take a trauma-informed and survivor-centred approach.

At Mount Royal, student mental health issues are addressed through a whole campus approach that seeks to impact health and well-being at both the individual and the environmental level. Mount Royal emphasizes crisis management, accessible services, self-management competencies and coping skills, community capacity to respond to early indicators of concern, mental health awareness, a supportive and inclusive campus climate and environment and supportive institutional structures.

At Mount Royal, international opportunities include field schools, study abroad exchanges and international work experiences to expand students' skills and experiences and boost their future employability. Mount Royal will increase its international focus to enable a greater number of students from all over the world to experience a Mount Royal education, enabling domestic students to interact with international students resulting in a greater exposure to diversity on campus.

Mount Royal students are supported by a range of services that contribute to academic, social and personal development. Student supports include transitional and experiential learning, student leadership and development, learning support and health and wellness.

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Minister of Advanced Education

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