



AARTS – Associate of Arts

University Arts and Science

Effective Term & Year: Fall 2022

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Program Area: Fine Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Description:

The Associate of Arts (AA) degree recognizes two years of university-level study and provides transfer credit for the first two years of a Bachelor of Arts undergraduate degree.

In the AA degree program, students complete 60 credits of coursework, which is the equivalent of approximately 20 three-credit courses. The AA program provides both breadth of knowledge and in-depth study in specific disciplines. Since many students will continue their studies, the requirements are sufficiently flexible to enable students to complete the required prerequisites for upper level coursework in their intended major.

Program Information:

BC universities guarantee 60 transfer credits to holders of an associate degree, even if all the courses taken towards the AA degree do not transfer individually to that institution.

Bachelor degree programs generally accept students by competitive admission; the Associate of Arts degree does not guarantee admission to a degree program. Students who transfer into a degree program are responsible to meet all entrance requirements and degree completion requirements, and in some cases these requirements entail additional coursework to complete the 120 credits generally required of a Bachelor of Arts degree. For a list of transfer policies at each institution, please see <https://www.bctransferguide.ca/transfer-options/search-programs/>.

Credentials Granted:

Associate of Arts Degree

Minimum Course Grade: A minimum grade of D

Program Average: A minimum program grade point average of 3.0/10 (C average)

General Requirements:

60 semester credits of first- and second-year courses.

A course is defined by the subject for which it is granted transfer credit at SFU or UBC or UNBC or UVic.

An Arts course is defined to be any course in a subject area for which there is a Baccalaureate of Arts degree at SFU or UBC (Vancouver or Okanagan Campus) or UNBC or UVic.

A minimum of 18 credits in Arts must be at the second-year level in two or more subject areas. A second-year course is defined as a course that has assigned or unassigned transfer credit at the 200-level or higher level at SFU or UBC (Vancouver or Okanagan Campus) or UNBC or UVic.

No single course can be used to meet more than one of the specific requirements.

Progression Requirements:

NOTE: To earn an Associate of Arts degree, students must maintain an average overall grade of C or better calculated on all courses counting towards the associate degree.

Delivery Methods: On-Campus (Face-to-Face), Online

Credits: 60

Admission Requirements:

- Complete all of the following
 - Secondary school graduation or equivalent.
 - Earned a minimum grade of C+ (65%) in at least 1 of the following:
 - [ENST 12](#) – English Studies 12
 - [ENFP 12](#) – English First Peoples 12
 - [ENGL090](#) – English – Provincial Level
 - Earned a minimum grade of C (60%) in at least 1 of the following:
 - [FOM 11](#) – Foundations of Mathematics 11
 - [PREC 11](#) – Pre-Calculus 11
 - [MATH080](#) – Mathematics – Advanced Level

- **MATH082** – Mathematics, Advanced Level (Developmental Mathematics)
- Some Math courses may require a higher grade in the Grade 11 Math prerequisites.

Recommended Admission Requirements:

- Basic computer skills

Program Completion Requirements:

Associate of Arts Degree

60 Total Credits

- Complete all of the following
 - 6 Credits in First Year English:
 - Complete all of the following
 - Completed the following:
 - **ENGL100** – English Composition (3)
 - Earned at least 3 credits from the following:
 - **ENGL101** – Introduction to Poetry and Drama (3)
 - **ENGL102** – Introduction to Prose Fiction (3)
 - 9 Credits in Science
 - Complete all of the following
 - 3 Credits in Math, Computing Science or Statistics:
 - Complete all of the following
 - Earned at least 3 credits from CSCI, MATH, or STAT
 - Sample courses: CSCI 105, CSCI 110, MATH 101, MATH 102, MATH 103, STAT 106
 - 3 Credits in a Lab Science:
 - Complete all of the following
 - Earned at least 3 credits from the following courses in these areas of study:
 - Lab Sciences
 - Sample courses: ASTR 100, BIOL 101, BIOL 151, CHEM 100, CHEM 101, GEOG 101, GEOL 105, ENSC 101, PHYS 103
 - 3 credits in an additional science course:
 - Complete all of the following
 - Earned at least 3 credits from the following courses in these areas of study:
 - Sciences
 - Lab Sciences
 - Sample courses: BIOL 102, CHEM 102, COMP 153, ENST 200, GEOG 210, GEOL 106, MATH 104, MATH 203, MATH 221, PHYS 104 or any science course not already used to meet other requirements.
 - 36 Credits in Arts
 - Complete all of the following
 - 6 Credits in Humanities Other than English

- Complete all of the following
 - Earned at least 6 credits from the following courses in these areas of study:
 - Humanities Other Than English
 - Sample courses:
COMC 101, COMC 102, FREN 101, FREN 102, FREN 111, FREN 112, FNST 101, HIST 201, HIST 202, INDG 101, KTUN 101, KTUN 102, PHIL 101, PHIL 102, PHIL 180/RELS 180, RELS 112, SPAN 101, SPAN 102
 - 6 Credits in Social Sciences
- Complete all of the following
 - Earned at least 6 credits from the following courses in these areas of study:
 - Social Science
 - Sample courses:
ANTH 101, INDG 105, INDG 120, CRIM 101, CRIM 103/PSYC 103, CRIM 131, CRIM 135, ECON 101, ECON 102, ENST 200, POLI 100, PSYC 101, PSYC 102, SOCI 101, SOCI 102
 - 6 Additional credits in Arts
- Complete all of the following
 - Earned at least 6 credits from the following courses in these areas of study:
 - Fine Arts
 - Humanities
 - Social Science
 - CRWT 101, CRWT 102, ENGL 101, ENGL 102, FA 100, FA 101, FA 103, FA 105, FA 106, FA 107, FA 108 or any humanities or social science course not already used to meet other requirements
 - 18 Credits in second year arts in at least 2 or more different subjects
- Complete all of the following
 - Earned at least 18 credits from the following courses in these areas of study:
 - Second Year Fine Arts
 - Second Year Humanities
 - Second Year Social Science
 - Sample courses:
COMC 253, CRIM 210/SOCI 211, CRWT 202, ECON 207, ECON 250, ENGL 202, ENGL 211, ENGL 212, ENGL 223, ENGL 224, ENGL 270, FA 213, FA 217, FA 218, FA 219, HIST 208, HIST 211, HIST 230, INDG 203, INDG 205, INDG 240, PHIL 201, POLI 202, PSYC 207, PSYC 240, PSYC 265/RELS 265, PSYC 270, SOCI 210, SOCI 225
 - 9 Credits in Arts, Science, or other Areas (any combination):
- Complete all of the following
 - Earned at least 9 credits from the following courses in these areas of study:
 - Fine Arts
 - Humanities
 - Social Science
 - Sciences

- Business Management
- Recreation Management
- Tourism Management
- Arts:
Any arts course not already used to meet other requirements
- Science:
BIOL 201, BIOL 202, BIOL 203, BIOL 204, BIOL 208, CHEM 201, CHEM 202, GEOL 220, GEOG 230, or any science course not already used to meet other requirements
- Other Areas:
Any course in Business Management or Tourism Management or Recreation Management

Grand Total Credits: 60

Program Completion Requirements Notes:

A grade of "D" grants credit, but may not be sufficient as a prerequisite for sequential courses.

Flexible Assessment: Yes

In some cases students may be able to apply for recognition of prior learning outside the classroom. This flexible assessment process provides equivalent course credit. It is a rigorous process that may include external evaluation, worksite assessment, demonstration, standardized test, self-assessment, interview, products/portfolio, and challenge exam, or other measures as appropriate. Tuition fees apply. Contact an education advisor for more information.

Program Transfer Credit:

For information about block transfer agreements between programs in British Columbia, Alberta, and elsewhere, please visit <http://www.cotr.bc.ca/transfer>.

To minimize transfer issues, check with an academic advisor at the institution that will receive the transfer credits.

Academic Policies:

College of the Rockies policies related to courses can be found at <https://cotr.bc.ca/about-us/college-policies/> and include the following:

- Policy 2.4.3 Students with Documented Disabilities
 - Policy 2.4.4 Student Conduct (plagiarism, other cheating, behavioral misconduct)
 - Policy 2.5.8 Academic Performance
 - Policy 2.5.3 Grade Appeal
 - Policy 2.4.9 Student Concerns Re Faculty
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Program Changes:

Information contained in this program outline is correct at the time of publication. Courses and course content may be revised from time to time based on changing educational, employment and marketing needs. The timetable may also be revised.

Course Descriptions: Refer to Course Outlines – <https://outlines.cotr.bc.ca/course/>