# AARTS – Associate of Arts

## University Arts and Science

**Effective Term & Year:** Fall 2025
**Program Outline Review Date:** 2030-04-01

**Program Area:** 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)

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**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, Blended (Hybrid)

**Credits:** 60

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**Admission Requirements:**

- Complete all of the following
    - 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

**Recommended Admission Requirements:**

- All Mathematics and Statistics courses require prerequisites in this program.

**Program Completion Requirements:**

Associate of Arts Degree

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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:
    - ○ Earned at least 3 credits from CSCI, MATH, or STAT
    - 3 Credits in a Lab Science:
    - ○ Earned at least 3 credits from the following courses in these areas of study:
        - ▪ Lab Sciences
    - 3 credits in an additional science course:
    - ○ Earned at least 3 credits from the following courses in these areas of study:
        - ▪ Sciences
        - ▪ Lab Sciences
    - 36 Credits in Arts
  - Complete all of the following
    - 6 Credits in Humanities Other than English
    - ○ Earned at least 6 credits from the following courses in these areas of study:
        - ▪ Humanities Other Than English
    - 6 Credits in Social Sciences
    - ○ Earned at least 6 credits from the following courses in these areas of study:
        - ▪ Social Science
    - 6 Additional credits in Arts
    - ○ Earned at least 6 credits from the following courses in these areas of study:
        - ▪ Fine Arts
        - ▪ Humanities
        - ▪ Social Science
    - 18 Credits in second year arts in at least 2 or more different subjects
    - ○ 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
    - 9 Credits in Arts, Science, or other Areas (any combination):
  - Earned at least 9 credits from the following courses in these areas of study:
    - ○ Fine Arts
    - ○ Humanities
    - ○ Social Science
    - ○ Sciences
    - ○ Business 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.

**Program Learning Outcomes:**

- an understanding of, and curiosity about, the global context of which we live and work
- an appreciation and openness to variety of viewpoints, intellectual thought, and human creativity
- a capacity for and interest in self-directed life-long learning and social responsibilities.

**Prior Learning and Recognition:** Yes

Students are able to request formal recognition of their prior learning or experience outside the classroom. Challenge examination, portfolio-assisted assessment, work-based assessment or a combination of assessments that is appropriate to identify, assess, and recognize prior skills, competencies, and knowledge to achieve course credit. Tuition fees apply, refer to Policy 2.5.5 Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) or 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 2.1.4 Course Audit
- Policy 2.4.1 Credential Framework
- Policy 2.4.3 Students with Documented Disabilities
- Policy 2.4.4 Student Rights, Responsibilities and Conduct
- Policy 2.4.8 Academic Performance
- Policy 2.4.9 Student Feedback and Concerns
- Policy 2.4.11 Storage of Academic Works
- Policy 2.5.3 Student Appeal
- Policy 2.5.5 Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)

**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/