



AARTSW – Associate of Arts – Social Work

University Arts and Science

Effective Term & Year: Fall 2025

Program Outline Review Date: 2030-03-01

Program Area: Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Description:

Social work is a practical and skills-based profession as well as an academic discipline within the social sciences and humanities. Social work practice prepares individuals for careers in supporting families, individuals, and communities while addressing barriers and injustices that exist in society. The Associate of Arts -Social Work degree is a pathway to a Bachelor of Social Work at BC and Alberta institutions.

Program Information:

The Associate of Arts – Social Work degree is a is pathway to a Bachelor of Social Work.

Students are encouraged to work with an Education Advisor to ensure that all transfer requirements are met.

Program Transfer Opportunities:

Bachelor's degree programs generally accept students by competitive admission; The Associate of Arts – Social Work does not guarantee admission into a degree program. Students who transfer into a degree program are responsible for meeting 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 in Psychology. 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)

Program Goals and Career Pathways:

The goal of the Associate of Arts – Social Work is to provide students with courses transferable into a Bachelor of Social Work.

General Requirements:

- 60 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:

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), Blended (Hybrid)

Credits: 60

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
- Earned a minimum grade of C+ (65%) in at least 1 of the following:
 - [CS 11](#) – Computer Science 11
 - [CS 12](#) – Computer Science 12
 - [FOM 11](#) – Foundations of Mathematics 11
 - [FOM 12](#) – Foundations of Mathematics 12
 - [PREC 11](#) – Pre-Calculus 11
 - [PREC 12](#) – Pre-Calculus 12
 - [CALC 11](#) – Calculus 11
 - [CALC 12](#) – Calculus 12
 - [GEO 12](#) – Geometry 12
 - [STAT 12](#) – Statistics 12
 - [MATH080](#) – Mathematics – Advanced Level
 - [MATH090](#) – Mathematics – Provincial Level
 - [MATH101](#) – Finite Mathematics 1 (3)
 - [MATH111](#) – Business Mathematics (3)
- Some courses within the program have course requisites. Refer to the academic calendar and course outline when selecting courses. Students can complete any required requisites before or after admission into the Associate of Arts Degree

Program Completion Requirements:

Year 1

30 – 31 Total Credits

- Complete all of the following
 - Completed the following:
 - [ENGL100](#) – English Composition (3)
 - [INDG101](#) – Introduction to Indigenous Studies (3)
 - [PSYC101](#) – Introduction to Psychology 1 (3)
 - [PSYC102](#) – Introduction to Psychology 2 (3)
 - [SOCI101](#) – Introduction to Sociology: The Individual and Society (3)
 - [SOCI102](#) – Introduction to Sociology 2: Social Institutions (3)
 - [STAT106](#) – Statistics (3)
 - Completed at least 1 of the following:
 - [CRIM103](#) – Psychological Explanations of Criminal And Deviant Behaviour (3)
 - [CRIM131](#) – Introduction to the Criminal Justice System (3)
 - Completed at least 1 courses from the following:
 - Lab Sciences
 - Completed at least 1 courses from the following:
 - Humanities
 - Social Science

- Sciences

Year 2

30 Total Credits

- Complete all of the following
 - Completed the following:
 - [HSWR200](#) – Roles and Responsibilities in Human Services (3)
 - [HSWR201](#) – Trends and Issues in Human Services (3)
 - [SOCI210](#) – Introduction to Social Science Research Methods (3)
 - [SOCI225](#) – Introduction to Sociological Theory (3)
 - Completed at least 1 of the following:
 - [ENGL101](#) – Introduction to Poetry and Drama (3)
 - [ENGL102](#) – Introduction to Prose Fiction (3)
 - Completed at least 1 of the following:
 - [COMC253](#) – Intercultural Communication (3)
 - [HIST211](#) – Women in Canada: Post 1920 (3)
 - Completed at least 1 of the following:
 - [CRIM210](#) – Law, Youth and Young Offenders (3)
 - [SOCI211](#) – Law, Youth and Young Offenders (3)
 - Completed at least 1 of the following:
 - [INDG203](#) – Indigenous Peoples' Ways of Knowing (3)
 - [INDG240](#) – Indigenous Peoples' Family Support Studies (3)
 - Completed at least 1 of the following:
 - [PSYC207](#) – Social Psychology (3)
 - [PSYC240](#) – Introduction to Psychopathology and Mental Health (3)
 - Completed at least 1 courses from the following:
 - Sciences

Grand Total Credits: 60 – 61

Program Completion Requirements Notes:

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

Program Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of an Associate Degree, students will be able to:

- examine global social, cultural, and environmental issues with curiosity and informed engagement;
 - evaluate diverse perspectives and forms of human expression with openness and critical insight; and
 - exhibit self-directed learning and a commitment to personal and social responsibility.
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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)
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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/>