



AHSS – Arts, Humanities, and Social Science Certificate

University Arts and Science

Effective Term & Year: Fall 2025

Program Outline Review Date: 2029-04-01

Program Area: Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Description:

The Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences certificate recognizes one year of study upon the successful completion of 30 credits of coursework.

The certificate provides breadth of knowledge in specific academic University disciplines to explore various areas of study. This is designed as a starting point for any bachelor's degree in Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences or Interdisciplinary Studies or as a certificate for people interested in lifelong learning. This certificate is sufficiently flexible to enable students to complete required prerequisites for further study into the college's Associate of Arts Degree, Bachelor of Business Management Degree or for transfer to one of our partner institutions.

Program Information:

Courses in the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences certificate may be used as required or elective courses in a subsequent program or transfer to another institution.

Credentials Granted:

Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Certificate

Program Average: A minimum program grade point average of 2.0/10 (C- average)

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

Credits: 30

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

Non-Academic Admission Requirements:

Basic computer skills

Program Completion Requirements:

- Complete all of the following
 - Earned at least 6 credits from the following:
 - ENGL100 – English Composition (3)
 - ENGL101 – Introduction to Poetry and Drama (3)
 - ENGL102 – Introduction to Prose Fiction (3)
 - COMC101 – Technical and Professional Writing (3)
 - COMC102 – Advanced Professional Communication (3)
 - Complete all of the following
 - Earned at least 24 credits from ANTH, COMC, CRWT, CRIM, ECON, ENGL, FA, FNST, FREN, GEOG, HIST, INDG, PHIL, PSYC, SOCI, SPAN, ENST, POLI, RELS, HLTH, or KNES
 - Maximum 6 credits per subject.

HLTH 104, 163, and 205 are applicable

KNES 102, 103, 104, 110, 163, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 209, 270 are applicable.

Grand Total Credits: 30

Program Completion Requirements Notes:

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

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/>