Associate of Arts Degree Framework

Faculty of Arts	kpu.ca/arts
Program Type	Undergraduate
Credential Granted	Associate Degree
Offered At	Langley Richmond Surrey
Start Date(s)	September January May
Intake Type	Open intake
Format	Full-time Part-time
Instructional Cycle	Semester-based
Curriculum Effective Date	01-Sep-2011
How to Apply	www.kpu.ca/admission

DESCRIPTION

The Associate Degree is designed to provide an educational experience that prepares students for work, citizenship and an enriched life as an educated person, and to lay a solid foundation for further study.

The associate degree curriculum comprises two years of post-secondary level study in a variety of academic areas. Students are required to complete a broad range of course offerings balanced with in-depth study in specific disciplines. Since many students will continue their studies, the requirements are sufficiently flexible to enable students to plan their educational program carefully and to complete the required prerequisites for upper-level course work at KPU or another university in British Columbia. Students will be exposed to concepts, theories and modes of inquiry in the humanities, the social sciences and the sciences to develop:

- an interest in, and curiosity about the world around them
- an understanding of the global context in which they live and work
- an appreciation of intellectual thought and human creativity
- an openness to a variety of viewpoints
- a capacity for and interest in self directed life-long learning
- acceptance of the social responsibilities that come with the benefits of advanced learning

In addition, the program of study should develop and improve those skills and abilities essential for academic success at an advanced intellectual level. These may be taught in some courses, embedded in the curriculum of others, or achieved through class participation and the learning process. These include but are not limited to:

- advanced reading comprehension
- effective written and oral communications
- mathematical and scientific reasoning
- computer and technological literacy
- research and evaluative skills
- analysis, synthesis and integration of knowledge
- critical thinking and problem solving
- application of theoretical understanding to practice
- working collaboratively

The various subjects for Associate of Arts degrees at KPU are listed in the Program Index.

Completing a Bachelor of Arts at KPU

Students who wish to complete one of KPU's Bachelor of Arts degree programs are encouraged to declare into the program of their choice as soon as they meet the declaration requirements to do so. Students who wish to move from an Associate of Arts (AA) program to a Bachelor of Arts (BA) program should consult an Arts Degree Advisor to properly plan their degree progression.

Transfer to Another Institution

Students who graduate with an Associate of Arts degree in order to transfer to a BC institution to complete their degree studies are awarded 60 transfer credits at the receiving institution. Students are strongly encouraged to obtain program information from the appropriate transfer institution to ensure all first and second year program requirements are met within their Associate of Arts program. Completion of an Associate of Arts degree does not guarantee admission.

Students are responsible for ensuring their courses are transferable to other receiving institutions by checking the online transfer guide from the **BC Council on Admission and Transfer** at www.bccat.ca.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Students pursuing a Associate of Arts Degree must be admitted to the Faculty of Arts.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Students are required to complete 60 semester credit hours of first-year and second-year courses with a minimum grade of 'C' in all courses. These must include a minimum of 21 credits in Arts at the second-year level taken in two or more subject areas.

The Associate of Arts Degree (AA) follows the standards published by the British Columbia Council on Admissions & Transfer (BCCAT) bctransferguide.ca/associate/requirements Accordingly, all courses used as part of an AA degree must be transferrable to one of the following BC universities:

- Simon Fraser University (SFU)
- University of British Columbia (Vancouver or Okanagan Campuses) (UBC)
- University of Northern British Columbia (UNBC)
- University of Victoria (UVic)

Specific Requirements

- Six credits in first-year English
- Nine credits in Science which shall include at least:
  - A – One course chosen from the following:
    - CPSC 1100 or higher
    - CRIM 2103
    - GEOG 2390
    - MATH 1112 or higher
    - PSYC 2300
    - SOCI 2365
  - B – One course chosen from the following lab sciences:
    - ANTH 1217*
    - ASTR 1100
    - BIOL 1110, 1112, 1160, 1210, 1260 or higher
    - CHEM 1101
    - GEOG 1110, 1120, 2310, 2330
    - PHYS 1100 or higher

- One additional course chosen from either A or B.
- Thirty-six credits in Arts†, which shall include:
  - Six credits in Social Sciences (ANTH, CRIM, ECON, GEOG, POLI, POST, PSYC, or SOCI, or any course cross-listed with these)
  - Six credits in Humanities (ARTH, ASIA, CRWR, FINA, FREN, HIST, HUMN, JAPN, LING, MAND, MODL, MUSI, PHIL, PUNJ, or SPAN, or any course cross-listed with these)
  - Twenty-four additional credits in Arts†
- Nine credits in Arts, Science, or other areas

Notes:

* Does not fulfill the science requirement for Science majors.

† Arts courses include all courses offered by the Faculty of Arts and all ECON courses. Areas designated as Social Sciences and Humanities are for the purposes of this Framework only.

Students intending to transfer elsewhere should check whether courses designated as Arts, Humanities, or Social Sciences at KPU fulfill the same area criteria at their destination institution.

COURSE NUMBERING

Courses numbered 1100–1999 are primarily first-year undergraduate courses. Courses numbered 2000–2999 are primarily second-year undergraduate courses. Students may follow this as a guideline when choosing their courses for the Associate of Arts degree. However, there are some exceptions to this rule. Below is a list of 1100-level courses that may be used for second-year undergraduate credit.

- ANTH 1100, 1200, 1217, 1300
- CRIM 1101, 1207, 1208
- CRWR 1100, 1110
- FINA 1100, 1110, 1170, 1175, 1200, 1230, 1231, 1242, 1270
- GEOG 1110, 1120, 1160
- HIST 1113, 1114, 1145, 1146, 1150, 1170
- JAPN 1200
- PHIL 1110, 1112, 1145, 1150
- POLI 1110, 1120, 1123, 1125, 1145, 1150
- SOCI any 1200-level course or higher

CREDENTIAL AWARDED

Upon successful completion of this program, students are eligible to receive an **Associate of Arts** degree in their chosen subject area.

In the event of a discrepency between this document and the official KPU 2019-20 Calendar (available at www.kpu.ca/calendar/2019-20), the official calendar shall be deemed correct.

2019-20 Calendar

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