

## Associate of Arts Degree (AARTS)

### Program Outline

PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION DATE: September 2021  
 OUTLINE EFFECTIVE DATE: April 2026  
 PROGRAM OUTLINE REVIEW DATE:

#### GENERAL PROGRAM 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/associate/transfer>.

**Delivery:** Courses in this program are delivered face to face and online.

**COTR Credits:** 60

**Hours for this program:** 900 lecture hours and a minimum of 45 science lab hours

#### Typical Structure of Instructional Hours:

Instructional Activity	Duration
Lecture Hours	900
Seminars / Tutorials	
Laboratory / Studio Hours	45-270
Practicum / Field Experience Hours	
Other Contact Hours	
<b>Total</b>	945-1170

#### Practicum Hours (if applicable):

Type of Practicum	Duration
On-the-job Experience	
Formal Work Experience	
Other	
<b>Total</b>	

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**PROGRAM PREREQUISITES AND TRANSFER CREDIT:**

**Admission Requirements:**

- Secondary school graduation or equivalent.
- Minimum 65% in either English 12, English Studies 12, English First Peoples 12, ENGL 090, or equivalent (refer to Course Equivalency information on the College Website).
- Minimum 60% in Foundations of Math 11, Pre-Calculus 11, Principles of Math 11, Applications of Math 12, MATH 080, MATH 082, or equivalent.
  - Some Math courses may require a higher grade in the Grade 11 Math prerequisites.

**Recommended**

- Basic computer skills

**Flexible Assessment (FA):**

Credit can be awarded for one or more courses in this program through FA  Yes  No

Learners may request formal recognition for flexible assessment at the College of the Rockies through one or more of the following processes: External Evaluation, Worksite Assessment, Demonstration, Standardized Test, Self-assessment, Interview, Products/Portfolio, Challenge Exam. Contact an Education Advisor for more information.

**Transfer Credit:** For transfer information within British Columbia, Alberta and other institutions, please visit <http://www.cotr.bc.ca/Transfer>

Students should also contact an academic advisor at the institution where they want transfer credit.

## 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.

## Specific Requirements and Sample Courses:

**NOTE: Courses listed below are representative. Other courses may be used if they fulfill the same program requirements. See an Education Advisor for details.**

### 6 Credits in First Year English

<i>Required:</i>	<i>One of:</i>
ENGL 100	ENGL 101 ENGL 102

### 9 Credits in Science

<i>3 Credits in Math, Computing Science or Statistics:</i>	<i>3 Credits in a Lab Science:</i>	<i>3 credits in an additional science course:</i>
COMP 105, COMP 110, MATH 101, MATH 102, MATH 103, STAT 106	ASTR 100, BIOL 101, BIOL 151, CHEM 100, CHEM 101, GEOG 101, GEOL 105, ENSC 101, PHYS 103	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

<i>6 Credits in Humanities Other than English</i>	<i>6 Credits in Social Sciences</i>	<i>6 Additional credits in Arts</i>	<i>18 Credits in second year arts in at least 2 or more different subjects</i>
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,	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	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	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,

RELS 112, SPAN 101, SPAN 102			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,
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**9 Credits in Arts, Science, or other Areas (any combination)**

<i>Arts</i>	<i>Science</i>	<i>Other Areas</i>
Any arts course not already used to meet other requirements	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	Any course in Business Management or Tourism Management or Recreation Management

**COURSE GRADE:**

Course grades are assigned as follows:

Grade	A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-	D	F
Mark (Percent)	≥ 90	89-85	84-80	79-76	75-72	71-68	67-64	63-60	59-55	54-50	< 50

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.

**ACADEMIC POLICIES:**

See [www.cotr.bc.ca/policies](http://www.cotr.bc.ca/policies) for general college policies related to course activities, including grade appeals, cheating and plagiarism.

**COURSE DESCRIPTIONS** can be found on the COTR SharePoint site: <http://www.cotr.bc.ca/CourseOutlines/>