

# Associate of Arts



## Undergraduate Programs



The Associate of Arts program is an interdisciplinary set of courses designed to provide core skills in writing, communication, research and team performance.

The Associate of Arts (AA) degree prepares students for life as an educated person and lays a solid foundation for further study.

This two-year, 60-credit (20 courses) undergraduate program is equivalent to the first two years of a four-year degree in the Arts. It prepares students to transfer to research or teaching universities to complete a bachelor's degree or serves as a credential to enter the labour market. The AA degree is accepted for transfer into bachelor's degree programs at University Canada West (UCW) and all British Columbia degree-granting institutions, provided other admission requirements are met.

At the end of the AA degree, you may transfer into a bachelor's degree program at UCW or any British Columbia degree-granting institution. Alternatively, you may continue in the Associate of Arts degree and complete the program with an additional 30-credit hours of study as per provincial Associate of Arts degree guidelines.

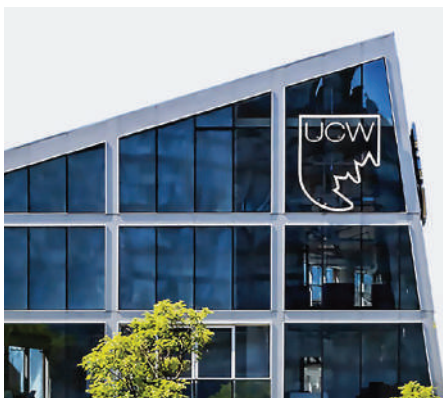
Graduates of the AA program will develop these skills:

- Workplace problem solving
- An ability to work in teams
- Leadership in the workplace
- Communications and soft skills for employability



"The dedicated and attentive team at UCW has guided me in my pursuit of a higher education. This institution gave me the opportunity to be a Student Brand Ambassador, which has been an important step in my professional career in Canada."

■ BRUNA, BRAZIL, AA ALUMNA



## About University Canada West

UCW is an innovative business and technology-oriented, teaching-focused institution in Canada, offering undergraduate and graduate degrees for domestic and international students. The University is a dynamic and growing institution defined by its close connections to the business community and a commitment to outstanding student services.

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## Why Associate of ARTs?

- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Effective written and oral communications
- Ability to work collaboratively
- Application of theoretical understanding to practice
- Research and evaluative skills
- Mathematical and scientific reasoning
- Analysis, synthesis and integration of knowledge
- Advanced reading comprehension

## Undergraduate Entry Requirements

- Secondary School Applicants who have graduated from a British Columbia secondary school (high school) or equivalent are required to have, at minimum, the equivalent of a BC high school (Grade 12) diploma, with an overall average of C.
- If you have graduated from high school but do not meet the minimum grade levels, you may still be considered for admission if you have successfully completed at least 30 academic post-secondary credits at a recognized institution.

### AND (IF APPLICABLE)

- Students whose first language is not English must submit an IELTS score of at least 6.5 (minimum 6.0 in the writing band) or equivalent (TOEFL, PTE, etc.) OR successfully complete UCW's University Access Program (UAP) by earning an average of at least 70% in their UAP courses.
- If a student can demonstrate that they graduated from a recognized degree program in an English-speaking country, the English IELTS score or equivalent requirement may be waived.

## Special Admission

The Admissions Committee may consider an applicant for special admission if the applicant does not otherwise qualify for admission but demonstrates a combination of education and work experience that indicates the ability to be successful in their program of study. Generally, such applicants must:

- Be over 21 years of age on or before the first day of classes
- Have been out of high school for at least two years
- Receive approval from the Admissions Committee

## ACCREDITATIONS, MEMBERSHIPS AND DESIGNATIONS



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## Program Structure

### REQUIRED ENGLISH (2 COURSES)

Academic Writing  
Critical Analysis and Writing

### SCIENCE (3 COURSES)

Choice of one Quantitative Science course  
- Business Mathematics  
- Pre-Calculus

Choice of one Lab Science course  
- Physical Geography  
- Introductory Physics

Choice of one additional Science course  
- Modern Biology  
- Introduction to Ecology or a Lab Science or  
Quantitative Science course listed above

### FIRST YEAR ARTS (6 COURSES)

Choice of two Humanities courses  
- Mass Media & Society  
- Current Issues in Communication and Media  
- Moral Philosophy

Choice of two Social Sciences courses  
- Principles of Microeconomics  
- Principles of Macroeconomics  
- Economics for Business  
- Introduction to Social Justice: Theories of Social Justice  
- Social Justice in the Global North  
- Introduction to Psychology: Biological and Cognitive  
- Introduction to Psychology: Developmental, Personality, Social & Clinical  
- Politics and Government  
- Introduction to Criminal Justice  
- Sociology  
- Introduction to Anthropology

Choice of two additional first year Arts courses  
- Any two first year Arts courses from Humanities or Social Science

### SECOND YEAR ARTS (6 COURSES)

Choice of:  
- Communications Theory  
- Information Gathering  
- Writing for the Media  
- Visual Communications in Mass Media  
- Public Relations in Practice and Theory  
- Canadian Microeconomic Policy  
- Canadian Macroeconomic Policy  
- Money Banking & Financial Markets  
- Managerial Economics  
- Environmental Economics  
- Social Justice in Practice  
- Social Justice in the Global South  
- Critical and Contemporary Perspectives on Social Justice & Human Rights  
- Children's Rights and Youth Justice  
- Social Psychology-Concepts and Application  
- Abnormal Behaviour  
- Brain and Behaviour  
- Research Methods: Thinking Clearly About Psychology  
- Data Analysis in Behavioural Sciences  
- Classical Mythology  
- Canadian Urban History  
- Introduction to Business Ethics  
- Media and Government

### ELECTIVES (3 COURSES)

Choice of:  
- Accounting Principles  
- Computerized Accounting Practices I-Sage 50  
- Computerized Accounting Practices II- QuickBooks  
- Fundamentals of Taxation  
- Marketing Management  
- Service Marketing  
- Digital Marketing Strategy  
- Marketing Research  
- Introduction to Business  
- Business Environment  
- Organizational Behavior  
- Management Information Systems  
- Introduction to Hospitality & Tourism  
- Operations Management  
- Tourism Management  
- Service Marketing  
- Business Communications

Course availability is subject to change without notice. Some courses have prerequisites or corequisites. For a comprehensive list of courses and course details, please refer to the Academic Calendar at [ucanwest.ca/about/academic-calendar](http://ucanwest.ca/about/academic-calendar)