ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE FRAMEWORK

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 (https://calendar.kpu.ca/programs-az/arts/ba-degree-framework/) 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 (https://calendar.kpu.ca/programs-az/arts/) 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 (http://www.bccat.ca).

Requirements

Admission Requirements

Students pursuing a Associate of Arts Degree must be admitted to the Faculty of Arts (https://calendar.kpu.ca/programs-az/arts/admission-requirements/).

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) www.bctransferguide.ca/learn-more-about/associate-degrees/ (https://www.bctransferguide.ca/learn-more-about/associate-degrees/). 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

Code	Title	Credits
A. English		
Select six credits in first-year English		6
B. Science		
Select nine credits in Science which shall include at least:		9
Mathematics, Computing Science, or Statistics		
Select one of the following:		
BUQU 1230	Business Statistics	
A course in CPSC numbered 1100 or higher		
CRIM 2103	Quantitative Data Analysis I	
GEOG 2390	Quantitative Methods in Geography	
A course in MATH numbered 1112 or higher		
PSYC 2300	Applied Statistics	
SOCI 2365	Introduction to Social Research Statistics	
Laboratory Science		
Select one of the following:		
ANTH 1217	Forensic Anthropology [1]	

ASTR 1100	Introduction to Astronomy	
BIOL 1110	Introductory Biology I	
BIOL 1112	Biology Today	
BIOL 1160	Anatomy and Physiology I	
BIOL 1210	Introductory Biology II	
A course in BIOL numbered 1260 or higher		
CHEM 1101	CSI: Chemical Sciences Investigation	
GEOG 1102	Physical Geography	
GEOG 2310	Climatology	
A course in PHYS numbered 1100 or higher		
Select one additional course chosen from Mathematics, Computing Science, Statistics or Lab Science		
C. Arts [2]		
Social Sciences		
Select six credits in Social Sciences (ANTH, CRIM, ECON, GEOG, POLI, POST, PSYC, or SOCI, or any course cross-listed with these)		6
Humanities		
Select 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)		6
Select 24 additional credits in Arts [2]		24
D. Arts, Science, or other areas		
Select nine additional credits in Arts, Science, or other areas		9
Total Credits		**60**

[1] Does not fulfill the science requirement for Science majors.
[2] 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.

Code	Title	Credits
ANTH 1100	Social & Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTH 1200	Biological Anthropology	3
ANTH 1217	Forensic Anthropology	3
ANTH 1300	Archaeology	3
CRIM 1101	Introduction to the Criminal Justice System	3
CRIM 1207	Introduction to Criminal Law	3
CRIM 1208	Methods of Research in Criminology	3
CRWR 1100	Introduction to Creative Writing I	3
CRWR 1110	Introduction to Creative Writing II	3
FINA 1100	Introduction to Drawing	3
FINA 1110	Introduction to Painting	3
FINA 1170	Introduction to Film Photography	3
FINA 1175	Form, Structure and Materials	3
FINA 1200	Drawing II	3
FINA 1230	Ceramics II	3
FINA 1231	Sculpture II	3
FINA 1242	Print Media II	3
GEOG 1160	Geography of British Columbia	3
HIST 1113	Cultures in Collision: Canada to 1867	3
HIST 1114	Forged in Fire: Canada since 1867	3
HIST 1145	Expansion, Revolution, & Civil War: American History 1607-1865	3
HIST 1146	World Wars, Reform, & Cold War: American History 1865-1960	3
HIST 1150	Beyond the Middle Kingdom: Introduction to East Asian History	3
JAPN 1200	Introduction to Contemporary Japanese Society and Culture	3
PHIL 1110	Introduction to Moral Philosophy	3
PHIL 1112	Introduction to Environmental Ethics	3
PHIL 1145	Critical Thinking	3
PHIL 1150	Introduction to Formal Logic	3
POLI 1110	Ideology and Politics	3
POLI 1120	Canadian Government and Politics	3
POLI 1123	Politics in the City	3
POLI 1125	Introduction to Political Science	3
POLI 1145	Comparing Countries: Introduction to Comparative Politics	3
POLI 1150	Introduction to International Relations	3

Credential Awarded

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