

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE FRAMEWORK

Description

KPU's Bachelor of Arts Degree programs offer an integrated educational experience that helps students develop an appreciation for the relationships among personal, societal, and global well-being, and the personal implications for such issues as the basis of ethical judgment, social diversity, and the expectations of social responsibility. Students will develop skills to apply effective research, writing, and oral skills to problem-solve and develop into innovative, critical and creative thinkers.

Students can create a Bachelor of Arts Degree from a variety of majors and minors that meet their specific interests and goals, and which will prepare them for a wide range of careers after graduation. All BA Degree students will gain valuable skills that are required in today's changing labour market including communication skills, critical thinking skills, research skills, problem-solving skills, personal management skills and time management skills.

Students may complete a Bachelor of Arts degree with the following majors/areas:

- Anthropology
- Asian Studies
- Creative Writing
- Criminology (also: Honours)
- Community Criminal Justice
- Double Minor
- English
- General Studies
- Geography, Applied
- History
- Philosophy (also: Honours)
- Policy Studies
- Political Science
- Psychology (also: Honours)
- Sociology

Students may complete a Bachelor of Journalism degree, which also adheres to the Bachelor of Arts Degree Framework.

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Admission Requirements

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

Declaration Requirements

Students declaring a Bachelor of Arts Major or Minor must satisfy common as well as area-specific declaration requirements. See Declaration Requirements for individual areas of study.

Curricular Requirements

The following core requirements are to be completed for all Bachelor of Arts Degree Programs:

- Complete a total of 120 credits which includes:
 - a minimum of 65 total credits in Arts¹ courses, and
 - a minimum of 45 of the total credits with courses numbered 3000 or higher.
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 with a minimum grade of "C" in all of the following required courses within the degree program (except where stated):
 - 6-credit English writing requirement which includes ENGL 1100 and one of either ENGL 1202 or ENGL 1204 (or equivalent).
 - Minimum 9-credit quantitative requirement that must include a minimum of 3 approved quantitative courses (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#quantext>), one of which must be taken from the Faculty of Science and Horticulture. (Each approved quantitative course is listed in the University Calendar with the attribute QUAN. Those from the Faculty of Science and Horticulture also have the attribute SCIH. Use Course Search (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/course-search/>) to find all courses from a particular Faculty with a particular Attribute.)
 - 24-credit Arts breadth requirement consisting of a minimum of one course in at least four (4) separate Arts¹ disciplines outside of the major program area, one of which must be at the 3000-level or higher.
 - Second language at the Grade 11 level or 6 credits of post-secondary language courses in the same language. Note: Students need only achieve a passing grade to fulfill this requirement. Beginner's or Introductory Language 11 courses are ineligible to meet this requirement. Students who can demonstrate competency in a second language may request an assessment to have this requirement waived.
 - Required courses for the major and/or minor program(s).

¹ Courses eligible to count towards the 65- and 24-credit Arts requirements include all courses offered by the Faculty of Arts, all ECON courses, and CMNS 3100.

In addition to completing the core requirements of all KPU Bachelor of Arts degree programs indicated above, students will have to complete additional course and program requirements according to their chosen program of study within the Faculty of Arts.

Students are normally expected to complete at least 60 credits at Kwantlen Polytechnic University for a B.A. degree; however, they may make a request for an exemption to this ruling on an individual basis. Students are encouraged to contact an Arts Degree Advisor with questions. If such an exemption is granted, then residency may be limited to no fewer than 30 credits. In any case, at least 50% of the required upper level credits within the subject area must be completed at KPU. For the BA in General Studies, the subject area includes all 45 upper-level credits.

Credential Awarded

Upon successful completion of this program, students are eligible to receive a **Bachelor of Arts**; a **Bachelor of Arts (Honours)**; or a **Bachelor of Arts, General Studies**. Transcripts will indicate majors and/or minors in a specific field of study.

Note: Students may not earn an Honours credential or obtain additional major or minor designations for a credential that has already been awarded. All declarations must be made prior to graduation.