

# 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.

The following Majors offered by the Faculty of Arts adhere to the Bachelor of Arts Degree Framework:

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

## 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:

- A total of 120 credits which includes:
  - a minimum of 65 credits from Arts courses, and
  - a minimum of 45 credits from courses numbered 3000 or higher.
- A minimum Program GPA of 2.00 with a minimum grade of "C" in all of the following required courses (except where stated):
  - ENGL 1100
  - ENGL 1202 or ENGL 1204
  - 3 credits from courses designated as Quantitative (QUAN) (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/courses-az/#quantext>)<sup>1</sup>
  - 3 credits from courses in the Faculty of Science and Horticulture<sup>2</sup>
  - 15-credit Arts breadth requirement consisting of a minimum of one course in at least three (3) separate Arts disciplines outside of the focal academic discipline, one of which must be at the 3000-level or higher.
  - Second language at the Grade 11 level (Beginner's or Introductory Language 11 courses are ineligible to meet this requirement) or 3 credits of undergraduate level non-English language instruction selected from the following list of eligible courses<sup>3</sup>:
    - FREN 1100, FREN 1101, FREN 2200, FREN 2201, FREN 2220, FREN 3100, FREN 3300, FREN 3301
    - JAPN 1100, JAPN 1101, JAPN 2200, JAPN 2201, JAPN 3300, JAPN 3301, JAPN 4400, JAPN 4410
    - MAND 1100, MAND 1101, MAND 2200, MAND 2201, MAND 3310, MAND 3311, MAND 4321, MAND 4323, MAND 4481, MAND 4483
    - PUNJ 1100, PUNJ 1101, PUNJ 2200, PUNJ 2201, PUNJ 3300, PUNJ 3301
    - SPAN 1100, SPAN 1101, SPAN 2200, SPAN 2201, SPAN 3310
  - Courses required for the major and/or minor program(s)<sup>4, 5</sup>
- Students are normally expected to complete at least 60 credits at Kwantlen Polytechnic University for a Bachelor of Arts degree; if 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 focal academic discipline must be completed at KPU.

<sup>1</sup> Each approved quantitative course is listed in the University Calendar with the attribute QUAN. Use Course Search (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/course-search/>) to find all courses with a particular Attribute.

<sup>2</sup> Each course is listed in the University Calendar with an attribute that identifies its Faculty. Courses from the Faculty of Science and Horticulture have the attribute SCIH. Use Course Search (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/course-search/>) to find all courses from a particular Faculty or with a particular Attribute.

<sup>3</sup> Students need only achieve a passing grade to fulfill this requirement. Students who can demonstrate competency in a second language may request an assessment to have this requirement waived.

<sup>4</sup> The BA core requirements are not exclusive of program requirements - i.e. particular courses used to fulfill the Bachelor of Arts core requirements may also be used to fulfill requirements for major and minor programs.

<sup>5</sup> A Double Major as part of a Bachelor of Arts degree consists of the completion of the requirements of each of two specific majors within a single baccalaureate degree with no limitation on the sharing of courses between majors. Conditions for Minor programs are outlined in the Framework for Minors (<https://calendar.kpu.ca/graduation/framework-minors/>).

## Credential Awarded

Upon successful completion of this program, students are eligible to receive either a **Bachelor of Arts** or a **Bachelor of Arts (Honours)**. 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.