

# 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 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 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

## 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

Entrance awards, scholarships and grants are available to new students.

## 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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## UNDERGRADUATE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Canadian high school (Grade 12) diploma or equivalent with an overall average grade of C or better (GPA of 2.00 out of 4.33) and;

IELTS 6.5 or better with a minimum of 6.0 in the writing band or equivalent documentation of English proficiency. (For students whose first language is not English).

## 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; and
- Approval by the Admissions Committee.

*"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**

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## ACCREDITATIONS, MEMBERSHIPS AND DESIGNATIONS



## PROGRAM STRUCTURE

### CORE ENGLISH COURSES

- Academic Writing
- Critical Analysis and Writing

### SCIENCE REQUIRED COURSES

- One (1) Quantitative
- One (1) Lab Science
- One (1) Additional Science

### ARTS REQUIRED COURSES

- Two (2) Humanities
- Two (2) Social Science
- Two (2) Any Arts
- Six (6) Second Year Arts

### REQUIRED ELECTIVE COURSES

- Three (3) 1XX or 2XX or 3XX or other approved elective courses

For a comprehensive list of all available courses, please refer to the academic calendar at: [ucanwest.ca/about/academic-calendar](https://ucanwest.ca/about/academic-calendar)

## HOW TO APPLY

To find out how you can enrol, email: [partners@ucanwest.ca](mailto:partners@ucanwest.ca)

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