

# Liberal Arts

## DIPLOMA

### Why study Liberal Arts?

You're creative, want to work with people, and have always been interested in the liberal arts. The challenge for you is to tie this into a post-secondary education that will lead you into an interesting and satisfying career. UFV's Liberal Arts diploma could just be the answer you're looking for.

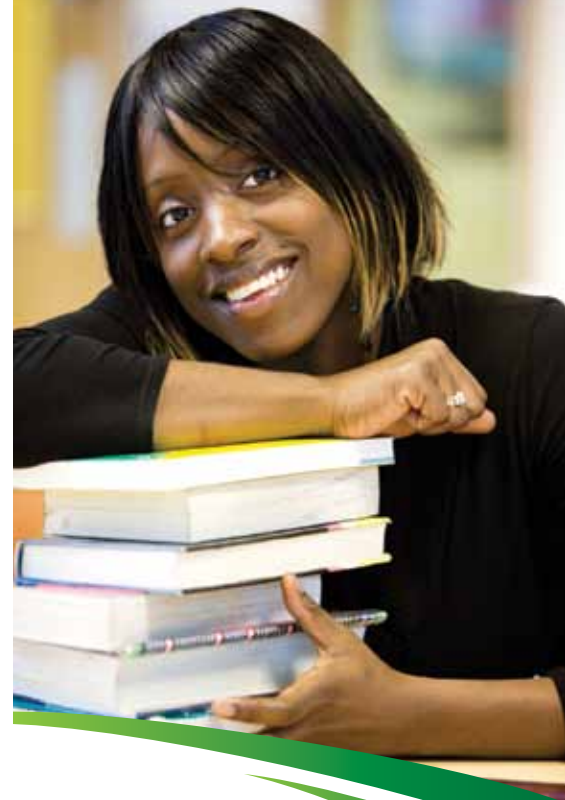
The Liberal Arts diploma stands on its own or can be laddered into the Bachelor of Arts degree if you choose to continue with your studies. By taking the diploma, you will gain a solid foundation in the liberal arts, focus your studies in one particular direction and work toward your post-secondary educational goals.

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#### WHY EARN A LIBERAL ARTS DIPLOMA AT UFV?

UFV's Liberal Arts diploma can serve as your educational goal or as an intermediate qualification if you're thinking of working towards a Bachelor of Arts at UFV or other institutions. If you're planning to pursue the BA at UFV, you can simultaneously complete the Liberal Arts diploma and satisfy the general requirements for the bachelor's degree as well as the lower-level requirements for a major, extended minor(s), or minor. This could save you time and money while earning your degree. The Liberal Arts diploma program requires a minimum of 60 university-level credits. It is designed to provide you with a breadth of intellectual and academic experience while recognizing the importance of concentrated study in a specific field or discipline.

The diploma addresses the needs of students pursuing educational or career goals in the humanities or the social sciences.



*“Whether on stage, online, in a classroom, out doing research in the community, or working halfway around the world, our students learn to change — first themselves, then the world.”*

— DR. ERIC DAVIS,  
UFV Vice President,  
Academic (Acting).

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*“My experience as a student at UFV led me directly into employment, and my Liberal Arts studies gave me the background necessary to begin a very fulfilling career.”*

— AMANDA HALLMAN, UFV graduate 2004.

## WHAT DO I NEED TO GET IN?

You can apply to earn a Liberal Arts diploma while in another program, once you have met all Liberal Arts diploma program requirements; UFV does not admit directly to the Liberal Arts diploma. If you wish to be identified as an Arts student, you can apply to either the Associate of Arts degree, Bachelor of Arts degree, or Arts Studies once you meet the entrance requirements for these programs.

## I'M INTERESTED. WHAT SHOULD I DO NEXT?

It's best to check out our online calendar at [www.ufv.ca/calendar](http://www.ufv.ca/calendar) and read the Liberal Arts section carefully. From our website you can go to the download centre and download the application form. There is no application category for the Liberal Arts Diploma. You can complete the Liberal Arts Diploma as an Arts Studies, Associate of Arts or BA student. If you do want to be formally admitted to an Arts program and meet the entrance requirements for either the Associate of Arts or the Bachelor of Arts program, fill out your application and submit it, along with the required documents and the \$45 application fee (the \$45 will be waived for current UFV students), to the Admissions and Records office at any UFV campus or centre or through the internet at [www.pas.bc.ca](http://www.pas.bc.ca).

You can also register as an Arts Studies student if you don't yet meet the entrance requirements for the BA or the AA.

## WHEN SHOULD I APPLY?

You don't need to officially apply to UFV's Liberal Arts program. As a UFV student you can take courses that are part of the Liberal Arts diploma while working towards the full requirements for your Bachelor of Arts degree. This is a unique opportunity for students to earn a diploma through their program path

## WHAT ARE THE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS?

A total of 60 university-level credits with an overall cumulative grade point average of 2.0 is required to complete this program. Of these 60 credits, 30 must be completed at UFV. Thirty-three credits must be completed in Arts subjects. Of the remaining 27 credits, up to 12 credits (at the 100 level or higher) may be from outside the Arts and Sciences programs. (A science course, as defined by the British Columbia Council on Admissions and Transfer, will include biology, chemistry, computing science, kinesiology, mathematics/statistics, and physics.)

If you plan to continue with your studies and complete your Bachelor of Arts degree at UFV, you are advised to take arts and/or science courses to satisfy your choices within requirements numbered 1 to 7.

### 1. Breadth requirement

Thirty university-level credits from at least five subject areas.

No more than 12 credits from any one subject area can be used to satisfy this requirement.

### 2. Writing requirement

Three credits from:

- English 105
- English 210
- Communications 155

### 3. Reasoning requirement

Philosophy 100 or at least three credits from each of the following lists:

#### Humanities list:

- Art History 205, 316
- Communications 251, 360
- English 150, 364
- History 300
- Math 265
- Theatre 201, 453

#### Social Sciences list:

- Anthropology 301
- Economics 100
- Geography 241, 452
- Math 104
- Psychology 202<sup>1</sup>, 408
- SCMS 255
- Sociology 350

### 4. Laboratory Science requirement

Four credits from:

- Astronomy 100-level or higher
- Biology 100-level or higher
- Chemistry 100-level or higher
- Geography 101 or 102
- Kinesiology/Physical Education 163 or 170
- Physics 100-level or higher
- Psychology 202<sup>2</sup>

### 5. Humanities requirement

Six credits from:

- Art History
- Communications
- English 108
- Film
- French
- German
- History
- Halq'eméylem
- Interdisciplinary courses<sup>3</sup>
- Japanese

- Linguistics
- Mandarin
- Mathematics
- Music
- Philosophy 100 or higher
- Punjabi
- Religious Studies
- Russian
- Spanish
- Theatre
- Visual Arts

### 6. Social Science requirement

Six credits from:

- Anthropology
- Criminal Justice<sup>4</sup>
- Economics
- Geography 111 or higher
- Interdisciplinary courses<sup>3</sup>
- Latin American Studies
- Media and Communication Studies
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Social, Cultural and Media Studies
- Women's studies 101, 201

### 7. Electives

University-level elective credits to bring total credits to 60.

#### Footnotes:

<sup>1</sup> This requirement may be met by PSYC 210 if previously completed.

<sup>2</sup> This requirement may be met by PSYC 210 or PSYC 220 if previously completed

<sup>3</sup> Interdisciplinary courses are determined by the Arts Advisor.

<sup>4</sup> Please contact an Arts advisor for details regarding acceptable criminal justice courses.

## HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

It's best to consult the UFV calendar for tuition fees, keeping in mind that fees given are for last year, and new fees are usually set in May. You should also visit the UFV Financial Aid and Awards office, which facilitates the disbursement each year of about \$12 million in federal and provincial student loans, grants, bursaries, scholarships, and awards to UFV students.

A helpful budget planning worksheet is available online at [www.ufv.ca/fineaid/budget](http://www.ufv.ca/fineaid/budget).

## CAN I GET ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR THE SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE GAINED IN MY LIFE SO FAR?

Yes. UFV offers Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR), a flexible assessment process that evaluates your experiential learning (what you already know and can do) for post-secondary credit. Experiential learning includes independent study, volunteer activities, non-credit courses, workplace learning, and military service. To find out more, check out the PLAR website at [www.ufv.ca/plar](http://www.ufv.ca/plar) or contact Susan Brown, Assessment Services Coordinator, PLAR at 604.851.6342 or [susan.brown@ufv.ca](mailto:susan.brown@ufv.ca).

## WHAT KIND OF SUPPORT WILL I HAVE?

Visit [www.ufv.ca/student-services](http://www.ufv.ca/student-services) to learn about the broad range of services designed to help you learn about and adjust to the university environment.

## CAN I SPEAK WITH SOMEONE ABOUT MY OPTIONS?

Absolutely. We want to hear from you! If you're unsure of your direction, contact Student Services at 1-888-504-7441 to arrange for career counselling. For more information about the Liberal Arts diploma consult the Arts Advice Centre at 604-557-4028 go to [www.ufv.ca/arts](http://www.ufv.ca/arts)



The information contained in this document is subject to change. Please refer to [www.ufv.ca/arts](http://www.ufv.ca/arts) for up-to-date information. UFV reserves the right to cancel courses and programs.



## About UFV

Nestled in the beautiful Fraser Valley just east of Vancouver, in B.C., UFV is a fully accredited, public university that enrolls more than 11,000 students each year. UFV has campuses in Abbotsford, Chilliwack, and Mission and regional centres in Hope and Agassiz, and a growing presence in Chandigarh, India.

UFV is committed to exceptional post-secondary instruction and a nurturing learning environment. We are large enough to offer variety, yet small enough to offer the personal attention that our students need to thrive. Our small class sizes and focus on teaching allow our students to get to know their instructors and learn in a hands-on setting.

We offer more than 80 programs, including 13 bachelor's degrees, a master's degree, and more than a dozen trades and technology programs. We believe that anyone who wants to go to university should be given the chance, so our admission policies are flexible, and we provide university prep courses and high school completion options. There are many options for learning: full-time, in class, online, as part of a structured program or one tailored specifically to your interests.

Many of our programs "ladder" into one another, allowing students to keep their options open. Our international programming makes for a culturally diverse student body and great opportunities to study abroad, while our continuing studies offerings make learning a lifelong experience.

UFV is recognized nationally for student success, an excellent learning environment, creative integration of programming, and our work with our local communities.

Get to know us better at [www.ufv.ca](http://www.ufv.ca).

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