

Associate of Arts

ARTS DEGREE

Why earn an Associate of Arts degree?

You're creative, want to work with people, and have always been interested in the liberal arts. The challenge is to tie this into a post-secondary education that will lead you into an interesting and satisfying career. UFV's Associate of Arts degree could open the door to a wide variety of options. This two-year program is designed to accommodate students with different needs and to be tailored to match your individual goals. In this program, 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.

WHAT SORT OF CAREER CAN I EXPECT?

The options are many. Check out our website at www.ufv.ca/arts for a detailed list of where some of our graduates end up. Once you've earned your associate degree, you might choose to return to UFV and work towards earning credentials for a career as a teacher, administrator, librarian, archivist, writer, translator, communications specialist, television producer, actor, musician, painter, or visual artist.

WHY EARN MY ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE AT UFV?

You have a life, we realize that. That's why we offer this flexible program that allows you to earn your Associate of Arts degree in online or face-to-face classes, or a combination of both. This is a formal credential that recognizes the successful completion of a two-year academic program. If you have plans for future education, this program also serves as an intermediate qualification if you wish to transfer to UFV degree programs or other educational institutions. It also serves well as a qualification for employment.



“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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“UFV’s Associate of Arts program provided an opportunity to explore my interests and gave me a good foundation for a career in the field of education. It also prepared me for upper-level courses and allowed me to continue towards a Bachelor of Arts degree.”

—KIMBERLY STANDEVEN,
Associate of Arts degree 2005, Bachelor of Arts degree 2007.

I’M STILL NOT QUITE SURE WHAT DIRECTION MY EDUCATION IS TAKING ME. IS THIS FOR ME?

This is where our Associate of Arts degree program comes in. There are four options. You can complete a general associate degree, or you can pursue studies in specific concentrations.

Your associate degree options are:

- Associate of Arts degree (general option)
- Associate of Arts degree: International and Development Studies
- Associate of Arts degree: Media and Communication Studies
- Associate of Arts degree: Theatre

The Associate of Arts degree program includes a breadth of intellectual and academic experience that is worthwhile if your educational or career goals are in the humanities, the creative and performing arts, and the social sciences. The minimum requirements for the B.C. Ministry of Advanced Education Associate of Arts degree are met in the UFV Associate of Arts program.

WHAT ABOUT THE FOUR-YEAR BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE?

That’s also an option. If you think you might want to pursue the four-year Bachelor of Arts degree at UFV, you can talk with an advisor in the Arts Advice centre who will help you choose the courses within the Associate of Arts degree that fulfill requirements for both programs.

CAN I STUDY PART-TIME?

Yes, UFV offers you the flexibility of earning your degree on your own timeframe. If you wish, you can complete one course per semester until you’ve earned your degree. If you choose to study full-time, the program is designed to be completed in two years, with 15 credits per semester. We realize that people have busy lives and that’s why we offer the option of completing the degree on a part-time basis.

CAN I TAKE THIS PROGRAM ONLINE?

Absolutely! UFV, along with other B.C. post-secondary institutions, is part of the BCcampus initiative that provides online learning opportunities to students who want to complete an Associate of Arts degree and/or a Bachelor of General Studies. A list of the online courses that UFV is contributing to this initiative can be viewed at www.ufv.ca/online.

To learn more about this initiative, including a complete list of all the online courses offered, you can go to www.bccampus.ca.

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 or contact Susan Brown, Assessment Services Coordinator, PLAR at 604.851.6342 or susan.brown@ufv.ca.

WHAT ARE THE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS?

The Associate of Arts general option requires a minimum of 60 credits transferable to at least one of UBC, UNBC, UVic, or SFU, of which 15 credits must be taken at UFV. You can't use one course to meet more than one of the following specific requirements. To graduate you must achieve an average overall grade of C (cumulative GPA of 2.0) calculated on all courses counting towards the associate degree.

YEAR ONE/SEMESTER I

COURSE	CREDITS
ENGL 105–170 or one of CMNS 125, 155, 251	3
Social Science: 100-level	3
Humanities: 100-level	3
Social Science/Humanities	3
MATH/Stats/COMP	3 (+1)
Total	15

YEAR ONE/SEMESTER II

COURSE	CREDITS
ENGL 105–170 or one of CMNS 125, 155, 251	3
Social Science: 100-level	3
Humanities: 100-level	3
Social Science/Humanities	3
Lab Science: 100-level	3 (+1)
Total	15

YEAR TWO/SEMESTER III

COURSE	CREDITS
Arts elective 200-level*	3
Arts elective 200-level*	3
Arts elective 200-level*	3
Elective 100- or 200-level	3
Science elective	3 (+1)
Total	15

YEAR TWO/SEMESTER IV

COURSE	CREDITS
Arts elective 200-level*	3
Arts elective 200-level*	3
Arts elective 200-level*	3
Elective 100- or 200-level	3
Elective 100- or 200-level or previous credit	3
Total	15

*Must be in two or more subject areas

WHAT DO I NEED TO GET IN?

If you are applying straight from high school, follow option one. If you have attended some post-secondary school, follow option two.

OPTION ONE: HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION ONLY

You will need B.C. secondary school graduation or equivalent and a minimum of a B average in three provincially examinable Grade 12 subjects, one of which must be English 12.

OPTION TWO: UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE

You will need a minimum of nine university-level credits complete with a cumulative GPA of 2.0 on all university-level credits attempted.

WHAT IF I WANT TO TRANSFER TO ANOTHER UNIVERSITY TO CONTINUE MY STUDIES?

With your UFV Associate of Arts degree, you will have priority admission to Simon Fraser University and the University of Northern British Columbia, if you wish to transfer. Your admission is still subject to the conditions outlined in their current calendars, which are available at Student Services or any UFV library. You can also check out their websites for detailed admissions information.

I'M INTERESTED. WHAT SHOULD I DO NEXT?

Apply to the Associate of Arts program. It's best to check out our online calendar at www.ufv.ca/calendar and read the Associate of Arts section carefully. From our website you can go to the download centre and download the application form. Fill it out and submit it, along with the required documents and the \$45 application fee (the \$45 will be waived for current UFV General Arts students), to the Admissions and Records office at any UFV campus or centre or through the internet at www.pas.bc.ca.

WHEN SHOULD I APPLY?

Admission is on a competitive basis. Specific requirements will be published on the UFV web site at www.ufv.ca. Applications for the fall semester should be received by January 31. Applications received after this deadline will be considered if space is available in the program.

UFV also accepts applications for the winter semester and those must be submitted by October 1 of the previous fall. If you meet all the entrance requirements, but the program is full, you will be given an opportunity to register in Arts Studies.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?

It's best to consult the UFV calendar for tuition fees, keeping in mind that 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.

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 a tour, attend a Becoming a Student info session, connect with an educational advisor, or arrange for career counselling. For more information about the Associate of Arts degree options go to www.ufv.ca/arts or call the Arts Advice Centre at 604-557-4028.



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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.

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