

Bachelor of Arts

ARTS DEGREE

Why earn a Bachelor of Arts degree?

UFV's Faculty of Arts offers a BA degree program with a wide variety of majors, extended minors, and minors.

Our goal is to help students realize their potential as members of local and global communities, as inheritors of traditions, and as creators of possible futures.

Maintaining high academic standards, we offer innovative disciplinary, interdisciplinary, and applied degrees and diplomas, which will prepare you for both continued scholarship and employment.

WHY STUDY AT UFV?

At UFV, we have designed academically challenging programs to meet students' intellectual, artistic, and vocational needs. Our students are engaged in learning that integrates theory and practice and that draws connections between the methods and subject-matter of different disciplines.

We offer small class sizes, personal attention, and a student-centred community. Breadth and flexibility characterize our wide range of programs, as does direct relevance to UFV's Fraser Valley region. At the same time, there is an international and cross-cultural focus to much of our teaching and research. But in all that we do, we are guided by a commitment to excellence in teaching and learning.

A UFV BA will prepare you for employment, entrepreneurship, further education, and the social and ethical obligations of citizenship — both locally and globally. In short, it prepares you for life.



“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 time at UFV provided an excellent preparation for my present career as a lawyer. The most significant benefit that I received was the one-on-one interaction with many of my professors. UFV’s small class sizes created an atmosphere in which it was possible to develop relationships with a number of my professors. The mentoring I received in those relationships was extremely beneficial to me, both in my academic pursuits and professional career.”

— LUKE ZACHARIAS, Bachelor of Arts with major in history, 1999 graduate.

WHAT MAJORS, MINORS, EXTENDED MINORS DOES UFV OFFER?

While you are working towards your BA degree, you will need to complete the requirements of either one major or two extended minors. You can also choose to add a minor or multiple programs.

UFV offers majors in:

- English
- English Honours
- Geography
- Geography Honours
- History
- Mathematics
- Psychology
- Psychology Honours
- Sociology
- Sociology/Anthropology

UFV OFFERS EXTENDED MINORS IN:

- Biology
- Computer Information Systems
- Criminal Justice
- English
- French
- Geography
- History
- Latin American Studies
- Mathematics
- Mathematics — Statistics option

- Psychology
- Theatre
- Visual Arts

UFV OFFERS MINORS IN:

- Anthropology
- Applied Ethical and Political Philosophy
- Business Administration
- Communications
- Computer Information Systems
- Criminal Justice
- Economics
- English
- French
- Geography
- History
- Kinesiology
- Latin American Studies
- Mathematics
- Mathematics — Statistics option
- Media and Communication Studies
- Sociology
- Theatre
- Visual Arts

WHAT DO I NEED TO GET IN?

The UFV Bachelor of Arts program has entrance requirements with specific options depending on you and your educational background. If you are entering out of high school, follow option one.

However, if you have completed some post-secondary courses, follow option two.

OPTION ONE:

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:

We require completion of one of the following:

- a minimum of 30 Arts/Science university-level credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.33 on all credits attempted
- a UFV Liberal Arts diploma, Associate of Arts degree, Visual Arts diploma, or Theatre diploma. Students must achieve an average overall grade of C (cumulative GPA of 2.0) calculated on all courses that could apply towards the diploma or Associate degree.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Note: The lower-level requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree program are not identical to those of the Associate of Arts program. To earn a Bachelor of Arts degree at UFV, you must successfully complete a minimum of 120 credits applicable to the program and achieve a cumulative program GPA of 2.0, a GPA of 2.0 in your major/extended minors/minor program(s), and a minimum GPA of 2.0 in all upper-level courses.

Of the 120 credits, you must also meet these requirements:

- 65 credits must be in Arts subjects. Of the remaining 55 credits in Arts and/or Science subjects, up to 12 credits (at the 100-level or higher) may be from subjects outside the Arts and Sciences. 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. 45 credits must be at the 300- or 400-level.
- At least 60 credits must be completed at UFV, of which 30 credits must be upper-level
- The lower-level and upper-level program requirements for either one major or two extended minors. At least 15 upper-level credits that count towards a major or at least seven upper-level credits that count towards each of the two extended minors must be completed at UFV. If you decide on a minor, at least seven upper-level credits that count towards the minor must be completed at UFV.
- The Bachelor of Arts general requirements must be satisfied (see below).

BACHELOR OF ARTS GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

BREADTH REQUIREMENT

If you are enrolled in a major, you must complete at least 30 credits in five or more subject areas outside the Arts major. No more than 12 credits from any one subject area can be used to fulfill this breadth requirement. If you are enrolled in two extended minors, you must complete at least 30 credits in five or more subject areas of which one can be one of your extended minors. No more than 12 credits from any one subject area can be used to fulfill this breadth requirement.

¹ This requirement may be met by PSYC 210 if previously completed.

² This requirement may be met by PSYC 210 or 220 if previously completed.

³ Interdisciplinary courses are determined by an Arts Advisor.

⁴ Please contact an Arts Advisor for details regarding acceptable criminal justice courses

These breadth requirements will be met in part by fulfilling the following requirements:

WRITING REQUIREMENT

Students must take at least one of: English 105, English 210, or Communications 155.

REASONING REQUIREMENT

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

HUMANITIES:

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

SOCIAL SCIENCES:

- Anthropology 301
- Economics 100
- Geography 241, 452
- Math 104, 106
- Psychology 202¹, 408
- SCMS 255
- Sociology 350

LAB SCIENCE REQUIREMENT

One course 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 202²

HUMANITIES REQUIREMENT

At least two courses from:

- Art History
- Communications
- English 108 or higher

- Film
- French
- Halq'eméylem
- History
- Interdisciplinary courses³
- Japanese
- Linguistics
- Mandarin
- Mathematics
- Music
- Philosophy 100 or higher
- Punjabi
- Religious Studies
- Russian
- Spanish
- Theatre
- Visual Arts

SOCIAL SCIENCE REQUIREMENT

At least two courses from:

- Anthropology
- Criminal Justice⁴
- Economics
- Geography 111 or higher
- Interdisciplinary courses³
- Latin American Studies
- Media and Communication Studies
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Social, Cultural, & Media Studies
- Sociology
- Women's studies 101, 201

It's best to consult the UFV calendar at www.ufv.ca/calendar for a complete list of major, extended minor, and minor requirements and for course descriptions.

I'M INTERESTED. WHAT SHOULD I DO NEXT?

Check out our online calendar at www.ufv.ca/calendar and read the Bachelor 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 students), to the Admissions and Records office at any UFV campus or centre or through the internet at www.pas.bc.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.

WHEN SHOULD I APPLY?

If you want to start your studies in September, you should submit your application to UFV starting October 1. Alternately, if you're thinking about starting in January, the submission date is August 1. Admission is on a competitive basis and meeting the minimal requirements does not guarantee your admission. 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 Fees and Other Costs section of the UFV calendar for tuition fees, keeping in mind that new fees are usually set each 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.

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 connect with an educational advisor, or arrange for career counselling. If you need more information about the Bachelor of Arts degree program, contact the Arts Advice Centre at 604-557-4028 or visit www.ufv.ca/arts. It's also important to note if you are thinking of a career in teaching, you must, while following the above requirements, take into account the requirements set by the B.C. College of Teachers. Find out more at www.bcct.ca.



The information contained in this document is subject to change. Please refer to 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.

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