



Strong Start: Course Planning for Associate Degree

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Agenda

- Associate Degree requirements checklist
- Associate Degree options
- Associate Degree program requirements
- Breakout room discussion
- Course planning with a university transfer plan
- Managing the prerequisites
- Resources
- Q&A



Requirements Checklist

• Associate of Arts Degree: Graduation Requirements Checklist

<https://www.douglascollege.ca/sites/default/files/docs/advising/Associate%20of%20Arts%20Degree%20checklist%20front%20Apr%202019.pdf>

• Associate of Science Degree: Graduation Requirements Checklist

<https://www.douglascollege.ca/sites/default/files/docs/advising/Associate%20of%20Science%20Degree%20checklist%20frontMar%202019.pdf>

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Associate of Arts Degree: Graduation Requirements Checklist

Use these guidelines to plan and track your progress toward completion of an Associate Degree. See an Academic Advisor for course planning: douglascollege.ca/advising

Arts Requirements: (24 credits)

- English 1st year* (8 credits)
- Humanities (6 credits)
- Social Sciences (6 credits)
- Arts (6 credits)

Arts Requirements: 2nd Year Courses (18 credits) (min. two subject areas are required)

Science Requirements: 1st or 2nd Year Courses (9 credits)

- Lab Science (3 credits) *(see list below)*
- Math or Statistics or Computing Science (3 credits)
- Math or Statistics or Science (3 credits)

Electives: Any University Transferable Course (9 credits)

General Requirements:

- Complete 60 University Transferable (UT) credits that transfer to one of the Research Universities: SFU, UBC, UBC-O, UNBC, or UVIC.
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English	Humanities	Social Sciences	May be used as Arts Electives (based on Associate of Arts degree)
Communications Creative Writing English	GSWS History Humanities Modern Languages Music	Anthropology Criminology Geography (Human) GSWS International Studies Legal Studies Philosophy Political Science Psychology Sociology	Economics Linguistics Math

*May course can include courses in either Communications and Creative Writing that transfer to one of the Research Universities at 100-level.

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Lab Sciences: *(Lab Sciences may be used as Science Electives)*

Arts Courses: *(Arts Courses may be used as Arts Electives)*

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Math: (6 credits) (7 credits must be Calculus)

Math or Science: (18 credits) (min. 7 credits must be of laboratory science)

- 1st Year: (18 credits)
- 2nd Year: (18 credits) (min. two subject areas are required)

English*: (6 credits)

Arts: (6 credits) (excluding English and Math) Electives: (6 credits)

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Lab Sciences: *(Lab Sciences may be used as Science Electives)*

Arts Courses: *(Arts Courses may be used as Arts Electives)*

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Options

Associate of Arts/Science

- 60 credits

Associate of Arts/Science -
Specializations

- 60 credits, including
- a min of 18 credits in the specialized subject, 9 of which needs to be second-year credits

Associate of Arts/Science -
Themes

- 60 credits, including
- Specific course requirements

Associate Degree - Specializations:

Require a minimum of 18 credits (of the 60 credits required for your Associate degree) in one academic discipline **AND** at least 9 of those 18 credits must be considered second-year courses.

ARTS (Specializations) Examples

Anthropology	Geography	Philosophy
Communications	History	Political Science
Creative Writing	Mathematics (Science or Arts)	Psychology
Criminology	Modern Language	Sociology
Economics	Music	Theatre
English	Performing Arts	

SCIENCE (Specializations) Examples

Biology
Chemistry
Earth and Environmental Sciences (Geology)
Mathematics (Science or Arts)
~~Physics~~

Associate Degree - Themes:

Require completion of the same set of 60 credits for an Associate Degree but select from an array of courses that share a similar theme.

Associate of Arts (Environmental Studies)
Associate of Arts (Forensic Studies)
Associate of Arts (Intercultural and International Studies)
Associate of Arts (Women's Studies and Gender Relations)
Associate of Science (Environmental Science)

Options

- If you plan to change or add a specialization/theme, you may do the following:
 - ✓ Check the requirements on program catalogue
 - ✓ Check myPath – “what if” function
 - ✓ Plan your courses by following the specialization/theme requirement
 - ✓ Fill out a program declaration form to add/change a specialization/theme (talk to an International Academic Advisor first)
(can also apply to graduate from the specialization, if you are adding a specialization)

Program Requirements

- Program page – program requirements
- Requirements checklist
- myPath (a reference, may not be accurate)



Program Requirements – Associate of Arts

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- ❖ English-1st year* (6 credits) _____
- ❖ Humanities (6 credits) _____
- ❖ Social Sciences (6 credits) _____
- ❖ Arts (6 credits) _____

Arts Requirements: 2nd Year Courses (18 credits) (min. two subject areas are required)

Science Requirements: 1st or 2nd Year Courses (9 credits)

- ❖ Lab Science (3 credits) *(See list below)* _____
- ❖ Math or Statistics or Computing Science (3 credits) _____
(Some CSIS courses count as Computing Science courses); (BUSN 2429, BUSN 3431, GEOG 2251, PSYC 2300 are considered statistics courses)
- ❖ Math or Statistics or Science (3 credits) _____
(Some CSIS and SPSC courses count as Science courses); (BUSN 2429, BUSN 3431, GEOG 2251, PSYC 2300 are considered statistics courses)

Electives: Any University Transferable Course (9 credits)

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- Achieve an average overall grade of "C" or 2.0 GPA ("P" grade in a course is acceptable if minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 is met).
- Complete 50% (30 credits) of all coursework at Douglas College to meet the residency requirement.

UBCV, UBCO



Program Requirements – Associate of Science

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Math: (6 credits) (3 credits must be Calculus)

Math or Science: (36 credits) (min. 3 credits must be of laboratory science)

❖ 1st Year (18 credits)

❖ 2nd Year (18 credits) (min. two subject areas are required)

English*: (6 credits)

Arts: (6 credits) (excluding English and

Math) Electives: (6 credits)

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UBCV, UBCO

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- Achieve an average overall grade of "C" or 2.0 GPA ("P" grade in a course is acceptable if minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 is met).
- Complete 50% (30 credits) of all coursework at Douglas College to meet the residency requirement.



Program Requirements

- Any questions about the requirements on this checklist?
- Breakout Room Activity
 1. Find the program checklist
 2. Discuss with your peers the questions you have about the checklists
 3. Write down your questions on Jamboard

<https://bit.ly/3cV7RtD>

Program Requirements

- Any questions about the requirements on this checklist?
- Which courses are **University Transferable (UT) courses**? How do I check it through BC Transfer Guide?
- Which courses are considered **arts courses**?
- Which courses are considered **English credits**?
- Which courses are considered **Humanities, Social Sciences courses**?
- Which courses are considered **lab science courses**?
- Which courses are **considered statistics, computing science or science courses**?
- Which courses are considered **1st year and 2nd year courses**?

Program Requirements

- Which courses are **UT courses**? How do I check it through BC Transfer Guide?
- A course that can transfer to one of the five research universities is considered a UT course.
- UBCV, UBCO, SFU, UNBC, UVIC
- www.bctransferguide.com

Program Requirements

- Which courses are considered **arts, English, Humanities, Social Sciences** courses?

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English

Communications
Creative Writing
English

Associate of Science:
6 credits can come from
any of
ENGL/CMNS/CRWR
that transfers as ENGL
credit

Humanities

GSWS
History
Humanities
Modern Languages
Music
Performing Arts
Philosophy
Political Science
Stagecraft
Theatre

Social Sciences

Anthropology
Criminology
Geography (*Human*)
GSWS
International Studies
Legal Studies
Psychology
Social Sciences
Sociology

**May be used as Arts Electives
(towards an Associate of Arts degree)**

Economics
Linguistics
~~Math~~

From Associate of Arts checklist

Program Requirements

- Which courses are considered **lab science courses**?

Lab Sciences: *(Lab Sciences may be used as Science electives)*

ASTR: 1105

BIOL: 1100, 1103, 1105, 1109, 1203, 1205, 1209, 1110, 1210, 1310, 2103*, 2300, 2302*, 2321, 2400, 2401, 3100, 3103*, 3203*, 3204*, 3205, 3305, 3401*, 3402, 3500, 3600, 3610, 3620, 3621*, 3622*

CHEM: 1100, 1104, 1108, 1110, 1210, 2303, 2315, 2321, 2330, 2360, 2400*, 2421

EAES (GEOL): 1120, 1121, 1130, 1150*, 1200*, 1207, 2201*, 2321*, 2340, 2400, 2410, 2550*, 2800, 2810*, 2900*, 2910*

GEOG: 1110, 1120, 2210, 2220, 2230, 3311*, 3382*

PHYS: 1104, 1107, 1108*, 1110, 1207, 1208*, 1210

* *Not currently offered*

Program Requirements

- Which courses are **considered statistics, computing science or science courses** in Associate of Arts?

Science Requirements: 1st or 2nd Year Courses (9 credits)

- ❖ Lab Science (3 credits) *(See list below)*

- ❖ Math or Statistics or Computing Science (3 credits)

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- ❖ Math or Statistics or Science (3 credits)

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- Some examples:
 - GEOG 2251 (GEOG 1000-level as prereq.)
 - PSYC 2300 (PSYC 1100, 1200 and MA 11/PSYC 2300 assessment as prereq.)
 - [CSIS 1175](#), [CSIS 1280](#), [CSIS 1190](#), [CSIS 2200](#) can be used as a comp. science/science course (make sure you meet the prereq.);
 - SPSC 1192 (no prepeq.) can be used as a science course;



Program Requirements

From	To	Transfer Credit	Effective Date
DOUG CSIS 1175 Credits: 3	SFU	SFU CMPT 120 (3) Q/B-Sci or SFU CMPT 128 (3) - Q/B-Sci or SFU CMPT 130 (3) - Q/B-Sci. Student's choice	Sep/15 to -
	UBCO	UBCO COSC 1st (3) Maximum credit granted for for DOUG CSIS 1175, DOUG CSIS 1275 and DOUG CSIS 2375 is UBCO COSC 1st (6).	Sep/07 to -
	UBCV	DOUG CSIS 1175 (3) & DOUG CSIS 2175 (3) = UBCV CPSC 1st (3) & UBCV CPSC 2nd (3) Exempt UBCV CPSC 110	May/19 to -
	UBCV	DOUG CSIS 1175 (3) & DOUG CSIS 2375 (3) = UBCV CPSC 1st (6) Maximum credit granted for DOUG CSIS 1175, DOUG CSIS 1275 and DOUG CSIS 2375 is 6 credits.	Sep/07 to -
	UBCV	UBCV CPSC 1st (3) Maximum credit granted for DOUG CSIS 1175, DOUG CSIS 1275 and DOUG CSIS 2375 is 6 credits.	Sep/07 to -
	UNBC	DOUG CSIS 1175 (3) & DOUG CSIS 1275 (3) = UNBC CPSC 1XX (6) waive UNBC CPSC 100 (3) & UNBC CPSC 101 (3)	Jan/15 to -
	UNBC	UNBC CPSC 1XX (3)	Jan/15 to -
	UVIC	UVIC CSC 110 (1.5)	Sep/14 to -

DOUG CSIS 1190 Credits: 3	SFU	No credit	Jan/14 to -
	UBCO	No credit	May/14 to -
	UBCV	No credit	Jan/14 to -
	UNBC	No credit	Jan/14 to -
	UVIC	UVIC CSC 1XX (1.5)	Jan/14 to -
DOUG CSIS 1280 Credits: 3	SFU	SFU CMPT 165 (3) B-Sci	Sep/07 to -
	UBCV	No credit	Sep/07 to -
	UVIC	UVIC CSC 1XX (1.5)	Sep/07 to -

Program Requirements

- Which courses are considered **1st year** and **2nd year** courses?

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 DOUG MATH 1130 Credits: 3	 SFU	SFU MACM 101 (3) Q/B-Sci	Sep/04 to -
	 UBCO	UBCO MATH 1st (3)	Sep/13 to -
	 UBCV	UBCV MATH 1st (3) Exempt CPSC 121.	Sep/13 to -
	 UNBC	UNBC CPSC 141 (3)	Sep/04 to -
	 UVIC	UVIC MATH 122 (1.5)	Sep/04 to -

1st Year Course

 DOUG MATH 1160 Credits: 3	 SFU	SFU STAT 201 (3) or SFU STAT 203 (3) or SFU STAT 205 (3) Q	May/18 to -
	 UBCO	UBCO STAT 121 (3)	May/05 to -
	 UBCV	UBCV STAT 203 (3) Not for credit in the faculty of Science.	Sep/04 to -
	 UNBC	UNBC STAT 240 (3)	Sep/11 to -
	 UVIC	UVIC STAT 255 (1.5) Students in BCom program may be granted UVIC STAT 252 (1.5)	Sep/04 to -

1st and 2nd Year Course



Program Requirements

- [GPA: 2.0](#) (overall grade of “C”); and
- 50% or 30 credits needs to be taken at Douglas; and
- Specialization (60 credits, incl. a min of 18 credits in the specialized subject, 9 of which needs to be second-year credits); or
- Theme (60 credits, specific course requirements)



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Program Requirements

Grade Values

A+	4.33
A	4.00
A-	3.67
B+	3.33
B	3.00
B-	2.67
C+	2.33
C	2.00
C-	1.67
P	1.00
F/UN	0.00

To calculate your GPA:

Take the Number of Credits for your course and multiple it by the Grade Value for your course to determine the total points earned for the course.

You then add up the total points for all courses included in GPA and divide by the total number of GPA credits.

Examples:

GPA Credits					Total Points	
3.00	credits	X	UN	-	=	-
3.00	credits	X	UN	-	=	-
3.00	credits	X	P	1.00	=	3.00
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9.00	credits					
		<u>3</u>	=	0.333333	GPA	
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3.00	credits	X	C	2.00	=	6.00
3.00	credits	X	UN	-	=	-
3.00	credits	X	P	1.00	=	3.00
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		<u>9</u>	=	1.00	GPA	
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9.00	credits					
		<u>18</u>	=	2.00	GPA	
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To calculate your cumulative GPA (overall Douglas College GPA), add your total points for all courses completed at Douglas that are included* in your GPA and divide by all of your Douglas College GPA credits.

*Note: If you repeat a course at Douglas College, only the attempt with the highest grade is counted in your GPA points and credits.

GPA Calculator <https://www.douglascollege.ca/student-services/advising/academic-advising/resources>
Grading policy <https://www.douglascollege.ca/-/media/31860A31D38142059097A1FE1EFE43CC.ashx>



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Course Planning with a University Transfer Plan

- Check the general admission requirements, ENGL competency requirements;
- Check the faculty requirements;
- Know the required courses;
- Plug the required courses into the associate degree checklist (science, arts, English credits, 1st Year, 2nd Year, lab);

Meeting the Pre-requisites

Pre-requisites for some common courses:

- **ENGL, CMNS, CRWR courses**
 - English 12 with C
 - IELTS 6.5 with no band below 6.0 or TOEFL 83 with Writing 21 or higher or
 - Three 300 level ELLA courses including ELLA 0330
 - **MATH 1120**
 - Math 12 (B),
 - pass Computer-based Math Assessment or
 - MATH 1110 (C-) [**← MA 11 (C) + pass Pre-calculus Placement Assessment**]
 - **CHEM 1110**
 - CHEM 12 (C+) or CHEM 1108 (C) and
 - Pre-calculus 11(C)/MA12 (P)
 - **PHYS 1110**
 - MATH 1120 (C-) - co-requisite and
 - MA 12/Pre-calculus 12 (B) and
 - PH 12 (C)
- There may be other ways to meet the prerequisite, you may check with an academic advisor.
 - Prerequisites for MATH/CHEM/PHYS: <https://www.douglascollege.ca/current-students/advising-services/course-planning>



Assessments

- English
 - Computer-Based English Assessment
- Math
 - Commerce and Business Readiness Assessment
 - Math Assessment
 - Math 11 Exemption
 - (Pre-calculus Placement) Math Assessment
 - Computer-Based Math Assessment
- PSYC 2300 Assessment
- Assessment testing: <https://www.douglascollege.ca/future-students/admission-information/assessment-testing/assessment-testing>

Go to Math
Assessment Advise:
<https://www.douglascollege.ca/study-at-douglas/register/canadian-students/assessment-testing/math-assessment-advice>



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Transferring Credits from Another School

- From BC Post-Secondary institutions
 - Submit Transfer Credits Request (TCR) form & official transcript to Registrar's Office
 - Processing time is currently 8+ weeks
- From Canadian Post-Secondary institutions outside of BC
 - Submit TCR & official transcript to Registrar's Office
 - Plus two copies of course outlines for each course from the time period attended
- From outside Canada
 - **Attention:** if you do not complete all of your coursework within Canada, it will be noted on your Graduation Letter. This might affect the length of the PGWP you will receive (not applicable to students who start their studies from outside Canada due to the Covid and the [current policy is until April 30, 2021](#)).
 - Submit TCR & official transcript in English
 - Plus two copies of course outlines for each course in English from the time period attended

*please always refer to this website for the information <https://www.douglascollege.ca/study-at-douglas/register/canadian-students/transfer-your-credits>



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<https://www.douglascollege.ca/international-students/current-international-students/international-student-workshops>



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Questions?





Thank you!

See you at the next workshop.