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* (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)

General Requirements:
- Complete 60 University Transferable (UT) credits that transfer to one of the Research Universities: SFU, UBC, UBC-O, UNBC, or UVIC.
- Check course transferability using the BC Transfer Guide at: www.bctransferguide.ca (Research Universities).
- 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.

Definitions:
1st Year Course: A course which transfers as an assigned or unassigned credit at 100-level to at least one Research University.
2nd Year Course: A course which transfers as an assigned or unassigned credit at 200-level or higher to at least one Research University.

Arts Courses: An Arts course is defined to be any 100- or 200-level course in a subject area for which there is a Baccalaureate of Arts degree at: SFU, UBC, UBC-O, UNBC, or UVIC (including Math and Economics). Guideline for Arts courses is listed below:

- English
  - Communications
  - Creative Writing
  - English
  * (Engl. courses can include courses in written Communications and Creative Writing that transfer to one of the Research Universities as ENGL credit. A maximum of 3 credits can come from such an equivalent; at least 3 credits must be earned in an actual ENGL course, so named. For purposes of the Associate of Arts degree, Engl. courses cannot be counted as Humanities courses.)

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

- Social Sciences
  - Anthropology
  - Economics
  - Criminology
  - Linguistics
  - Geography (Human)
  - Math
  - GSWS
  - International Studies
  - Legal Studies
  - Psychology
  - Social Sciences
  - Sociology

Arts Courses: (towards an Associate of Arts degree)

Science Course: A science course is defined to be any course within a subject area for which there is a Baccalaureate of Science degree or Baccalaureate of Applied Science degree at one of the Research Universities: SFU, UBC, UBC-O, UNBC, or UVIC. (Human Geography and most Psychology courses are designated as Arts 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
Associate of Arts Degree or Associate of Science Degree

Douglas College offers over 500 university transfer credit courses to select from which can be applied to Associate Degrees. Associate Degrees are designed to enrich your field of study and help plan your career pathway.

Requirements:
- Minimum 60 university transfer credits (approximately 20 courses).
- All courses must transfer to at least one of the Research Universities (SFU, UBC, UBC-O, UNBC, or UVIC).
- Check BC Transfer Guide (www.bctransferguide.ca) for course transferability (Research Universities).
- Minimum cumulative GPA 2.0 (average overall grade of “C”).

Benefits:
- Preferred candidate at some BC post secondary institutions (early registration/reduced admission GPA).
- Guaranteed block transfer of 60 credits – may gain direct access to 3rd year courses.
- Lower tuition fees, smaller class sizes, and individualized instruction.
- Prepares for life and work options.
- Teaches transferable skills: communications, reasoning, research, and problem-solving.

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

**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)

How can I find out more?
Refer to other side of this sheet for quick Associate Degree guideline checklist.
See an Academic Advisor by calling 604-527-5478.
www.douglascollege.ca/registrar/advising.html
http://www.bctransferguide.ca/associate/requirements/?keywords=Associate Degree
http://www.douglas.bc.ca/calendar/credent/crintro.html

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