

Entrance awards,
scholarships and
grants are available
to new students.



About University Canada West

UCW is an innovative business and technology-oriented, teaching-focused institution in Canada, offering undergraduate and graduate degrees for domestic and international students. The University is a dynamic and growing institution defined by its close connections to the business community and a commitment to outstanding student services.



Associate of Arts

The Associate of Arts program is an interdisciplinary set of courses designed to provide core skills in writing, communication, research and team performance.

The Associate of Arts (AA) degree provides you with a broad foundation of knowledge. This 60-credit (20 courses) program prepares you for additional post-secondary education or to enter directly into the workforce. The AA degree is accepted for transfer into bachelor degree programs at University Canada West (UCW) and all British Columbia degree-granting institutions, provided other admission requirements are met.

Students pursuing an Associate of Arts degree at UCW can gain a broader multi-disciplinary focus in their chosen field. Students can focus on one of eight areas while completing the requirements of the Associate of Arts degree. You will not earn a formal credential by completing a focus area, but it can be a great way to shape your Associate of Arts degree and help prepare you for your career or further study.

At the end of the Associate of Arts degree, you may transfer to the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Commerce degree seamlessly at UCW. Alternatively, you may continue in the Associate of Arts degree and complete the program with an additional 30 credit hours of study as per provincial Associate of Arts degree guidelines.

Program Structure

Tier 1 University Foundation I

- Two (2) first-year English courses
- One (1) Science course
- One (1) Mathematics or Computer Science course
- Two (2) Humanities courses
- Two (2) Social Science courses
- Two (2) Arts elective courses

Tier 2 University Foundation II

- One (1) lab Science course
- Six (6) second-year Arts courses
- Three (3) general electives

Focuses

- Accounting
- Economics
- Hospitality and Tourism
- Management
- Marketing
- Media Communication
- Psychology
- Social Justice



WHY AA?

- Critical thinking and problem-solving
- Effective written and oral communications
- Ability to work collaboratively
- Application of theoretical understanding to practice
- Research and evaluative skills
- Mathematical and scientific reasoning
- Analysis, synthesis and integration of knowledge
- Advanced reading comprehension



"Studying at UCW is definitely one of the best decisions I have ever made. I was very comfortable at home, but I know nothing grows in a comfort zone, so I had to step out."

Philbert
Associate of Arts, Jamaica

Undergraduate Entry Requirements

Canadian high school (Grade 12) diploma or equivalent with an overall average grade of C or better (GPA of 2.00 out of 4.33)

and

- IELTS 6.5 or better with a minimum of 6.0 in the writing band or equivalent documentation of English proficiency. (For students whose first language is not English).

Special Admission

The Admissions Committee may consider an applicant for special admission if the applicant does not otherwise qualify for admission but demonstrates a combination of education and work experience that indicates the ability to be successful in their program of study. Generally, such applicants must:

- Be over 21 years of age on or before the first day of classes;
- Have been out of high school for at least two years; and
- Approval by the Admissions Committee.



How to Apply

To find out how you can enrol,
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