Associate of Arts Program Guide

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Associate of Arts degree is a credential approved by the British Columbia Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training and is recognized by the British Columbia Council on Admissions and Transfer (BCCAT).

The Associate of Arts degree requires students to complete 60 credits of university-transferable courses. The breadth of study allows graduates the opportunity to transfer into the third year of a four-year bachelor's degree.

This two-year degree program is issued as a stand-alone degree, preparing students with the essential knowledge and skills to enter the workforce.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. A high school diploma or school completion certificate.

    AND/OR

    A vocational/technical/polytechnic diploma with a 60% or higher average.

    AND/OR

    Mature student status

2. If your native language is not English, you may demonstrate fluency in English at the university level by submitting documents showing the minimum results on one of the following tests:

    - TOEFL IBT of 86 or 230 computer based score, or
    - TOEFL score of at least 570 (paper based score) or 230 (computer based score), or
    - CAEL score of at least 60, or
    - IELTS minimum score of 6.5 with 6.0 on the writing component, or
    - PTE overall score of 60 with 60 on the writing component.

    If you do not have any of the previous scores, you may be required to write the Coquitlam College English Proficiency Test or complete a preparatory semester of English Studies.

    NOTE: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Duolingo English Test is **temporarily** being accepted with the following scores:

Duolingo Score	Placement Level
90-104	ENGL 099
105 and above	ENGL 1XX

3. Admission to the College is competitive. In order to facilitate a smooth application process, please ensure that all official educational documents are attached with your application.

    Please note: Application to the College is not a guarantee of acceptance to the College.

TRANSFER CREDIT

Students are eligible to transfer up to 10 university courses (30 credits maximum) towards their Associate of Arts Degree. Only courses taken within British Columbia and that are on the BC Transfer Guide may be used to transfer. Courses taken outside of the BC Transfer System will only be granted transfer if one of the four BC research universities has previously granted the transfer or if the transfer credits are appropriate for consideration under the Pan-Canadian Protocol for University Transfer.

The minimum grade to receive transfer credit is "D" or "P".

Transfer credits will appear on the Coquitlam College transcript. The credits will not be used in the calculation of the Coquitlam College grade point average.

Students who wish to transfer to another institution upon completion of the Associate of Arts Degree are encouraged to check course transferability using the BC Transfer Guide at: www.bctransferguide.ca

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES

Graduates of the Associate of Arts Degree program will be able to:

- Demonstrate academic responsibility.
- Recall ideas, concepts and theories related to undergraduate studies.
- Solve problems according to course and/or discipline requirements.
- Express themselves in a clear, concise and organized manner.
- Accurately compute mathematic and scientific operations.
- Articulate perspectives in their own beliefs and the beliefs of others.
- Create logical responses, ideas and/or arguments appropriate to an audience and purpose
- Successfully interact with others in groups and teams.
- Apply diverse cultural, linguistic, and academic perspectives to their roles in a safe, caring and productive society.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

General Requirements

Students must complete a minimum of 60 credits with a minimum of 18 credits in second-year Arts and achieve a minimum 2.0 GPA in the courses used toward the Associate of Arts Degree.

Specific Requirements

1. 6 credits in first-year English; *and*

2. 36 credits in Arts which will include:

- 6 credits in Social Science (Soc);
- 6 credits in Humanities (Hum) other than English;
- 24 additional credits in Arts; *and*

3. 9 credits in Science:

- At least 3 credits in Mathematics, Computer Science or Statistics
- 3 credits in a laboratory science course; *and*

4. 9 elective credits from Arts, Science or other area of study.

COURSE LIST

1. 6 credits from the following English courses

Course Number	Course Name	Credits
ENGL 101	College Composition (required)	3
AND one of:		
ENGL 103*	Canadian Literature	3
ENGL 111	Introduction to Poetry and Short Fiction	3
ENGL 121	Introduction to Novel and Drama	3

2. 18 credits from the following first-year Arts courses
   Social Science (Soc) and Humanities (Hum) may also be applied as Arts Elective (ArtE)

Course Number	Course Name	Area	Credits
ANTH 100	Selected Topics in Indigenous Studies	Soc	3
ANTH 101	Introduction to Anthropology	Soc	3
ANTH 102	Anthropological Concepts	Soc	3
ANTH 111	Introduction to Physical Anthropology	Soc	3
ARTH 100	Introduction to Art History	Hum	3
CHIN 100	Introductory Chinese I	Hum	3
CHIN 101	Introductory Chinese II	Hum	3
CHIN 151	Spoken Mandarin for Speakers of Other Chinese Dialects I	Hum	3
CHIN 152	Spoken Mandarin for Speakers of Other Chinese Dialects II	Hum	3
CMNS 110	Introduction to Communications	Hum	3
CMNS 130	Explorations in Mass Communication	Hum	3
CRIM 108*	Introduction to Criminology	Soc	3
CRWR 101^	Introduction to Creative Writing	ArtE	3
ECON 100	Introduction to Economics	Soc	3
ECON 101	Introduction to Microeconomic Principles	Soc	3
ECON 102	Introduction to Macroeconomic Principles	Soc	3

FILM 101	Introduction to Film Studies	Hum	3
FREN 101	Basic French I	Hum	3
FREN 102	Basic French II	Hum	3
GEOG 100	Introduction to Human Geography	Soc	3
GEOG 120	The Geography of Canada	Soc	3
HIST 101*	Canada to Confederation	Hum	3
HIST 102*	Canada Since Confederation	Hum	3
HIST 110	History of the Ancient World	Hum	3
JAPA 100	Introduction to Japanese I	Hum	3
JAPA 101	Introduction to Japanese II	Hum	3
PHIL 100	The History of Philosophy	Hum	3
PHIL 101	Critical Thinking	Hum	3
POLI 101*	Canadian Government	Soc	3
POLI 103*	Contemporary Ideologies	Soc	3
PSYC 101	Basic Psychological Processes	Soc	3
PSYC 102	Areas & Applications of Psychology	Soc	3
SOCI 101	Introduction to Sociology I	Soc	3
SOCI 102	Canadian Society	Soc	3
SPAN 101	Basic Spanish I	Hum	3
SPAN 102	Basic Spanish II	Hum	3

* course may be applied to either first- or second-year requirement
^ course may be applied as Arts Elective (ArtE) only

3. 18 credits from the following second-year Arts courses in two or more subject areas

Course Number	Course Name	Credits
ASIA 200	Introduction to Traditional Asia	3
ASIA 210	The Emergence of Modern Asia	3
ASIA 220	History of South Asia	3
ANTH 200	Indigenous People's Ways of Knowing in Canada	3
ARTH 200	20TH Century Art: Modernity and Revolution	3
ARTH 201	History of Photography	3
CMNS 220	Advanced Business Writing and Editing	3
CMNS 223	Advertising as Social Communication	3
CMNS 230	Game Studies	3
CMNS 250	Popular Culture	3
CMNS 253	Digital Culture	3
CRIM 108*	Introduction to Criminology	3
ECON 203	Introduction to Labour Economics	3
ECON 210	Money and Banking	3
ECON 226	Introduction to Game Theory	3
ECON 227	Introduction to Development Economics	3
ECON 250	Managerial Economics	3
ECON 255	Understanding Globalization	3
ECON 260	Environment Economics	3
ENGL 208	Studies in Children's Literature	3
ENGL 223	Literary Adaptations on Film	3
ENGL 245	Graphic Novel	3

GEOG 201	Economic Geography	3
GEOG 202	The Geography of Food	3
GEOG 203	Environmental Geography	3
GEOG 206	Urban Geography	3
GEOG 207	Natural Hazards	3
HIST 101*	Canada to Confederation	3
HIST 102*	Canada Since Confederation	3
HIST 203	Europe 1890-1939: Illusion and Disillusion	3
HIST 204	Europe Since 1939: From Destruction to Rejuvenation	3
PHIL 200	Business Ethics	3
POLI 101*	Canadian Government	3
POLI 103*	Contemporary Ideologies	3
PSYC 201	Theories of Personality	3
SOCI 202	Sociology of Work and Business	3
SOCI 203	Ethnic and Racial Inequality	3
SOCI 204	Sociology of Families	3

* Course may be applied to either first- or second-year requirement.
  Effective September 2023, courses labelled with (*) will receive first-year credit only**.**

4. 9 credits from the following Science or Mathematics, including one laboratory Science course

Course Number	Course Name	Credits
BIOL 101*	Principles of Biology I	4
BIOL 102*	Principle of Biology II	4
BIOL 104*	Introduction to Biology	4
CHEM 100*	Introduction to Chemistry with Laboratory	4
CHEM 101*	Principles of Chemistry I	4
CHEM 102*	Principles of Chemistry II	4
CHEM 110	Introduction to Chemistry	3
CSCI 100	Software Packages and Programming	3
CSCI 101	Introduction to Computer Programming Using C++	4
CSCI 102	Introduction to Computer Programming Using Java	4
CSCI 103	Introduction to Scientific Programming	3
CSCI 110	Event-Driven Programming in Visual Basics	3
CSCI 117	Introduction to Internet Programming Using Java	3
CSCI 120	Introduction to Computer Science and Programming	3
CSCI 125	Introduction to Computer Programming II	3
CSCI 127	Introduction to Computer Science and Programming II Lab	3
CSCI 130	Introduction to Computer Hardware	3
CSCI 150	Introduction to Computer Design	3
CSCI 165	Introduction to the Internet and the World Wide Web	3
CSCI 200	C++ for Programmers	3
CSCI 255	Data Structures and Programming	3
CSCI 250	Introduction to Computer Systems	3
CSCI 275	Software Engineering	3
CSCI 285	Introduction to Android Mobile App Development	3
GEOG 101*	Weather and Climate	3

GEOG 102*	Introduction to Earth Science	3
MACM 101	Discrete Mathematics I	3
MACM 201	Discrete Mathematics II	3
MATH 100	Precalculus	3
MATH 101	Calculus I	3
MATH 102	Calculus II	3
MATH 105	Integral Calculus with Applications to Commerce and Social Sciences	3
MATH 111	Business Calculus I	3
MATH 112	Business Calculus II	3
MATH 120	Precalculus Algebra	3
MATH 190	Principles of Mathematics	4
MATH 197	Mathematics for Everyday Life	3
MATH 232	Linear Algebra	3
PHYS 101*	Principles of Physics I	3
PHYS 102*	Principles of Physics II	3
STAT 101	Introduction to Statistics	3
STAT 290	Quantitative Methods I	3
STAT 291	Quantitative Methods II	4

* laboratory science course

5. 9 elective credits from any area of study. Select any course from the above lists that has not been taken to fulfill another requirement and/or the courses below.

Course Number	Course Name	Credits
ACCT 101	Financial Accounting I	3
ACCT 102	Financial Accounting II	3
ACCT 205	Managerial Accounting	3
BUSI 100	Introduction to Business	3
BUSI 102	Introduction to Leadership	3
BUSI 110	Mathematics of Finance	3
BUSI 237	Introduction to Computers and Information Systems in Business	3
BUSI 272	Organizational Behaviour	3
BUSI 296	Introduction to Marketing	3
EDUC 101	Orientating the Self in Academia: Strategies for College Success	3

Students are advised to speak to a counsellor regarding their study plan prior to registration in the first and subsequent semesters. Students are responsible for ensuring that the selected courses align with the general and specific course requirements of the Associate of Arts Degree.

Students are advised to consult the College's list of course prerequisites prior to registration.

GRADING

Coquitlam College will calculate Grade Point Average (GPA) using only University Transfer courses taken at Coquitlam College (transfer courses will not be used in GPA calculation).

For repeated courses, the higher grade will be used.

Mark	Description	Points	Credit Mark	Used In GPA
A+	91-100	4.33	Yes	Yes
A	86-90	4.00	Yes	Yes
A-	80-85	3.67	Yes	Yes
B+	77-79	3.33	Yes	Yes
B	73-76	3.00	Yes	Yes
B-	70-72	2.67	Yes	Yes
C+	65-69	2.33	Yes	Yes
C	60-64	2.00	Yes	Yes
C-	55-59	1.67	Yes	Yes
P	50-54	1.00	Yes	Yes
F	Below 50	0.00	No	Yes
DEF	Deferred	n/a	No	No
W	Withdrawal	0.00	No	No
AUD	Audit	0.00	No	No
S*	Satisfactory	0.00	No	No
SR*	Satisfactory but Restricted	0.00	No	No
U*	Unsatisfactory	0.00	No	No

* Used only for the evaluation of achievement in non-credit courses.