

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.

Rated as a Five Star institution by the QS Stars higher education rating system.



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 prepares students for life as an educated person and lays a solid foundation for further study.

This two-year, 60-credit (20 courses) undergraduate program is equivalent to the first two years of a four-year degree in the Arts. It prepares students to transfer to research or teaching universities to complete a bachelor's degree or serves as a credential to enter the labour market.

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.

At the end of the AA degree, you may transfer into a bachelor degree program at University Canada West (UCW) or any British Columbia degree-granting institution. 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



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



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.

Accreditations, Memberships and Designations



“ 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

How to Apply

To find out how you can enrol, email: inquiry@ucanwest.ca or call one of our advisors at **1-877-431-6887**

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