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The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences offers students a rich academic experience in the arts and humanities, as well as the social, computational, and mathematical sciences. Students may complete honours, majors, minors, and a general studies program leading to a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree or a Bachelor of Nsyilxcn Language Fluency (B.N.L.F.) The Faculty also offers graduate programs leading to Master of Arts and PhD degrees (see Graduate Studies). The B.A. is offered jointly with the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies.

Program offerings in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences are organized into clusters within administrative departments.

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1 Bachelor of Arts degrees in Art History and Visual Culture, Creative Writing, Cultural Studies, English, French and Spanish, and a Minor in Medieval and Renaissance Studies are available through the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies.

2 Bachelor of Bachelor of Nsyilxcn Language Fluency is pending final approval by the Ministry of Advanced Education.
Repeating Courses

Except in special cases, no student may repeat a course more than once.

Students wanting to repeat a course more than once must submit a written request to the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

The highest grade achieved will be used in the determination of the student's graduation standing, though all grades remain on the student's academic record.

Requirements of an Annotation of a Second or Subsequent Major or Honours Designation on a Baccalaureate Degree Previously Conferred

Students who have previously been granted a UBC Okanagan campus B.A. may subsequently return and complete the requirements for a first or an additional major or honours designation relevant to and within the same baccalaureate degree. The student will then be issued an updated parchment of the baccalaureate degree if the major or honours program requirements have been fully met. The updated degree parchment will include an annotation specific to the majors or honours designation. The student will be required to surrender the degree parchment previously conferred upon the issuance of the updated parchment for the baccalaureate degree. The official transcript of the student will be updated to indicate that the requirements of a subsequent major or honours have been met.

Returning students must receive the approval of the relevant department head before the student may enter either the second major or the honours program. The department head will ensure that the student’s prior work is sufficiently current to progress within the proposed program of study.

Bachelor of Arts Programs

Bachelor of Arts Programs > Program Overview

Bachelor of Arts

The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences offers a four-year degree program leading to the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.). Students can complete the program with one of more than 15 majors or with a General Studies degree. Disciplines within the Bachelor of Arts program are varied and allow for a large selection of courses. The B.A. is offered jointly with the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies.

The B.A. degree program can be completed as a:

- General Bachelor of Arts;
- Bachelor of Arts with a major;
- Bachelor of Arts with a double major;
- Bachelor of Arts with a major and a minor;
- Bachelor of Arts Honours (currently offered for Computer Science, Economics, English, History, and Psychology majors).

B.A. Major Program
Majors offered at the UBC Okanagan campus include: Anthropology; Computer Science; Economics; Gender and Women's Studies; Geography; History; Indigenous Studies; International Relations; Latin American Studies; Mathematics; Philosophy; Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE); Political Science; Psychology; and Sociology.

See the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=18,283,831,0#11540) for B.A. programs in Art History and Visual Culture, Creative Writing, Cultural Studies, English, French and Spanish.

B.A. General Studies

This program is designed for students who wish to pursue a general liberal studies program with requirements drawn from the humanities, social sciences, sciences, or creative and performing arts.

Bachelor of Arts Programs > Admission Requirements

Application for admission to the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences must be made through Enrolment Services. Procedures, policies, and admission requirements of the UBC Okanagan campus and the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences are specified in Admissions (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=2,0,0,0).

Bachelor of Arts Programs > Academic Regulations

In addition to the general policies and regulations set out in Policies and Regulations (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=3,0,0,0) the following academic regulations listed apply to undergraduate students in this Faculty.

Academic Standing

Supplementary to the University's policy on Academic Standing (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=3,41,91,0), the regulations below are applicable to B.A. students in this Faculty.

On Academic Probation

On Academic Probation will be assigned to a student who, while not falling under the provisions for Failed standing, has:

- earned a term cumulative average of less than 55%; or
- enrolled in 9 or more credits in a term and passed fewer than 60% of those credits; or
- enrolled in fewer than 9 credits in a term and passed fewer than 50% of those credits.

A student placed On Academic Probation at the end of the Winter Session will normally be allowed to register in a maximum of 9 credits in the following term. This restriction may be waived at the discretion of the Faculty. The credit restriction will only be enforced if the student is notified before the subsequent term begins.

On Academic Probation is changed to In Good Standing if a student's cumulative average in the term in which he or she was on Academic Probation is 55% or higher.
Failed Standing

A student placed on Failed standing for the first time will normally be required to discontinue his or her studies for a period of one academic year (12 months) prior to resuming his or her program of study. A student who already has a Failed standing on his or her academic record (from any UBC program) will be required to withdraw from the University and may only be readmitted under the Advancement Regulations [http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=3,41,93,0]. Failed standing will be assigned at the end of the Winter Session (April) based on performance in that session. The evaluation will consider all courses taken in the session. Failed standing will be assigned to a student who has:

- a sessional cumulative average less than 50%, passing fewer than 50% of the credits attempted in that session; or
- a sessional cumulative average of less than 45%.

Courses taken in the Summer Session are not taken into consideration for assigning Failed standing, although they are applicable for On Academic Probation.

Dean's List

Students in any Winter Session with a sessional average of at least 85% while taking 24 or more credits will receive the notation "Dean's List" on their official transcript of academic record.

Bachelor of Arts Programs > Degree Requirements for students who entered the program in 2020/2021 or earlier

A minimum of 120 credits in university courses must be completed. For use as electives, at most, 12 of the 120 credits may be from non-Arts and non-Science baccalaureate courses. Note: all baccalaureate courses delivered by the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies are deemed for this purpose to be Arts courses and need not be counted as outside electives. Students must also complete at least 48 credits at the 300/400 level, of which at least 30 credits must be completed at UBC.

A minimum graduating grade average (GGA) of 60% is required to be eligible for graduation with the B.A. degree.

First and Second Years Credit Requirements

To complete the first and second years of the B.A. program, a student must complete 60 credits in Arts or Science courses. These credits must be selected from the following:

English

Students must complete 6 credits of first-year English selected from: ENGL 109, or two of ENGL 112, 113, 114, 150, 151, 153, 154, 155, or 156. Students who fail to meet the English requirement before completing 60 Arts-eligible credits will not be permitted to register in courses other than first-year English, until this requirement is satisfied.

Science

Students must complete at least 6 first-year Science credits in Laboratory Science, Mathematics, Computer Science, Statistics, or approved Geography courses from the following list:

- ASTR 110, 111, 120, 121;
- BIOL 116, 117, 122, 125, 131, 133;
CHEM 111, 113, 121, 123;  
COSC 101, 111, 121, 122, 123;  
EESC 111, 121;  
GEOG 108, 109;  
MATH 100, 101, 111, 116, 142;  
PHYS 102, 111, 112, 121, 122, 140;  
STAT 121, 124

1GEOG 128 and 129 do not provide Science credit.

Language other than English Requirement

This requirement may be satisfied by any of the following options:

- successful completion of an approved Grade 12 course in a language other than English before studies begin at the UBC Okanagan campus. Note: once the student has begun studies at the UBC Okanagan campus, this requirement can no longer be satisfied with senior secondary courses;
- successful completion of one of the following or its equivalent. Note: these courses have prerequisites;

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- demonstrated competency through examination in any language other than English. Demonstrated competency is defined as the ability to pass a final oral and written examination typical of a fourth-term university course where the first term is beginner-level. Students must make their own arrangements for such an examination by a qualified instructor (e.g., a university professor who teaches the language at an accredited university). The suitability of such an instructor must be approved by the program advisor for Modern Languages before the examination is taken. Students are responsible for any fees incurred;
- students whose first language is not English may satisfy the requirement upon presentation of official transcripts indicating completion of secondary school in their first language;
- classical language option: students who successfully complete GREK 111 and 121, plus LATN 300, will be deemed to have satisfied the language requirement;
- American Sign Language: all four levels of the American Sign Language Basic Certificate offered through an accredited institution will be deemed to have satisfied the language requirement. Note: these courses cannot be used as credit toward the B.A. program.
- Okanagan language option: students who successfully complete both Nsyilxcn I and II (NSYL 110 and NSYL 111) (Okanagan Language), offered through the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology at the En’owkin Centre or the UBC Okanagan campus, will be deemed to have satisfied the language requirement.

Distribution Requirements

Students must complete at least 18 credits from List A: Social Sciences, and 18 credits from List B: Humanities. The completed courses must include at least two disciplines from each list. Note: credits earned to satisfy the English requirement will not count toward the Distribution Requirement.
Anthropology
Economics
Gender and Women's Studies
Geography
Indigenous Studies
Political Science
Psychology
Sociology

Art History and Visual Culture
Chinese
Creative and Critical Studies
Creative Writing
Cultural Studies
Digital Humanities
English
Film
French
Gender and Women's Studies
German
Greek
Hebrew
History
Indigenous Studies
Japanese Studies
Korean
Latin
Music
Philosophy
Spanish
Theatre
Visual Arts.
World Literatures

1GWST 100, 110, 216, 223, 323, 333, 334.


3Except for ENGL 112, 301.
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**Bachelor of Arts Programs > Degree Requirements for students entering the program in 2021/2022 or later**

To earn a Bachelor of Arts degree, students must complete a minimum of 120 credits of which at least 48 credits must be at the 300/400 level. Of those 48 credits, at least 30 credits must be completed at UBC. All baccalaureate courses delivered by the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies are deemed for this purpose to be Arts courses.

Students in the Bachelor of Arts degree program must complete the following requirements:

1. **Foundational Requirement (21 credits):** See below for the list of approved foundational requirement courses.
   - Communication (12 credits)
   - Critical Thinking (3 credits)
   - Indigenous Content (3 credits)
   - Scientific Literacy or Numeracy (3 credits)

   Note that courses used to satisfy the foundational courses requirement may also be used to satisfy a program requirement, but a course may not be used to satisfy both the foundational requirement and the distribution requirement.

2. **Distribution Requirement (12 credits):** See below for the list of approved distribution requirement courses.
   - Creativity (3 credits)
   - Digital Literacy (3 credits)
   - Power, Diversity, and Cultures (3 credits)
   - Sustainability (3 credits)

   Courses taken to satisfy this requirement must be in at least two different disciplines. Courses that satisfy program requirements can also satisfy distribution requirements.

3. **Program Requirement (min. 48 credits):** See major program pages for the list of required courses.
   - Courses required to complete a B.A major.
   - In addition, a student may choose to complete a minor, double major, combined major, or honours program. See Program Requirements for details.
4. Elective Requirement (credit count varies):

- Remaining credits to complete the B.A. degree requirements are dependent on the Program Requirement.
- Students can fulfill the Elective Requirement by successfully completing any credit course at UBC that has not been used to satisfy a foundational, distribution or program requirement.
- A minimum of 12 credits of elective courses must be at the 300/400 level.

A minimum graduating grade average (GGA) of 60% is required to be eligible for graduation with the B.A. degree.

Foundational Requirement

The Foundational Requirement provides the essential skills and knowledge that every student requires to progress successfully across the curriculum. Together, the four areas within this requirement serve to build the competencies that graduates require to become lifelong learners and engaged citizens.

Communication

Writing proficiency and other communication skills are fundamental to an undergraduate education. This requirement provides students with an opportunity to acquire and develop these skills, which are not only valuable in an academic context but will also assist students in their career paths. The study of additional languages helps to develop competence in structured thought and logic, problem solving, and critical thinking as well as promote a sense of global citizenship by increasing intercultural understanding and competence. Students must complete:

- 3 credits of ENGL 109, 112, 114, or 150, 151, 153
- 3 credits of ENGL 203 or similar approved communications courses.
- 6 credits of language acquisition or language/linguistic appreciation requirement from any of the following:
  - CHIN 100, 101
  - FREN 101, 102, 103, 104, 122, 123, 215, 222, 344, 345
  - GERM 100, 110, 200, 210
  - JPST 100, 101, 200, 201
  - KORN 100, 101
  - SPAN 101, 102, 201, 202
  - WRLD 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 382

- Some students may satisfy the language acquisition or language/linguistic appreciation requirement by successfully completing both Nsyilxcen I and II (NSYL 110 and NSYL 111) (Okanagan Language), offered through the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology at the En’owkin Centre or the UBC Okanagan campus or by completing the equivalent of 6 credits of any other Indigenous language through an accredited educational institution.
- Students who are fluent in and can demonstrate competency through examination in another language may use additional English or communication courses to satisfy the language acquisition or language/linguistic appreciation requirement upon approval from the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies.
- Students whose first language is not English may use additional English or communication courses to satisfy the language acquisition or language/linguistic appreciation requirement upon presentation of an official transcript indicating completion of secondary school in their first language.
- American Sign Language: all four levels of the American Sign Language Basic Certificate offered through an accredited institution will be deemed to have satisfied the language acquisition or language/linguistic appreciation requirement. Note: these courses cannot be used as credit towards the B.A. degree.
Critical Thinking

Critical thinking is the ability to engage in reflective and independent thinking; it is at the root of a democratic society. This requirement provides students with the skills they need to separate facts from opinions, to examine issues from all sides, and to think independently. Critical thinking is essential to make connections across disciplines and understand content on a deeper level. It therefore enhances overall academic performance.

Students must complete 3 credits chosen from:

- PHIL 120, 121
- PSYO 270

Indigenous Content

In its commitment to think beyond the inherited thought processes replicating colonial assumptions of past practices and honour the knowledge, political, and social systems of Indigenous communities, UBC Okanagan requires that students develop a competence in understanding Indigenous ways of knowing.

Students must complete 3 credits chosen from:

- INDG 100

Scientific Literacy or Numeracy

Along with the Critical Thinking requirement, the Scientific Literacy or Numeracy requirement ensures graduates develop a habit of mind that enables them to think critically and independently while providing them with the mathematical or scientific concepts needed to navigate their workplace and life in general.

Students must complete 3 credits chosen from:

- All 1st-year BIOL, CHEM, PHYS, or MATH
- DATA 101, 301
- COSC 301
- EESC 101, 104, 106, 111, 121
- GEOG 108, 109
- PSYO 271
- SOCI 271
- STAT 121, 124
Distribution Requirement

Distribution requirement courses fulfill the need to graduate students who are well-rounded, informed, and engaged citizens. This requirement exposes students to different ways of thinking and experiences in areas outside their specialization. Courses in this requirement are accessible to students who have not acquired the specialized knowledge typically possessed by students majoring in a discipline.

In addition to the specific learning outcomes identified in the distribution areas, any course satisfying the Distribution Requirement should substantially fulfill at least one of the following conditions:

1. Demonstrates the ways in which the discipline understands, obtains, and categorizes its knowledge, along with defining the problems addressed by the discipline and the methods by which it solves or answers those problems;
2. Surveys the historical development of the discipline and the shape of its current practices; or,
3. Surveys the central ideas, theories, and debates central to the discipline.

Creativity

Learning to think creatively requires many different skills, such as the ability to see objects and ideas in new ways. This requirement aims to develop the capacity to combine or synthesize existing ideas, images, or expertise in original ways and to experience thinking, reacting, and working in an imaginative way, characterized by a high-degree of innovation, divergent thinking, and risk-taking. Creativity is not only essential for the innovation process, but it is also an observable and valuable component of the social and economic enterprise that becomes a force of great value when it is applied to causes that benefit humankind and the world at large.

Students must complete 3 credits chosen from:

- COSC 123
- CRWR 150, 160, 205, 210
- FILM 103
- PSYO 317
- THTR 101, 102, 103, 104, 201, 202, 212, 280, 313, 412
- VISA 102, 104, 106, 110, 137, 290A
- WRLD 313

Digital Literacy

Digital literacy includes the broader capacity to participate in, and reflect upon, the use of digital communication technology in various spheres (education, work, leisure, etc.). The fulfillment of this requirement will enable students to build meaningful knowledge through the interaction with digital resources and understand human, as well as, cultural and societal issues related to the use of technology.

Students must complete 3 credits chosen from:
Power, Diversity, and Cultures

The notions of equality, universal respect, and justice are the basis of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. To fulfill UBC’s commitment of advancing the inclusion of all those who have been excluded historically based on gender, race, religion, sexuality, age, physical ability, or economic circumstances, these notions are at the root of this requirement. The Power, Diversity, and Cultures requirement will ensure that students can reflect upon their experiences to rethink what is normal or acceptable about the lives they live, as well as providing an opportunity for them to question their unexamined assumptions about society.

Students must complete 3 credits chosen from:

- ARTH 309, 370, 375
- CULT 230, 340, 346, 380, 480
- ENGL 224, 379, 384
- GEOG 255
- GWST 100, 110, 215
- HIST 317
- POLI 100
- SOCI 121, 429
- THTR 304, 309, 411
- WRLD 100, 304, 310, 360, 382

Sustainability

This requirement will provide students with the knowledge needed to explore the complexities of sustainability and empower them to make informed decisions and take responsible actions for environmental integrity, economic viability, and a just society for present and future generations while respecting social and cultural diversity. Sustainability education is holistic and transformational.

Students must complete 3 credits chosen from:
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Bachelor of Arts Programs > Program Requirements

Registration

Students are responsible for meeting all program requirements. Program advisors are available to assist with the appropriate course selection to meet graduation requirements. Before completing their final 30 credits, students are encouraged to have their progress reviewed by a program advisor to ensure that they meet all graduation requirements.

Students enrolled in the following programs: double major, major/minor, double honours or honours/minor are permitted to double count a limited number of credits between the two fields of study (see Double Counting of Credits in Honours, Majors, and Minors).

Honours

The B.A. with Honours provides an intensive program of study in an established discipline or program. Students who complete this program will learn to work independently with a high standard of competency in their chosen field. Honours programs require students to acquire sophisticated analytic and communication skills. May require completion of an honours thesis. Requires a minimum grade average as specified by the program.

Major

Students can earn a major by completing a defined set of disciplinary or interdisciplinary courses, consisting of at least 48 credits with at least 30 credits at the 300/400 level. The student must also complete at least 18 credits at the 300/400 level outside of a single discipline, and must complete at least 18 of the 30 credits in their major at the 300/400 level at UBC. A student may earn a double major by completing all program requirements for each major.

Major with an Arts Minor

In conjunction with a major, a student can earn a minor, consisting of at least 30 defined credits with at least 18 credits at the 300/400 level. These 30 credits must be in a discipline or program different from the student's major. The student must also
complete all requirements for the major. Please see the specific minor requirements listed under the various disciplines.

Major with a Fine Arts Minor

B.A. students may earn a Minor in Visual Arts. Note: due to the number of credits required, adding this program to a degree of study may result in it requiring more than four years to complete.

Major with a Science Minor

B.A. students can complete minors in the following Science disciplines: Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Data Science\(^1\), Earth and Environmental Sciences, Geospatial Information Science\(^2\), Mathematics, Mathematics and Statistics, Physics, and Statistics. To complete a Science minor, students must include no fewer than 30 credits in a Science discipline. At least 12 of these credits must be numbered 300 or above.

\(^1\)The requirements for the BA minor in Data Science are the same as for the BSc minor in Data Science (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=18,360,1102,1448), which may require students to complete more than the minimum 12 credits of courses numbered 300 or above.

\(^2\)The requirements for the BA minor in Geospatial Information Science are the same as for the BSc minor in Geospatial Information Science (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=18,360,1102,1455), which requires students to complete more than the minimum 12 credits of courses numbered 300 or above.

Double Major in Arts

A student may earn a double major by completing all program requirements for each major. Completing a double major in the Arts will likely require more than 120 credits.

Note: the two majors must be from different disciplines. It is not possible to double major in two sub-areas of one discipline.

Double Major in Arts and Sciences

A student may earn a double major by completing all program requirements for the B.A. degree with a major, plus completing the requirements for a major offered in Sciences. Note: the two majors must be from two different disciplines. Completing a double major in Arts and Sciences will likely require more than 120 credits.

Combined Major in Arts

A student may earn a combined major by completing the requirements specified by the programs offering that combined major option. Combined major students must also complete at least 48 credits at the 300/400 level.

Double Counting of Credits in Honours, Majors, and Minors

Students enrolled in the following programs: double major, major/minor, double honours or honours/minor are permitted to double count a limited number of credits between the two fields of study. No more than 6 upper-level credits that count toward the program-specified requirements for the first major or honours may be double counted to fulfill requirements for the second honours, major, or minor. Thus, in order to graduate, double major students must have at least 54 program-specified upper-level credit requirements, and major/honours and minor students must have at least 48 upper-level credits; this number of credits cannot be arrived at by double counting. Students should be aware that by double counting they could substantially weaken the intellectual content of one of their fields of study.

Bachelor of Arts Programs > Co-operative Education Program

Co-operative Education Option
The Co-operative Education (Co-op) program provides interested and qualified students in the B.A. program with paid employment experience relevant to their future careers. The Co-operative Education program is an optional, year-round program, supplementary to academic programs in the Faculty. For general program information, see Cooperative Education (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=19,352,0,0).

To graduate with a Co-operative Education Program designation on the transcript, a student must complete three work placement terms, including placements in Term 1 (September to December) and/or Term 2 (January to April) of a Winter Session.

Students wishing to enrol in the Co-op program typically apply in the Winter Session, Term 1 of their third year, however other entry points may be possible if requested and will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. For admittance into the Co-operative Education program, students must have selected a major and attained third-year standing (i.e., completed at least 48 credits) prior to their first work term while maintaining an overall GPA of 70%. Academic performance and suitability for the work environment, as assessed by the Co-operative Education office during the student intake process, will also be part of the selection criteria used for program admission. Total enrolment is subject to the availability of appropriate work placements. Acceptance into the Co-op program does not guarantee a work term placement.

Students admitted into the Co-op program will be registered in the appropriate Co-operative Education course for each work term, once a suitable work placement is confirmed and upon completion of mandatory pre-employment training. Pre-employment training includes workshops, assignments and activities.

Additionally, payment of the Co-operative Education program fees is mandatory. The fees include a Co-operative Education program fee for each work term and a one-time Co-operative Education program workshop fee (see Program and Course Fees (Calendar page: http://appleton.ad.students.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=14,341,0,0#15360)).

Each successfully completed Co-operative Education course is assigned 3 Co-op credits on a student's academic transcript. In order to graduate in a Co-operative Education program designation, a student must complete a minimum of 9 Co-op credits (three work terms), in addition to the normal academic requirements of the Faculty.

The Co-operative Education program typically necessitates an additional four months to one year to complete a bachelor's degree. Faculty advisors or Co-operative Education coordinators visit students at their places of work and provide advice on the work term reports that are a requirement of the program. Students transferring to UBC from accredited co-op programs at other institutions may request admission to the Co-op program and may receive credit for previously completed work placement, to a maximum of 6 Co-op course credits (two work terms).

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Bachelor of Arts Programs > Anthropology

Major in Anthropology

First and Second Years

B.A. requirements (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=18,282,857,1084#12398), including the following:

- ANTH 100 and 170;
- ANTH 103 or 111;
- INDG 100 or 102;
- ANTH 200 and 3 credits from any 200-level ANTH course.
Third and Fourth Years

30 credits of 300- and 400-level Anthropology courses, including:

- ANTH 307;
- 6 credits from ANTH 400, 401 or 410;
- 21 additional credits from 300- and 400-level Anthropology courses.

Minor in Anthropology

To complete a Minor in Anthropology, students must accumulate no fewer than 30 credits in Anthropology out of the 120 credits required for the B.A. degree. At least 18 of these credits must be numbered 300 or above.

Bachelor of Arts Programs > Art History and Visual Culture

Consult the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies for information on the Major and Minor programs in Art History and Visual Culture.

Bachelor of Arts Programs > Computer Science (B.A.)

B.A. Major in Computer Science

Note: The UBC Okanagan campus also offers a B.Sc. Major in Computer Science (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=18,360,1102,1447).

This program allows students to use their artistic creativity with technology for the benefit of society. It appeals to students interested both in computer science and visual arts (game or website design), psychology (cognitive science, and human and computer interaction), English (technical writing), languages (automation of text translation), philosophy (computer ethics), or law (information security, privacy, and forensics).

First and Second Years

B.A. requirements (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=18,360,1102,1440), including the following:

- one of COSC 111, COSC 123¹;
- COSC 121;
- COSC 222;
- one of MATH 100, 111, 116².

¹COSC 122 is a prerequisite for COSC 123.
²Since several upper-level Computer Science courses have Mathematics prerequisites, MATH 101, MATH 221, and COSC 221 are strongly recommended.

Third and Fourth Years

- COSC 310¹;
- COSC 341¹;
COSC 304; COSC 499; 18 credits of Computer Science courses numbered 300 or above; PHIL 331; 15 credits at the 300/400 level outside of Computer Science.

1 Students must take COSC 304, COSC 310 and COSC 341 in their 3rd year since they are a prerequisite to COSC 499. 2 COSC 499 must be taken in 4th year.

**B.A. Computer Science Honours Program**

Through coursework and research, the Honours in Computer Science is an intensive program of study. Students who complete this program will have the ability to work independently and with a high level of competency. The course requirements are the same as in the Major in Computer Science program, except the student must maintain a high grade level (a minimum of 75%) and the student must complete COSC 449 Honours Thesis (6 credits).

**Admission Requirements**

- Fourth-year standing in the Computer Science Major;
- This program requires a research project with an undergraduate honours thesis. The thesis proposal and a research supervisor must be approved by the unit head; and
- Minimum grade average of 75% in all courses taken to date applicable to the Computer Science Major.

In exceptional cases, such as transferees from another institution, a student may be admitted to the Honours program notwithstanding the criteria listed above.

**Graduation Requirements**

- Completion of the course requirements for the Computer Science Major;
- Completion of COSC 449 Honours Thesis with a minimum grade of 75%. A written thesis is required, with a public presentation of the thesis in the form of a poster session and/or a seminar; and
- A minimum 75% graduating grade average (GGA).

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**Bachelor of Arts Programs > Creative Writing**

Consult the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies for information on the Major in Creative Writing.

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**Bachelor of Arts Programs > Cultural Studies**

Consult the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies for information on the Major and Minor programs in Cultural Studies.

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** Bachelor of Arts Programs > Economics (B.A.)**

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B.A. Major in Economics

Note: The UBC Okanagan campus also offers a B.A. Major in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) and a B.Sc. Major in Economics (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=18,360,1102,1451).

Economics is a social science dealing with choice among competing alternatives. To major in Economics, students must master skills of abstraction, deductive reasoning, and critical thinking, and understand the historical, cultural, and social context of economic institutions, policies, and events. A Major in Economics provides a way of looking at the world and understanding important aspects of human behaviour, and improves reasoning, problem-solving, and decision-making abilities. It equips students with the skills needed to move on to graduate studies in Economics and related disciplines, or to enter a wide range of occupations.

To be admitted to the major program students must:

- have successfully completed both ECON 204 and ECON 205 (or equivalent); and,
- consult with the department.

First and Second Years

B.A. requirements (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=18%2c282%2c857%2c1084), including the following:

- ECON 101, 102;
- ECON 204, 205;
- One of MATH 100, 116; and one of MATH 101, 142;
- STAT 230

Third and Fourth Years

- ECON 327, 328;
- at least 30 additional elective credits of ECON courses, of which at least 24 must be at the 300 and 400 level, and of which at least one course must be upper-level microeconomics (ECON 308, 386, or 401), at least one course must be upper-level monetary/macroeconomics (ECON 309, 345, 356, 402, or 409), and at least one course must be economic history (ECON 122, 232, 330, 331, 332, 333, 338, or 339);
- at least 18 credits at the 300 or 400 level in one or more disciplines other than Economics.

Minor in Economics

To complete a Minor in Economics, students must accumulate no fewer than 30 credits in Economics out of the 120 credits required for the B.A. degree. At least 18 of these credits must be numbered 300 or above.

B.A. Honours in Economics

The Honours program in Economics enables high-achieving B.A. Major students in Economics to increase their concentration in Economics and to gain research experience through the completion of a directed-studies project (ECON 499 Honours Essay). Students are expected to satisfy high levels of competency in their academic program and to successfully complete a directed-studies project (ECON 499 Honours Essay) under the supervision of a faculty member. Students intending to pursue graduate studies in economics are advised to consider taking the Honours program since it better equips them to be successful; in
addition, most of the high-quality programs in Economics expect potential graduate students to have completed an Honours degree.

Students who wish to enrol in the Honours program must submit a formal application to the coordinator of the Honours Program. After being admitted to the Honours Program, students must complete ECON 495 (Honours Seminar) and ECON 499 (Honours Essay) in sequence during their final year of study.

**Admission Requirements:**

- Fourth-year standing in the Economics Major;
- A minimum grade average of 76% in all courses taken to date that are applicable to the Economics Major;
- A minimum grade of 76% in both ECON 204 and ECON 205;
- A minimum grade average of 76% in MATH 100 or 116 and MATH 101 or 142;
- Successful Completion of ECON 327 and ECON 328.

**Graduation Requirements:**

- All general program requirements for the B.A. degree

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**Bachelor of Arts Programs > English**

Consult the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies for information on the [Major, Honours, and Minor programs in English](http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=18,282,857,1084).

**Bachelor of Arts Programs > French**

**French Programs**

Consult the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies for information on French programs: the [Major](http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=18,282,857,1084) and [Minor](http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=18,282,857,1084) in French and [Major in French and Spanish](http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=18,282,857,1084).

**Bachelor of Arts Programs > Gender and Women's Studies**

**Major in Gender and Women's Studies**

*An interdisciplinary program at the UBC Okanagan campus.*

**Note:** The UBC Okanagan campus offers other interdisciplinary programs, including the [Major in International Relations](http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=18,282,857,1084), the [Major in Latin American Studies](http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=18,282,857,1084), and the [Major in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics](http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=18,282,857,1084).

**Lower-Level Requirements**

B.A. requirements ([http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=18,282,857,1084](http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=18,282,857,1084)), including the following:

- GWST 100;
- GWST 110; and
- One of INDG 100 or 102.
At least six credits at the 200 level, including:

- One of GWST 216, GWST 223; and
- One of the following: ANTH 205; ENGL 270; GWST 215, 216, 223; SOCI 217.

**Upper-Level Requirements**

- One of GWST 323, 335;
- GWST 334; and
- 27 credits from the following list, of which at least 6 credits must be a 400-level GWST courses: ANTH 313, 414; ARTH 410; CULT 325, 366; ECON 351; ENGL 370, 430; FREN 419, 439; GEOG 358; any 300 or 400-level GWST course; INDG 310, 450; JPST 366; PHIL 373; POLI 372; PSYO 353, 354; SOCI 303, 305, 309, 313, 415, 485.

**Note:** Relevant special topics courses and directed studies in other disciplines may apply with permission from the program advisor.

**Minor in Gender and Women's Studies**

**Graduation Requirements**

**Lower-Level Requirements**

B.A. requirements (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=18%2c282%2c857%2c1084), including the following:

- GWST 100;
- GWST 110;
- one of GWST 216, 223; and
- one of the following: ANTH 205; ENGL 270; GWST 215, 216, 223; SOCI 217.

**Upper-Level Requirements**

A total of 18 credits of 300- and/or 400-level courses, including:

- One of GWST 323, 335; and
- 15 credits from the following list, of which at least 3 credits must be a 400-level GWST course: ANTH 313, 414; ARTH 410; CULT 325, 366; ECON 351; ENGL 370, 430; FREN 419, 439; GEOG 358; any 300 or 400-level GWST courses; INDG 310, 450; JPST 366; PHIL 373; POLI 372; PSYO 353, 354; SOCI 303, 305, 306, 309, 313, 415, 485.

**Note:** Relevant special topics courses and directed studies in other disciplines may be applied with permission of the program advisor.

**Bachelor of Arts Programs > General Studies**

**Bachelor of Arts, General Studies**

The Bachelor of Arts, General Studies is for students who wish to pursue a general liberal studies program.

Students may choose to focus their concentrations in the following disciplines:

- Anthropology
- Art History and Visual Culture
- Computer Science
- Creative Writing
- Cultural Studies
- Digital Humanities/Media Studies
- Economics
- English
- French
- Geography
- Gender and Women's Studies
- German
- History
- Indigenous Studies
Students in all B.A. programs must complete at least 48 credits at the 300/400 level in any discipline, of which at least 30 credits must be completed at UBC.

Students must see an undergraduate advisor before entering third-year.

In addition to fulfilling the foundational and distribution requirements for the B.A. degree (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=18,282,857,1084), students completing the B.A. General Studies must successfully complete 36 credits of courses numbered 300 or higher by selecting one of the following two options1,2.

**Option A**

At least 18 credits in any two of the above listed disciplines.

**Option B**

At least 18 credits in one of the above listed disciplines, at least 9 credits in a second discipline and 9 credits in a third discipline.

1. All Economics, Geography and Psychology courses count as Arts courses within the B.A. General Studies.

2. Students may not complete a major or minor within the General Studies program.

3. Cross-listed courses can only be used to satisfy the requirements of one concentration (e.g. DIHU 370 and ARTH 370).

**Bachelor of Arts Programs > Geography**

**Major in Geography**

The Geography Major draws on academic material from both the human and physical areas within the discipline. Curriculum emphasis is on the development of both theory and methodology, and on the practical application of geographical concepts to environmental, economic, social, and cultural problems at global to local scales, with emphasis on issues pertinent to southern British Columbia and Canada. The immediate focus of the Geography Major is on solving problems related to the environment, our use of resources, and development. By focusing on these, the Geography Major provides students with a specialized program that addresses issues of increasing concern and interest to Canadians. On entering the program, students should consult with the Geography program advisor to develop a curriculum plan for their last 60 credit hours of study. Before completing the last 30 credit hours of their degree, students should again have their program reviewed by the program advisor.

**First and Second Years**

B.A. requirements (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=18,282,857,1084), including the following:

- GEOG 108, 109, 128, 129;
- One of GEOG 271, 272;
- 3 additional credits of second-year Geography.

**Third and Fourth Years**

- Physical geography requirement: at least 3 credits of GEOG 301, 304, 307, 314, 317, 341, 356, 367, 414, 422, 436, 466;
- Human geography requirement: at least 3 credits of GEOG 351, 353, 354, 358, 359, 365, 434, 451, 454, 458, 480;
- Methods requirement: at least 3 credits of GEOG 371, 377, 437, 474, GISC 380, 381, 480;
- Integrative themes requirement: at least 3 credits of GEOG 310, 316, 413, 416, 423, 431, 435;
Minor in Geography

To complete a Minor in Geography, students must accumulate no fewer than 30 credits in Geography out of the 120 credits required for the B.A. degree. At least 18 of these credits must be numbered 300 or above.

Bachelor of Arts Programs > History

Major in History

To complete the BA History Major students must complete at least 3 credits of Canadian history (any level).

First and Second Years

B.A. requirements (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=18%2c282%2c857%2c1084), including the following:

• 12 credits completed from 100- or 200-level History courses.

Third and Fourth Years

• 30 credits of upper-level History credits, including a minimum of 3 credits in each of the following:
  1. an area excluding the United States, Canada, or Europe;
  2. the twentieth century;
  3. pre-1800;
  4. thematic studies course.

  Note: Up to 6 credits from the following courses may be counted toward a History Major: ARTH 315, 316, 320, 321, 370, 375; ECON 330, 331, 332, 333; ENGL 340, 344; PHIL 419; POLI 433, SPAN 420.

• 6 additional credits of History electives (any level).

To build a suitable program, a student in the History Major program may obtain special permission from the department to include a course other than those listed above. Electives to complete 120 credits are required for the degree.

History Honours Program

The Honours degree program in History enables students specializing in History to increase their concentration in History and to gain research experience in the completion of an Honours thesis. Students are expected to satisfy high levels of competency in their academic achievement and to successfully complete a research project under the supervision of a faculty member. The faculty supervisor must be approved by the department head.

Admission Requirements:

• Third-year standing;
• Minimum of 12 credits of History;
• Minimum overall average of 72%;
• Minimum average of 76% in History courses; and
• Submission of an application form with supporting materials.

Graduation Requirements

• All general program requirements for the B.A. degree and History Major, including the English, Science, Language other than English, and Distribution requirements;
• Successful completion of HIST 492 (recommended in student’s third year) and HIST 499 (Undergraduate Honours Thesis);
• An overall average of at least 76% in History courses;
• An overall average of 72% in all courses;
• A minimum of 54 credits of History, including HIST 499.
Minor in History

To complete a Minor in History, students must accumulate no fewer than 30 credits in History out of the 120 credits required for the B.A. degree. At least 18 of these credits must be numbered 300 or above.

A maximum of 3 credits from the following courses may be counted toward a History Minor: ARTH 315, 316, 320, 321, 370, 375; ECON 330, 331, 332, 333; ENGL 340, 344; PHIL 419; POLI 433, SPAN 420.

Bachelor of Arts Programs > Indigenous Studies

Major in Indigenous Studies

The interdisciplinary Indigenous Studies program offers courses that provide perspectives of Indigenous peoples from the Okanagan, Canada, and world communities. The involvement of the Okanagan nation and the En’owkin Centre in its development and in ongoing partnership provides a strong foundation in the Okanagan community and ensures continuing input from Indigenous perspectives.

Courses are offered at the second-year level in Okanagan and Indigenous history and cultures. In the third and fourth years, courses in Indigenous governance, the justice system, land claims, traditional ecological knowledge, the protection of heritage, Indigenous theory, and methodology are offered.

Requirements for the Indigenous Studies Major

First and Second Years

B.A. requirements (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=18%2c282%2c857%2c1084), as well as the following:

- INDG 100 or 102;
- 12 credits from: INDG 201, 202, 203, 210, 295;
- 3 credits from any introductory course from Humanities, Social Sciences, Science, or Education.

Third and Fourth Years

- INDG 301, 303, 304, 401;

Minor in Indigenous Studies

The Minor in Indigenous Studies prepares students for an interdisciplinary graduate program, and/or Indigenous inter-cultural experience.

To complete a Minor in Indigenous Studies, students must accumulate no fewer than 30 credits in Indigenous Studies courses. At least 18 of these credits must be at the 300 or 400 level.

Bachelor of Arts Programs > International Relations

Major in International Relations

An interdisciplinary degree program at the UBC Okanagan campus.

Note: The UBC Okanagan campus offers other interdisciplinary programs, including the Major in Latin American Studies, the Major in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, and the Minor in Gender and Women’s Studies.
The International Relations (IR) Major is an interdisciplinary program which allows students to develop a solid background in related areas of political science, history, sociology-anthropology, economics, and modern languages. The IR program stresses critical thinking and essential communication skills. A bachelor’s degree in IR provides a solid foundation for diverse career options, including those associated with law, business, politics and government, foreign service, teaching, international development, and most professional programs. Post-graduate programs in IR are available at many universities in Canada and around the world.

The UBC Okanagan campus IR program has a strong record of successful graduates. Students in the IR Major program are encouraged to study and travel in other countries as part of their B.A. Major requirements. Admission to the IR Major occurs in the Winter Session, Term 2, for the following academic year. Students must submit a formal application to the coordinator of the IR program. Contact the IR Program Coordinator (http://ikbsas.ok.ubc.ca/people/advisors/) for more information.

Requirements for the International Relations Degree Program

- B.A. requirements (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=18%2c282%2c857%2c1084);
- Admission to the International Relations program is conditional on maintaining an average of 70% on either: a) the last three terms as a full-time student, or b) the last 30 credits as a part-time student;
- Second Language. Students must take 12 credits in preferably one or a maximum of two languages other than English. This is in addition to the Faculty of Arts requirement for an approved second language. The language(s) may be the same as those used to satisfy the Faculty of Arts requirement, carried to a higher level, or it may be an additional or additional languages. The 12 credits may be completed in the third or fourth year, but all students are encouraged to make completion of the language requirement a priority as early as possible in their program. In approved cases students may satisfy the second language requirement by taking a proficiency exam in lieu of language courses. However, the second language credits will need to be substituted by up to 12 credits of elective courses.

First and Second Years

- Political Science: any two of the following, although all three are strongly recommended: POLI 220, 221, 222. These courses represent core courses for the IR program;
- History: 6 credits of either a) HIST 115, 145, or b) HIST 116, 126;
- Economics: Students must complete ECON 101, 102;
- Sociology and Anthropology: Although there are no required first- or second-year courses, many of the third- and fourth-year Sociology/Anthropology courses required for the IR degree have prerequisites. For some third- and fourth-year Sociology courses, the prerequisite is SOCI 111, 121; for Anthropology it is ANTH 100. These courses are recommended for students in the IR Major and may fulfill the electives component of the B.A. requirements.

Third and Fourth Years

Students must fulfill the requirements of Categories A (15 credits) and B (18 credits). In choosing courses, students should not assume that the same courses will be offered two years in a row. When selecting courses for third year, students are advised to take as many required courses as possible especially Category A courses.

Category A

- Anthropology: one of ANTH 313, 320, 351, 375, 377, 473, 475; or Sociology: one of SOCI 301, 440, 445, 450, 463; or Indigenous Studies: one of INDG 305, 306, 307, 308, 420;
- Economics: one of ECON 331, 339, 355, 356, 357, 358;
- History: one of HIST 402, 412, 468 (or POLI 433), 469;
- Political Science: one of POLI 334, 336, 362, 364, 366, 462, 464 and one Political Science seminar course.

1The History Department requires 12 credits of History as a prerequisite for most upper-level History courses.

Category B

In addition to Category A requirements, students are required to take 18 additional credits, with no more than 9 credits from any one discipline. These may come from Category A (that is, from the courses not used to fulfill Category A requirements), or from the list below, for a total of 33 credits.

- Anthropology: ANTH 304, 350, 355, 363, 403, 429, 455, 490; or Sociology: SOCI 303, 415, 430, 467;
- Economics: ECON 330, 332, 333, 345, 361, 371, 390;
- History: one of HIST 305, 312, 317, 353, 354, 396, 397, 408, 436, 443, 444, 450, 452, 464, 471, 472, 473, 494;

1The History Department requires 12 credits of History as a prerequisite for most upper-level History courses.
Note: the total number of upper-division credits required from Categories A and B is 33. This covers the upper-division credit total of the IR Major. Students must, however, have 15 additional upper-division elective credits for a grand total of 48 upper-division credits in order to meet the B.A. requirements.

Bachelor of Arts Programs > Latin American Studies

This program is currently under review. Students wishing to enrol in this program must contact the Latin American Studies undergraduate program advisor.

Major in Latin American Studies

An interdisciplinary degree program at the UBC Okanagan campus.

Note: The UBC Okanagan campus offers other interdisciplinary programs, including the Major in International Relations, the Major in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics, and the Minor in Gender and Women's Studies.

Latin American Studies is an undergraduate program designed to give students a broad general knowledge of Latin America and its diverse peoples and to allow them to construct a truly interdisciplinary approach to study the language, culture, society, geography, political systems, and history of Latin America. The program stresses language skills, historical breadth and depth, and theme-based focus within individual programs of study; its faculty members are drawn from many departments and two faculties of the University.

The Major program is intended to provide a focused approach to critical examination of Latin America in its tremendous complexity and its contemporary regional and international context. A bachelor's degree in Latin American Studies provides a solid foundation for diverse career and academic options, such as international law, international business, politics, foreign service, teaching, international NGO work, media and communication, and most discipline-based arts and professional graduate programs. Students majoring in Latin American Studies are encouraged to study and travel in other countries as part of the B.A. program.

Students should meet with a program advisor for the Latin American Studies program during their first year to plan their Major.

Latin American Studies Major Degree Requirements:

- B.A. requirements (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=18%2c282%2c857%2c1084);
- Language: students completing a Major in Latin American Studies must complete at least 12 credits of Spanish language at UBC or at an approved institution in a Spanish-speaking country, at least 6 of which must be at the 300 or 400 level. Students with previous knowledge of Spanish or Portuguese should consult with the Spanish Program Advisor. Proficiency exams may be administered in lieu of this requirement, but do not exclude credit toward SPAN courses required to complete the Major.

First and Second Years

- SPAN 150;
- HIST 151;
- HIST 240 or INDG 203;
- INDG 210; and
- Any 200-level Spanish course.

Third and Fourth Years

Students should not assume that the same courses will be offered two years in a row. When selecting courses for third year, students are advised to take as many required courses as possible. Students are advised to make themselves aware of any prerequisites to courses as they plan their degrees.

Part A: Requirements

Students are required to complete the following:

- POLI 318 and 319;
- SOCI 440;
- 6 credits of HIST 351, 352, 353, 354, 444, 450, 452, 453, 454, or INDG 310;
- 6 credits of ANTH 320, 323, 363, or 411; and
- 6 additional credits of SPAN 310, 311, 408, 410, 411, 412, or 420.
Part B: Electives

Students are required to take 9 credits of additional 300- and 400-level courses with relevant content approved by the program advisor.

Minor in Latin American Studies

This is an interdisciplinary program intended to provide students with a broad exposure to the cultures, histories, and languages of Latin America. Ideally, the Minor complements a major in one of the participating disciplines that comprise Latin American Studies, but it can be combined with any major program in Arts or Sciences. The Minor in Latin American Studies requires completion of 30 credits, organized into 12 lower-level credits and 18 upper-level credits from the following list. Completion of SPAN 302 is strongly recommended for the Minor, but not required. For Science students, the Minor requires the completion of 18 lower-level credits and 12 upper-level credits drawn from the following:

Lower-Level Courses

SPAN 150, 280; ANTH 241; ARTH 250; HIST 145, 151, 240, 241; INDG 203, 210

Upper-Level Courses

ANTH 320, 323, 363, 411; HIST 325, 351, 352, 353, 354, 401, 444, 450, 452, 453, 454; INDG 310; POLI 318, 319, 371, 377; SOCI 440; SPAN 303, 304, 310, 311, 315, 3801, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 419, 420, 425, 4951

Students should meet with a program advisor for the Latin American Studies program during their first year to plan their Minor.

1Only when content is focused on Latin America.

Bachelor of Arts Programs > Mathematics (B.A.)

B.A. Major in Mathematics

Note: The UBC Okanagan campus also offers a B.Sc. Major in Mathematics (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=18,360,1102,1457), a B.Sc. Major in Mathematical Sciences (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=18,360,1102,1456), and a B.Sc. Combined Major in Physics and Mathematics (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=18,360,1102,1459).

First and Second Years

B.A. requirements (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=18%2c282%2c857%2c1084), including the following:

- MATH 100, 101;
- MATH 200, 221;
- MATH 225, 2201.

1Note: MATH 220 may be deferred until third year. COSC 111/121 and COSC 221/231 are strongly recommended.

Third and Fourth Years

- MATH 327;
- 21 credits in Mathematics courses numbered 300 or above;
- 6 credits in Mathematics, Statistics, or Computer Science courses numbered 300 or above.

Bachelor of Arts Programs > Medieval and Renaissance Studies (Minor)

Consult the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies for information on the Minor in Medieval and Renaissance Studies.
Bachelor of Arts Programs > Philosophy

Major in Philosophy

Note: The UBC Okanagan campus also offers a Major in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE).

Admission Requirements

- Successful completion of at least 9 credits of PHIL courses;
- In the Philosophy courses completed, an overall average of at least 70%.

Graduation Requirements

- B.A. requirements (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=18,282,857,1084);
- PHIL 220, 230, 245, 345;
- One of PHIL 309, 310;
- One of PHIL 314, 315;
- One of PHIL 451, 446;
- One of PHIL 425, 460;
- Minimum of 48 credits in Philosophy, including the above courses, of which 30 credits must be 300 and 400 level.

Minor in Philosophy

To complete a Minor in Philosophy, students must accumulate no fewer than 30 credits in Philosophy out of the 120 credits required for the B.A. degree. At least 18 of these credits must be numbered 300 or above.

Bachelor of Arts Programs > Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE)

Major in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE)

An interdisciplinary degree program at the UBC Okanagan campus.

Note: The UBC Okanagan campus offers other interdisciplinary programs - including the Major in International Relations, the Major in Latin American Studies, and the Minor in Gender and Women's Studies - as well as Major programs in Economics, Philosophy, and Political Science.

The Major in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) is intended to provide a focused education in the economic, political, and philosophical issues facing Canadians. The program, jointly offered by Economics, Political Science, and Philosophy, is based on the PPE degree offered by Oxford University.

The PPE Major is recommended for students who wish to pursue a career in business or government, or those who intend to undertake studies in law, business, commerce, journalism, social work, education, or public administration.

To be admitted to the PPE program students must:

- have completed at least 3 credits in each of the PHIL, POLI and ECON disciplines and no fewer than 30 but not more than 90 credits toward a B.A. program with at least a 70% average in PHIL courses they have taken thus far; 70% in POLI courses; and 70% in ECON courses;
- satisfy the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences English requirement; and
- receive permission from the coordinator of the PPE program.

Admission is by formal application to the coordinator of the PPE program.

Students in the PPE program are required to take a common set of first- and second-year courses. They must also choose one of
First and Second Years

- ECON 101, 102;
- One of ECON 204, 205, 221, 232;
- One of PHIL 111, 121;
- One of PHIL 120, 220;
- PHIL 230;
- Three of POLI 101, 220, 223, 240;
- STAT 121.

Third and Fourth Years

At the third- and fourth-year levels, students must choose to emphasize either Economics (Option A), or Political Science (Option B), or Philosophy (Option C), or Law (Option D).

All PPE students must complete the directed studies course numbered 497 in their discipline of emphasis during their final year of study. Students must consult with the PPE Coordinator during the term prior to the term in which they plan to complete their directed studies course.

Option A: Economics Emphasis

- ECON 497
- 18 upper-level credits in Economics (in addition to ECON 497);
- 12 upper-level credits in Political Science;
- 12 upper-level credits in Philosophy;
- 3 credits from any upper-level course.

Option B: Political Science Emphasis

- POLI 497
- 18 upper-level credits in Political Science (in addition to POLI 497);
- 12 upper-level credits in Economics;
- 12 upper-level credits in Philosophy;
- 3 credits from any upper-level course.

Option C: Philosophy Emphasis

- PHIL 497
- 18 upper-level credits in Philosophy (in addition to PHIL 497);
- 12 upper-level credits in Economics;
- 12 upper-level credits in Political Science;
- 3 credits from any upper-level course.

Option D: Law Emphasis

- POLI 432
- One of POLI 497, PHIL 497, ECON 497;
- 15 upper-level credits in Political Science from POLI 303, 313, 352, 354, 356, 382, 383, 402, 465;
- 12 upper-level credits in Economics from ECON 345, 351, 352, 360, 361, 370, 371, 372, 386, 390;
- 12 upper-level credits in Philosophy from PHIL 314, 315, 331, 338, 345, 373, 425, 434, 435, 436, 437;
- 3 credits from any upper-level course.

All 497 courses are directed studies courses.

Graduation Requirements

To graduate, a student must satisfy all B.A. requirements (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=18%2c282%2c857%2c1084), including completion of 120 credits, 48 of which must be at the third- and fourth-year levels.
Bachelor of Arts Programs > Political Science

Major in Political Science

Note: The UBC Okanagan campus also offers a Major in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE).

The completion of a degree in Political Science has long been recognized as sound undergraduate preparation for careers in law, business, politics, social work, and public administration. The Major in Political Science is designed to produce a graduate with a solid understanding of the institutions of government, their relationship to politically active non-governmental organizations, the articulation and implementation of public policy, and the role of the informed citizen in a liberal democracy. Admission into the program requires an overall average of at least 70% in all courses attempted toward the B.A. degree.

First and Second Years

• B.A. requirements (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=18,282,857,1084), including POLI 101, 240.

Third and Fourth Years

Students must select a focus from the following four areas of study:

• Political Theory: POLI 354, 356, 358, 462;
• Canadian Studies: POLI 303, 363, 371, 402, 432; HIST 300, 301, 466, 467;

Within these areas, the following requirements need to be met:

• at least 3 credits at the 300 or 400 level in each of these four areas;
• at least 9 credits at the 300 or 400 level in one of the areas;
• completion of at least two 300– or 400-level Political Science seminar courses.

¹POLI 433 and HIST 468 are equivalent.

Minor in Political Science

To complete a Minor in Political Science, students must accumulate no fewer than 30 credits in Political Science out of the 120 credits required for the B.A. degree. At least 18 of these credits must be numbered 300 or above.

Bachelor of Arts Programs > Psychology (B.A.)

B.A. Major in Psychology

Note: The UBC Okanagan campus also offers a B.Sc. Major in Psychology (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=18,360,1102,1460).

The Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Major in Psychology provides a strong foundation for advanced training that can lead to a career in Psychology or other professions.

Students gain a broad perspective in Psychology with courses in such diverse areas as biopsychology, cognitive, developmental, social, and abnormal psychology. In addition, students gain an understanding and appreciation of the empirical method as it is applied across the disciplines.

Students intending to pursue graduate studies in Psychology are advised to consider taking the Honours Program since many Canadian universities expect potential graduate students to have completed an Honours degree.
Enrolling as a Psychology Major

Students are encouraged to declare their major in Psychology at the end of their first year. To be admitted to the major program, students must successfully complete both PSYO 111 and 121 (or equivalent) and a minimum of 24 credits. To continue as a Psychology Major, a student must complete both PSYO 270 and 271 (or equivalent); these courses should be completed in second year.

First and Second Years

B.A. requirements (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=18,282,857,1084), including PSYO 111, 121.

A student must complete PSYO 270 (Introduction to Research Methods and Design) and PSYO 271 (Introduction to Data Analysis) to graduate as a Psychology Major.

Third and Fourth Years

- At least 18 credits in 300-level or higher courses outside of Psychology;
- At least 30 credits of 300-level or higher Psychology courses;
- Psychology breadth requirement of at least 3 credits from each of the following five areas. Each area is defined by the centre digit in the course number (e.g., PSYO 219 satisfies category 1; PSYO 321 satisfies category 2; etc.); students may complete this requirement with 200-level as well as upper-level courses:
  1. Cognitive/Learning/Perception;
  2. Developmental;
  3. Biopsychology;
  4. Personality/Abnormal;
  5. Social/Sex/Forensic.

Electives are available to complete the 120 credits required for the degree.

For the Major, students need a minimum of 48 credits in Psychology courses, with at least 30 credits at the 300 level or higher. It is possible to take additional upper-level Psychology credits beyond this minimum value.

In addition, and with reference to non-Psychology course electives, students must complete at least 18 credits at the 300 level or higher outside of Psychology. Therefore, at least 48 credits (including the minimum 30 credits in Psychology and 18 credits in non-Psychology) toward the degree requirement of 120 credits must be from courses numbered 300 and above. As a consequence, it is possible to take a limited number of lower-division courses (including Psychology) during third and fourth years.

Note: not all Psychology courses are offered each year. A number of courses are offered in alternate years, and some may not be offered for several years. Students are advised to check the current schedule of course offerings.

B.A. Psychology Honours Program

The Honours degree program in Psychology enables high-achieving students in the Psychology Major to increase their concentration in Psychology and to gain research experience in the completion of an Honours thesis. Students are expected to satisfy high levels of competency in their academic achievement and to successfully complete a research project under the supervision of a faculty member.

Students intending to pursue graduate studies in Psychology are advised to consider taking the Honours Program since many Canadian universities expect potential graduate students to have completed an Honours degree.

Admission Requirements

- Fourth-year standing;
- Minimum weighted average of 76% from all courses in Psychology;
- Minimum weighted average of 76% over the last 60 credits;
- Preliminary thesis topic approved by a thesis supervisor (note: the department head must approve the thesis supervisor);
- Completion of PSYO 372.

Graduation Requirements

- All general program requirements for the B.A. degree, including the general, English, Science, Language other than English,
and Distribution requirements;
- All requirements for the Psychology Major, including the breadth requirement;
- Completion of PSYO 372 (Research Methods and Statistics), PSYO 373 (Advanced Research Methods and Statistics), and 6 credits of PSYO 490 (Undergraduate Honours Thesis) with a minimum of 76% in each of these courses;
- Minimum weighted average of 76% from all courses in Psychology;
- Minimum weighted average of 76% over the last 60 credits;
- Public presentation of the thesis; and
- A minimum of 54 credits of Psychology, of which 42 must be upper-level courses.

Minor in Psychology

To complete a Minor in Psychology, students must accumulate no fewer than 30 credits in Psychology out of the 120 credits required for the B.A. degree. At least 18 of these credits must be numbered 300 or above.

Bachelor of Arts Programs > Sociology

Major in Sociology

First and Second Years

B.A. requirements (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=18%2c282%2c857%2c1084), including the following:

- SOCI 111, 121;
- One of SOCI 271, STAT 121;
- SOCI 209; and
- at least 6 credits chosen from any second-year Sociology courses.

Students must apply to the department for admission to the Sociology Major program. Admission to the Sociology Major program requires a minimum 68% average.

Third and Fourth Years

- At least 48 credits in 300- or 400-level courses;
- At least 30 credits of Sociology, including SOCI 376 and SOCI 377, and one of SOCI 390, 395;
- At least 18 credits at the 300 or 400 level must be outside of Sociology.

Minor in Sociology

First and Second Years

- SOCI 111, 121;
- At least 6 credits of 200-level Sociology.

Third and Fourth Years

- 18 credits of 300- or 400-level Sociology;
- Students must accumulate no fewer than 30 credits in Sociology out of the 120 credits required for the B.A. degree.

Bachelor of Arts Programs > Spanish

Spanish Programs

Consult the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies for information on Spanish programs: Minor in Spanish and Major in French and Spanish.
Bachelor of Arts Programs > Theatre (Minor)

Consult the Faculty of Creative and Critical Studies for information on the Minor in Theatre.

Bachelor of Nsyilxcn Language Fluency

Bachelor of Nsyilxcn Language Fluency > Program Overview

This program is pending final approval by the Board of Governors and Ministry of Advanced Education.

The Bachelor of Nsyilxcn Language Fluency (B.N.L.F) degree is a language-specific program emphasizing immersion-based language learning and community engaged partnerships for Indigenous language revitalization. The B.N.L.F. is a block-transfer program; the Department of Community, Culture and Global Studies provides the third- and fourth-year of the four-year degree program. Admission is based on previous completion of a two-year Diploma of Nsyilxcn Language Fluency at the Nicola Valley Institute of Technology.

Students take intensive immersion language courses, language courses focused on domain specific language acquisition, language informed culture courses, and language revitalization courses. The curricula are highly structured, and language specific.

Bachelor of Nsyilxcn Language Fluency > Admission Requirements

This program is pending final approval by the Board of Governors and Ministry of Advanced Education.

Application for admission to the Bachelor of Nsyilxcn Language Fluency program must be made through Enrolment Services. Procedures, policies, and admission requirements of the UBC Okanagan campus are specified in Admissions.

Block Transfer Admission from Diploma of Nsyilxcn Language Fluency Program (NVIT)

Students who successfully complete the 63 credit Nsyilxcn Language Diploma at NVIT will be eligible to have those 63 credits recognized as a block of transfer credits toward admission into the B.N.L.F. at UBC Okanagan. Students entering UBC Okanagan under this agreement must meet the University’s admissions requirements for students admitted on the basis of post-secondary transfer, with the exception of the English Language Admission Standard, which may be waived.

Upon admission, students admitted into the B.N.L.F. on the basis of this block transfer agreement will first undertake a transition course (offered in an intensive format during the summer prior to the beginning of full-time degree study in September of the same given year - i.e. term 1 of the Degree). Successful completion of this course will be required before students are able to proceed into the full-time degree program.

Bachelor of Nsyilxcn Language Fluency > Academic Regulations

This program is pending final approval by the Board of Governors and Ministry of Advanced Education.

In addition to the general policies and regulations set out in Policies and Regulations the following academic regulations apply to undergraduate students in this Faculty.

Academic Standing

Supplementary to the University’s policy on Academic Standing, the regulations below are applicable to B.N.L.F. students in this Faculty.

On Academic Probation
On Academic Probation will be assigned to a student who, while not falling under the provisions for Failed standing, has:

- earned a sessional cumulative average of less than 55%; or
- enrolled in 18 or more credits in a session and passed fewer than 60% of those credits; or
- enrolled in fewer than 18 credits in a session and passed fewer than 50% of those credits.

A student placed On Academic Probation at the end of the Winter Session will normally be allowed to register in a maximum of 9 credits in the following term. This restriction may be waived at the discretion of the Faculty. The credit restriction will only be enforced if the student is notified before the subsequent term begins.

On Academic Probation is changed to In Good Standing if a student's cumulative average in the term in which he or she was on Academic Probation is 55% or higher.

Failed Standing

A student placed on Failed standing for the first time will normally be required to discontinue his or her studies for a period of one academic year (12 months) prior to resuming his or her program of study. A student who already has a Failed standing on his or her academic record (from any UBC program) will be required to withdraw from the University and may only be readmitted under the Advancement Regulations. Failed standing will be assigned at the end of the Winter Session (April) based on performance in that session. The evaluation will consider all courses taken in the session. Failed standing will be assigned to a student who has:

- a sessional cumulative average less than 50%, passing fewer than 50% of the credits attempted in that session; or
- a sessional cumulative average of less than 45%.

Courses taken in the Summer Session are not taken into consideration for assigning Failed standing, although they are applicable for On Academic Probation.

Dean's List

Students in any Winter Session with a sessional average of at least 85% while taking 24 or more credits will receive the notation "Dean's List" on their official transcript of academic record.

Bachelor of Nsyilxcn Language Fluency > Degree Requirements

This program is pending final approval by the Board of Governors and Ministry of Advanced Education.

In addition to the previous completion of the Nsyilxcn Language Certificate Diploma, students must complete 63 credits as follows:

- 3 credits from EDUC 104
- 3 credits from ENGL 112 or ENGL 114;
- 6 credits from INLG 281 and 282
- 12 credits from INDG 202, INDG 301, INDG 307, and INDG 401;
- 6 credits chosen from language revitalization courses: INLG 380, INLG 382, INDG 405, INLG 480 or ANTH 473, and INLG 481;
- 12 credits of immersive language learning courses: NSYL 331, NSYL 332, NSYL 333, and NSYL 433;
- 12 credits of domain focused language learning: NSYL 351, NSYL 352, NSYL 353, NSYL 439;
- 3 credits of INDG 460;
- 6 credits of INDG 499.

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