

General Studies: Bachelor of Arts Degree

Faculty of Arts	kpu.ca/arts
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Start Date(s)	September January May
Admission Type	Selective entry
Enrolment Type	Open enrolment
Program Type	Undergraduate
Credential Granted	Baccalaureate Degree
Offered At	Langley Richmond Surrey
Format	Full-time Part-time
How to Apply	www.kpu.ca/admission

DESCRIPTION

The Bachelor of Arts, Major in General Studies degree program provides students with the opportunity to develop a degree program in thematic areas not addressed by other, more traditional programs in the Arts disciplines. Working with a BA degree Advisor, the student may create an individual program of study in concert with his/her specific career goals, or simply develop an interdisciplinary liberal arts education. Such a program of study will normally involve a selection of courses from within and between departments that most interest students and best meet their needs for a coherent program.

The program includes:

- The development of knowledge, core competencies, and skills characteristic of traditional Bachelor of Arts programs
- The preparation of students for entry into the labour market by incorporating essential and employability skills in all courses
- The preparation of students to respond innovatively to emerging trends in society
- Clear benefits to students and to the community by providing an opportunity for them to complete a Bachelor of Arts degree at KPU where there is established emphasis on teaching, emerging emphasis on undergraduate research, long-standing connections to South Fraser communities, and accessibility to students in the expanding South Fraser region.

PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to Kwantlen's General university admission requirements, including the undergraduate-level English Proficiency Requirement, the following program admission requirements apply:

Year One Admission:

- English 12 with a 'B' (or equivalent)
- Mathematics:

- Minimum grade of 'C' in Pre-Calculus 11, Principles of Mathematics 11, or Applications of Mathematics 12 (or equivalent); or
- Minimum grade of 'C+' in Foundations of Mathematics 11 (or equivalent); or
- Minimum grade of 'C-' in Pre-Calculus 12 or Foundations of Mathematics 12 (or equivalent)

Year Three Admission:

- 60 credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.00 (including all 1100- and 2000-level major/minor program requirements).
- Grade of 'C' in all required 1000- and 2000-level courses, including the English writing requirement (ENGL 1100 and one of either ENGL 1202 or 1204, or equivalent).
- Two Quantitative courses (total of six or more credits).
- 12 credits of breadth courses
- Mathematics:
 - Minimum grade of 'C' in Pre-Calculus 11, Principles of Mathematics 11, or Applications of Mathematics 12 (or equivalent); or
 - Minimum grade of 'C+' in Foundations of Mathematics 11 (or equivalent); or
 - Minimum grade of 'C-' in Pre-Calculus 12 or Foundations of Mathematics 12 (or equivalent); or
 - Minimum grade of 'C+' in the above Two Quantitative courses (three credits of which must be from the Faculty of Science & Horticulture)
- Second language at the Grade 11 level or 6 credits of post-secondary language courses in the same language. Note: Students need only achieve a passing grade to fulfill this requirement. Beginner's or Introductory Language 11 courses are ineligible to meet this requirement. Students who can demonstrate competency in a second language may request an assessment to have this requirement waived.

Qualifying Year

Students who do not qualify upon initial application to KPU may be eligible for entry to the Qualifying Year. Students who possess at least a 'C' in English 12 (or equivalent) and a passing grade in either Pre-Calculus 11, Principles of Math 11, Foundations of Mathematics 11, Applications of Math 12 (or equivalents) will be able to apply for entry to the BA Qualifying Year. Students will be admitted to the BA program in the second year provided they have successfully completed appropriate qualifying courses. Other applicants who do not qualify are encouraged to consult an Educational Advisor for the appropriate qualifying courses that satisfy the application criteria.

CONTINUANCE REQUIREMENTS

Current BA students must meet the following requirements to continue into their 3rd year of study. Registration access to third or fourth year courses is first awarded to students who have completed the following:

- 60 credits with a cumulative GPA of 2.00 (including all 1100- and 2000-level major/minor program requirements).
- Grade of 'C' in all required 1000- and 2000-level courses, including the English writing requirement (ENGL 1100 and one of either ENGL 1202 or 1204, or equivalent).
- Two Quantitative courses (total of six or more credits).
- 12 credits of breadth courses

- Second language at the Grade 11 level or 6 credits of post-secondary language courses in the same language. Note: Students need only achieve a passing grade to fulfill this requirement. Beginner's or Introductory Language 11 courses are ineligible to meet this requirement. Students who can demonstrate competency in a second language may request an assessment to have this requirement waived.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The program structure for each student in the BA, Major in General Studies program will vary depending upon the focus and concentration of courses developed in consultation with the BA Degree Advisor and may include any minor programs offered by KPU. Students preparing for teacher education programs upon graduation are encouraged to refer to the appropriate institutional admission requirements and work with a BA degree Advisor to ensure they include appropriate courses in their degree program.

Students pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree must complete all requirements in the Bachelor of Arts framework in addition to their major or minor program requirements.

CREDENTIAL AWARDED

Upon successful completion of this program, students are eligible to receive a **Bachelor of Arts, General Studies**. Students may have the option of adding a Minor to their credential by completing any of the BA Minor options at KPU.