

# Bachelor of Arts Framework

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

## DESCRIPTION

KPU's Bachelor of Arts Degree programs offer an integrated educational experience that helps students develop an appreciation for the relationships among personal, societal, and global well-being, and the personal implications for such issues as the basis of ethical judgment, social diversity, and the expectations of social responsibility. Students will develop skills to apply effective research, writing, and oral skills to problem-solve and develop into innovative, critical and creative thinkers.

Students can create a Bachelor of Arts Degree from a variety of majors and minors that meet their specific interests and goals, and which will prepare them for a wide range of careers after graduation. All BA Degree students will gain valuable skills that are required in today's changing labour market including communication skills, critical thinking skills, research skills, problem-solving skills, personal management skills and time management skills.

Students may complete a Bachelor of Arts degree with the following majors/areas:

- Anthropology
- Asian Studies
- Creative Writing
- Criminology (also: Honours)
- Double Minor
- English
- General Studies
- History
- Philosophy (also: Honours)
- Policy Studies
- Psychology (also: Honours)
- Sociology

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Bachelor of Arts degree will develop students with key essential skills sought by employers such as critical thinking, quantitative and logical skills, global and cultural awareness, and oral and written communication skills. The versatility of the Bachelor of Arts degree will allow students to design programs of

study that will prepare them for careers or further study in areas such as the following:

- Business
- Community service
- Law
- Policing
- Primary and secondary education
- Professional writing
- Public administration
- Public planning
- Religious studies
- Social Work

## PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In addition to KPU'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 following core requirements are to be completed for all Bachelor of Arts Degree Programs:

- Complete a total of 120 credits which includes:
  - a minimum of 65 total credits in Arts\* courses, and
  - a minimum of 45 of the total credits with courses numbered 3000 or higher.
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 with a minimum grade of "C" in all of the following required courses within the degree program (except where stated):
  - 6-credit English writing requirement which includes ENGL 1100 and one of either ENGL 1202 or 1204 (or equivalent).
  - Minimum 9-credit quantitative requirement that must include a minimum of 3 approved quantitative courses, one of which must be taken from the Faculty of Science and Horticulture.
  - 24-credit Arts breadth requirement consisting of a minimum of one course in at least four (4) separate Arts\* disciplines outside of the major program area, one of which must be at the 3000-level or higher.
  - 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.

- Required courses for the major and/or minor program(s).

\* **Note:** Courses eligible to count towards the 65- and 24-credit Arts requirements include all courses offered by the Faculty of Arts, all ECON courses, and CMNS 3100.

Other completed courses may qualify to meet degree requirements. Students are encouraged to contact a Arts Degree Advisor with questions about eligibility for program application or graduation.

In addition to completing the core requirements of all KPU Bachelor of Arts degree programs indicated above, students will have to complete additional course and program requirements according to their chosen program of study within the Faculty of Arts.

Students are normally expected to complete at least 60 credits at Kwantlen Polytechnic University for a B.A. degree; however, they may make a request for an exemption to this ruling on an individual basis through Enrolment Services. If such an exemption is granted, then residency may be limited to no fewer than 30 credits. In any case, at least 50% of the required upper level credits within the subject area must be completed at KPU. For the BA in General Studies, the subject area includes all 45 upper level credits.

## CREDENTIAL AWARDED

Upon successful completion of this program, students are eligible to receive a **Bachelor of Arts**; a **Bachelor of Arts (Honours)**; or a **Bachelor of Arts, General Studies**. Transcripts will indicate majors and/or minors in a specific field of study.

**Note:** students may not earn an honours credential or obtain additional major or minor designations for a credential that has already been awarded. All declarations must be made when applying to graduate.