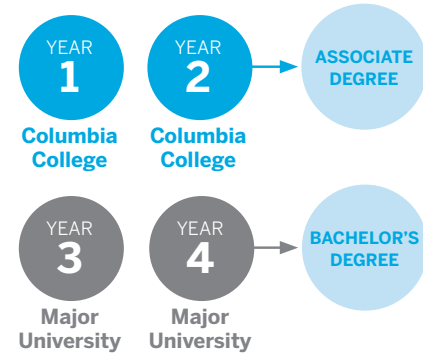


ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE

# International Studies Concentration

An Associate Degree is equivalent to the first two years of a 4 year university degree. Universities in British Columbia will guarantee 60 transfer credits to holders of an Associate Degree. Students must meet the Grade Point Average (GPA) established by each University for admission. Upon completion, students qualify to apply for a Post Graduate Worker Permit in Canada.



## Program Overview

- Associate of Arts Degree in International Studies provides students with a broader perspective of global development. It also prepares students to pursue a Bachelor's degree in International Studies or a related field.
- Students will be able to gain a solid understanding of political, social, cultural and economic issues in a global context.

## Skills Gained

-  Multi-perspective and multi-disciplinary way of thinking
-  Strong knowledge of global issues and events that shape the world
-  Inter-cultural curriculum which promotes critical thinking
-  Interpersonal, communication and community-building skills through experiential learning
-  Diverse research skills in evaluating policy decisions, public opinion and global narratives

## Accelerated Associate Degree: Tri-mester system

Students benefit from the tri-mester system with intakes in January, May, and September. This means students can take more courses over a 12-month period and can complete an Associate Degree in 16 months or two years.

School System	Semester 1				3-4 week break	Semester 2				3-4 week break	Semester 3				3-4 week break	Semester 4			
	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr		May	Jun	Jul	Aug		Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Trimester Fast Track: 16 months	4 COURSES					4 COURSES					4 COURSES					4 COURSES			

Students take a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 5 courses per semester. Students who do not wish to accelerate can complete an Associate Degree in 2 years.

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## Program Curriculum Framework

**Must include:** All requirements of an Associate of Arts Degree.

1st year courses	One of:
ECON 103 Principles of Microeconomics	ECON 234 Wealth and Poverty of Nations
ECON 105 Principle of Macroeconomics	GEOG 230 Environment and Society: The Geography of Environmental Challenges
HIST 110 or 120 Canada to 1867	PSCI 252 Introduction to the Politics of the City
PSCI 100 Introduction of Political Science	PSCI 253 Introduction to Public Policy
2nd year courses	PSCI 260 Decolonizing Development: The Politics of Progress
PSCI 210 Introduction to International Relations and Global Politics	PSCI 275 or SOCI 250
HIST 202 World History from 1500	

## Career Possibilities

			
<b>NON-GOVERNMENT &amp; NON-PROFIT</b>	<b>RESEARCH</b>	<b>BUSINESS</b>	<b>GOVERNMENT</b>
International Development Worker	Policy Analyst	Foreign Business Advocate	Immigration Officer
Humanitarian Aid Worker	Social Policy Researcher	Market Research Analyst	Border Services Officer
Fundraiser	Immigrant Policy Analyst	International Trade Analyst	Customs Officer
Volunteer Coordinator	Social Services Planner	International Banker	Collection Agent

\* Average estimated starting salary for these listed jobs in Canada

**\$35,455 - \$57,750**

(Labour Force Survey/Statistics Canada)

The median employment income two years after graduation in Canada:

<b>\$39,100</b>	<b>\$43,600</b>
College-level degree	Undergraduate degree

(Labour market outcomes, class of 2010 to 2014.)

Approximately **307,600** job openings in British Columbia within the next 10 years will require at least a Bachelor's degree.

(British Columbia Labour Market Outlook: 2019 Edition, p. 12)

### Who should apply?

Students who:

- wish to make a difference on the international stage as a global citizen.
- are interested in utilizing international knowledge in a globalized world.



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