

**The University of British Columbia
Arts One Program**

Are you:

- ✓ Interested in an innovative, interdisciplinary approach to your first year at UBC?
- ✓ Strongly interested in the humanities (English, History, and Philosophy)?
- ✓ Open to discussing exciting and provocative topics with other intellectually curious people?
- ✓ Looking to be part of an academic and social community and not "just a number"?
- ✓ More likely to enjoy a tutorial of 4 than a class of 400?

Then Arts One is the program for you!



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*University of British Columbia
Faculty of Arts*

 **Arts One**

.....since 1967

**An Interdisciplinary
First Year Program**

2009/2010



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What makes Arts One distinctive?

- ✓ **Its tutorial structure**
You'll meet in groups of four students with your instructor each week to present and discuss your essays – a system with a proven track record in strengthening student writing.
- ✓ **Its integrated program**
You'll receive 18 credits in a seamless academic program organized around a provocative theme and set of issues.
- ✓ **Its reading list**
You'll read and discuss great works of literature and philosophy, both ancient and modern.
- ✓ **Its sense of community**
You won't be just an anonymous face in the back row but a member of a group exploring important questions together, with the new Irving K Barber Learning Centre as your home base.
- ✓ **Its tradition of excellence**
You'll be part of a program that, for forty years, has attracted intellectually adventurous students and instructors who enjoy challenge and innovation.
Arts One alumni include a Rhodes Scholar, recipients of Governor General's Medals for academic excellence, a BC Supreme Court Justice, and several UBC instructors.

Where to Find Us

The Arts One and Co-ordinated Arts Programs are housed on the third floor of the south wing of the new Irving K. Barber Learning Centre (1961 East Mall). You may already know this location as the historic Main Library – indeed, the original 1925 building remains at the core of the Learning Centre, with a state-of-the-art library facility now housed in the opposite north wing.

Our new home continues to house our Main Office and many Faculty Offices, all on the third floor. A student lounge – complete with floor-to-ceiling windows and clutches of conversation areas – is also on the third floor. Classrooms are downstairs on the first and second floors, along with media centres, social spaces, and coffee shops.

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What is Arts One?

Arts One is an innovative approach to your first year in the Faculty of Arts. This program offers you two groups from which to choose, each led by a dynamic team of instructors from a variety of academic disciplines. Each group has its own theme and a reading list of substantial texts. This year's themes and readings are listed on the following pages.

In Arts One, you'll enjoy an integrated approach to the humanities that focuses on critical thinking, writing skills, and class participation. Instead of going from History class to English class to Philosophy class – with each class completely unconnected to the others – you'll study great works from a variety of perspectives.

Since 1967, Arts One has been a highly respected program that has served as a model for other academic programs at UBC and other post-secondary institutions. Arts One students excel in their studies throughout their university careers.

Upon successful completion of Arts One, students receive 18 credits:

- ✓ 6 credits of first-year English
(satisfies the Faculty of Arts English Requirement)
- ✓ 6 credits of first-year History
- ✓ 6 credits of first-year Philosophy

Who is eligible for Arts One?

Any student accepted into the Faculties of Arts or Science is eligible. Students interested in applying to the Faculty of Commerce after first year should contact the Sauder School of Business to confirm their prerequisites.

To be eligible for Arts One, students must achieve a final grade of 80% or higher in English 12, an AP score in English of 4 or higher, or an IB score of at least 5 in Higher Level English Literature. See the Arts One website for details.

How do I register?

There is no separate application for Arts One. Simply register (as you would for any other class) on the online

How is Arts One organized?

Arts One has two independent groups (A and B), each with 5 faculty members and a maximum of 100 students. Each student attends:

- ✓ a weekly 2-hour lecture of 100 students
- ✓ 2 weekly 1.5 hour seminars of 20 students
- ✓ a weekly 1-hour tutorial of 4 students

Students will read each book on the reading list and participate in lectures, seminars, and tutorials. Regular attendance is required. Each student will submit 10-12 essays, attend tutorials to discuss each essay, and write a final examination.

If this sounds daunting, remember that Arts One is equivalent to 3 full-year 100-level Arts courses – so right away you have far fewer exams to write! You also have a team of 5 instructors and your fellow Arts One students to support you throughout the year. Arts One is a demanding program, but it is extremely rewarding for students with a sense of intellectual curiosity and commitment.

2009/2010 Arts One Timetable

Most classes and offices are in the IKBarber Learning Centre.

Group A: Hopes & Fears: Science & Technology		
	Day	Time
Group Lecture	Monday	10:00-12:00
Seminar	Days	Time
LA1 Schmidt	Tues/Thurs	11:00-12:30
LA2 Frank	Tues/Thurs	9:30-11:00
LA3 Konoval	Tues/Thurs	2:30-4:00
LA4 Richardson	Wed/Fri	10:00-11:30
LA5 Hendricks	Wed/Fri	11:00-12:30

Group B: Borderlines		
	Day	Time
Group Lecture	Monday	12:00- 2:00
Seminar	Days	Time
LB1 Datta	Wed/Fri	1:00-2:30
LB2 Crawford	Tues/Thurs	10:00-11:30
LB3 Glouberman	Tues/Thurs	11:30-1:00
LB4 Williams	Mon/Wed	3:00-4:30
LB5 BRACKLEBANK	TUES/THURS	2:00-3:30

Group A: Hopes & Fears: Science and Technology in Western Culture

Instructors: Christina Hendricks (Philosophy)
Brandon Konoval (Music and Humanities)
Adam Frank (English)
Alan Richardson (Philosophy)
Jeremy Schmidt (History)

How have scientific pursuits shaped our lives and our society, and how have social practices in turn shaped these pursuits? The emergence and flourishing of the sciences have affected all aspects of our culture, and have raised pressing issues that have been explored in the history, philosophy, and literature of science. What hopes might the sciences fulfill, and what fears do they raise? Can the sciences help us to answer deep concerns about ourselves and our society, guiding us to ever-greater achievement in knowledge and power, or do they threaten to undermine our happiness and welfare? We will be exploring these and related questions through a range of ancient and modern texts in the history, philosophy, and literature of science. Selected texts from the sciences, and related philosophical, historical, and literary works (plays, poetry, novels and film), will help us to compare competing claims to knowledge, and to trace the changing figure of the scientist from Prometheus and Faust to the experts of the modern age.

READING LIST: (subject to minor modification)

Genesis, *Origins*
Aeschylus, *Prometheus Bound*
Christopher Marlowe, *The Tragical History of Doctor Faustus*
Francis Bacon, *The New Organon* (selections), and *The New Atlantis* (selections)
René Descartes, *The Discourse on Method*
Thomas Hobbes, *Leviathan*
Jean-Jacques Rousseau, *Discourse on the Origin of Inequality*
Mary Shelley, *Frankenstein; Or, the Modern Prometheus*
Charles Darwin, *On the Origin of Species*
Edgar Allan Poe, *Selected Tales*
Friedrich Nietzsche, *On the Genealogy of Morality*
Max Weber, *The Vocation Lectures*
Sigmund Freud, *The Psychology of Love*
Michel Foucault, *The History of Sexuality Vol. I*
James D. Watson, *The Double Helix*
Evelyn Fox Keller, *Feeling for the Organism*
Ursula LeGuin, *The Telling*
Berthold Brecht, *Life of Galileo*
Heinar Kipphardt, *In the Matter of J. Robert Oppenheimer*

Group B: Borderlines

Instructors: Robert Crawford (Political Science)
Mark Glouberman (Philosophy & Humanities)
Caroline Williams (Classical Studies)
Anisha Datta (Sociology)
Lisa Brocklebank (English)

Even in our usual and familiar haunts, we are all, in numerous respects, exiles and strangers, even deportees. Stamps of departure, visas, temporary residence permits, even banning orders, crowd the pages of our passports. As adults, we have used our one-way ticket from infancy and childhood. As cultural beings, we have immigrated from our animal condition. As speakers of a language, we have been translated from inarticulate cries and grunts. Like travelers and immigrants, we never completely lose the accents and shed the usages of those lands whence we have come. The notion of a complete arrival (like that of a clean break) is a myth. The metaphor of immigration and naturalisation thus applies across a broad range of what we are, both to ourselves and to others. This year, in the company of works and texts of various styles and genres, we shall investigate the borderline. We shall explore the stresses and strains of departure and expulsion, the shifts of ways, and the often welcome results of repositioning, both in the frame of large cultural mutations, real and imagined, and more individually. We shall journey with some trekkers who are especially articulate about the strange devices on their passports, we shall look at the dangerous seductiveness of equating the familiar (the 'normal') with the natural, and we shall examine several who profess to be able to identify, for once and for all, a home and native land where we are in no way foreign.

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Homer, *Iliad* (excerpts)
Euripides, *Medea*
Ovid, *Metamorphoses* (excerpts)
Plato, *Republic*
R.K. Narayan, *Ramayana*
Shakespeare, *Tempest*
Jean-Jacques Rousseau, *Discourse on Inequality*
René Descartes, *Meditations*
The Bhagavat-Gita
William Blake, *Songs of Innocence and Experience*,
Marriage of Heaven and Hell
Primo Levi, *Survival in Auschwitz*
E.M. Forster, *A Passage to India*
Joseph Conrad, *Heart of Darkness*
Virginia Woolf, *Orlando*
Derek Walcott, *selected poetry*
Salman Rushdie, *Midnight's Children*
Rabindranath Tagore, *The Home and the World*
Karl Marx, **Friedrich Engels**, *Marx-Engels Reader*
Mary Shelley, *Frankenstein*
Arthur Miller, *The Crucible*
Sophocles, *The Theban Plays*