Overview

Arts and Science Online (ASO) [previously known as Continuing and Distance Studies (CDS)], is the unit that administers online learning in the Faculty of Arts and Science. Online courses are offered for university credit in the standard Fall, Winter, and Summer terms. Online courses are intended for on-campus Queen’s students seeking scheduling flexibility, for degree and non-degree students studying at a distance, and for visiting students from other universities. ASO also offers the following degree and certificate programs that can be completed fully online.

Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degrees
- English ([link](https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/english/))
- Global Development Studies ([link](https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/global-development-studies/))
- History ([link](https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/history/))
- Liberal Studies ([link](https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/liberal-studies/))
- Psychology ([link](https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/psychology/))

Bachelor of Science (BSc) Degree
- Life Sciences ([link](https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/schools-departments-programs/life-sciences/#text))

Certificates
- Academic Writing ([link](https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/certificates/academic-writing-certificate/)) (distance students only)
- Employment Relations ([link](https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/certificates/employment-relations-certificate/))
- Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Creativity ([link](https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/certificates/entrepreneurship-innovation-creativity-certificate/))
- French for Professionals ([link](https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/certificates/french-professionals-certificate/))
- Global Action and Engagement ([link](https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/certificates/global-action-engagement-certificate/))
- Media Studies ([link](https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/certificates/media-studies-certificate/))
- Academic Writing ([link](https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/certificates/academic-writing-certificate/)) (distance students only)
- Employment Relations ([link](https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/certificates/employment-relations-certificate/))
- Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Creativity ([link](https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/certificates/entrepreneurship-innovation-creativity-certificate/))
- French for Professionals ([link](https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/certificates/french-professionals-certificate/))
- Global Action and Engagement ([link](https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/certificates/global-action-engagement-certificate/))
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- French for Professionals ([link](https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/certificates/french-professionals-certificate/))
- Global Action and Engagement ([link](https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/certificates/global-action-engagement-certificate/))
- Media Studies ([link](https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/certificates/media-studies-certificate/))

Online Courses

The online courses offered through ASO uphold the level of educational quality associated with Queen’s University by using best practices in online learning to guide course development and teaching – by working collaboratively with academic departments to plan course and program offerings, and by maintaining the academic standards of the Faculty.

Arts and Science Online courses share the same learning outcomes as the equivalent face-to-face classroom courses. Instructors will engage with students individually and collectively, guide their learning and assess their achievements. Students can expect instructors to set clear academic standards, provide constructive feedback throughout the course, provoke critical thinking, and encourage peer interaction.

Online courses are offered in the following disciplines:
- Art History ([link](https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/course-descriptions/arth/))
- Astronomy ([link](https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/course-descriptions/astr/))
- Biology ([link](https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/course-descriptions/biol/))
- Chemistry ([link](https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/course-descriptions/chem/))
- Classical Studies ([link](https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/course-descriptions/clst/))
- Cognitive Science ([link](https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/course-descriptions/cogs/))
- Computing ([link](https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/course-descriptions/comp/))
- Creative Writing ([link](https://queensu-ca-public.courseleaf.com/arts-science/course-descriptions/cwri/))
For a complete list of online course offerings by academic term, please visit the ASO website: www.queensu.ca/artsci_online (http://www.queensu.ca/artsci_online/)

Advice to On-Campus Students

Online courses are considered equivalent to on-campus courses and count toward a Queen's degree in the same way as on-campus courses. Online courses are intended to supplement offerings for on-campus students and to provide flexibility and choice. On-campus students are not required to take online courses; they are simply an option. On-campus students may begin enrolling in online courses after their first year at Queen's. The Faculty of Arts and Science encourages first year on-campus students to take part in the classroom experience to help with the transition from high school.

Queen's Commerce (http://business.queensu.ca/bcom/), Engineering and Applied Science, (https://engineering.queensu.ca/) and Nursing (http://nursing.queensu.ca/) students who have been admitted into a Dual Degree program can take many online courses through ASO to support the completion of a Dual Degree in English, Global Development Studies, History, Liberal Studies, Life Sciences and Psychology. This option may help students access courses necessary to complete their dual degree requirements.