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**OVERVIEW**

Arts and Science Online (ASO), also known as Continuing and Distance Studies (CDS), is the unit that administers Distance Studies 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  
Global Development Studies  
History  
Liberal Studies  
Psychology

Bachelor of Science (BSc) Degree

Life Sciences

Certificates

Academic Writing  
Employment Relations  
Entrepreneurship, Innovation  
and Creativity  
French for Professionals  
Global Action and Engagement  
Media Studies

**ONLINE COURSES**

The online courses offered through CDS uphold the level of educational quality associated with Queen’s University by using best practices in online learning to guide the development and teaching of online courses, 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, to provide constructive feedback throughout the course and to provoke critical thinking.

Online courses are offered in the following disciplines:

*Astronomy*  
*Art History*  
*Biology*  
*Chemistry*  
*Classics*  
*Computing*  
*Creative Writing*  
*Drama*  
*Economics*

*English Language and Literature*  
*Film and Media*  
*French Studies*  
*Gender Studies*  
*Geography*  
*Global Development Studies*  
*Health Studies*  
*History*  
*Law*  
*Mathematics*

*Music*  
*Philosophy*  
*Physics*  
*Psychology*  
*Religious Studies*  
*Sociology*  
*Statistics*  
*Writing*

For a complete list of online course offerings by academic term, please visit the ASO website:

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**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 them with 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, Engineering and Applied Science** and **Nursing** 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, Life Sciences** and **Psychology**. This option may help students access courses necessary to complete their dual degree requirements.