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**OVERVIEW**

Continuing and Distance Studies (CDS), also known as Arts and Science Online, 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. CDS also offers an online Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in four Plans — English, Global Development Studies, History, and Psychology as well as an online Bachelor of Science (BSc) degree in Life Sciences.

**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:

<i>Astronomy</i>	<i>English Language and Literature</i>	<i>Music</i>
<i>Art History</i>	<i>Film and Media</i>	<i>Philosophy</i>
<i>Biology</i>	<i>French Studies</i>	<i>Physics</i>
<i>Chemistry</i>	<i>Gender Studies</i>	<i>Psychology</i>
<i>Classics</i>	<i>Geography</i>	<i>Religious Studies</i>
<i>Computing</i>	<i>Global Development Studies</i>	<i>Sociology</i>
<i>Creative Writing</i>	<i>Health Studies</i>	<i>Statistics</i>
<i>Drama</i>	<i>History</i>	<i>Writing</i>
<i>Economics</i>	<i>Law</i>	
	<i>Mathematics</i>	

For a complete list of online course offerings by academic term, please visit the CDS 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 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**, **Applied Science** and **Nursing** students who have been admitted into a Dual Degree program can take many online courses through CDS 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.