



UP Open University • Faculty of Education ASSOCIATE IN ARTS

With the UP system-wide revision of the General Education (GE) program and UPOU's adoption of the 30-unit GE curriculum (based on the Framework for General Education in the University of the Philippines in the 21st Century), the Associate in Arts program has been restructured and expanded to contain the new GE curriculum at its core, and to provide a strong foundation in the Arts and Humanities. These domains of knowledge develop an "appreciation of human complexity"[1] and the interconnections between fields of human endeavor; the ability "to engage with ideas critically and independently"[2] and other lifelong learning skills such as "clarity in written and spoken expression, collaboration, and creativity";[3] and the capacity for empathy, ethical action, and responsible citizenship[4] – all of which are essential for any career, including careers in business, law, medicine, politics, science, and technology.

Program Goals

The program aims to:

- Cultivate appreciation of the Arts and Humanities as a field of study and practice;
- Hone skills in humanistic inquiry, including critical thinking, scholarship, effective communication, collaboration, and creativity; and
- Develop competencies in the study of the Arts and Humanities in a rapidly changing digital world.

Mode of Instruction

All courses are taught online following the principles of guided independent study and collaborative inquiry.

Admission Procedures

Step 1: Apply for admission and upload the admission requirements through the Online Application System. Monitor the progress of your application through the OAS.

Step 2: As soon as the online application is accomplished, mail the complete and valid admission documents to the address below:

The Admission Section
Office of the University Registrar
UP Open University
Los Baños, Laguna 4031
Philippines

Refer to the UPOU Academic Calendar for the deadline for submission of application documents.

Step 3: If required, take the Undergraduate Assessment Test (UgAT). Details of the UgAT will be emailed by admissions.

Step 4: Complete the DE Readiness Module (DERM). The link to the DERM will be emailed by admissions.

Step 5: Wait for an email from the OUR for the admission results. Results of the evaluation will be released after the evaluation of the respective Admissions Committee and before the registration/enrollment period of the applied term.

