



Faculty of Science Tip Sheet 2022

ACCEPTING YOUR OFFER

Once you have accepted your admission offer and paid the tuition deposit in your [UAlberta Launchpad](#) portal, you will be eligible to register in courses. It can take 3-5 business days to process your payment, so do not leave this last minute. Before starting to plan your registration, scroll down to the “Admissions” heading on your [Bear Tracks](#) landing page and click on “Application Status” to confirm your degree program, major, and minor (if applicable).

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Your course requirements will depend on which program you will be starting in. For detailed instruction, please reference our [Interactive Registration Course](#). Otherwise, here is a brief overview of registration recommendations for each degree program:

BSc General - Start with your Junior Core requirements in the [BSc General Degree Requirement PDF](#). Take advantage of the flexibility and explore courses in many disciplines to help discover your interests. You are allowed to take anywhere from 2-5 courses per term in this program. (3-5 courses = full-time, 1-2 courses = part-time). A 2.0 yearly GPA is required to stay in good Academic Standing and continue in the program.

- **Declare or change your Major/Minor** - Fill out the online [SciForm](#) (available after September). If you do not have a major/minor, you may stay undeclared for up to two years.

BSc Specialization - Follow your yearly course plan in the [Calendar](#). Your exact courses are laid out year by year. You must follow the minimum course load, which ranges from 4-5 courses per term (18 units -24 units per Fall/Winter). A 2.3-3.7 GPA is required to stay in good Academic Standing and continue in the program.

BSc Honors - Follow your yearly course plan in the [Calendar](#). Your exact courses are laid out year by year. You must follow the minimum course load, which ranges from 4-5 courses per term (24 units -30 units per Fall/Winter). A 3.0-3.3 GPA is required to stay in good Academic Standing and continue in the program.

BSc/BEd 5-year combined program - Follow your yearly course plan in the [Calendar](#). If you have issues registering in your first-year courses, please contact the Faculty of Science Advising Team: advisor.science@ualberta.ca

PRE-PROFESSIONAL COURSE REQUIREMENTS

If you are thinking about applying to a professional program, a full course load of 30 units per year is recommended. The course requirements will vary depending on the professional program you wish to apply to and can be found on that program's webpage.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS - ELECTIVES/OPTIONS

BSc General - Exact credit maximums are listed in the [BSc General Degree Requirement PDF](#).

- [Arts options](#) (any courses offered by the Faculty of Arts)
- [Science options](#) (any courses offered by the Faculty of Science)
- Outside options (any courses not offered by the Faculty of Arts or Science)
 - Anatomy (ANAT) courses are offered by the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry and are considered outside options.

BSc Specialization and Honors - Approved electives are usually any Arts or Science courses, but it's best to always inquire and receive permission from your [Departmental Advisor](#).

TIPS & TRICKS

- **Create a balanced timetable.** 2-3 labs per term is recommended to manage lab assignments and exams in addition to your regular course work. (NOTE: Some Honors programs will require more labs per term).
- **Do not register for a course if you do not have the prerequisite.** Students without the appropriate prerequisites will be removed from the course. Make sure to read the course description before you register.
 - **General Chemistry courses:** CHEM 101 is a prerequisite for CHEM 102
 - **Organic Chemistry courses:** CHEM 101 is a prerequisite for CHEM 261
 - **BIOL 107** is not a prerequisite for **BIOL 108**. You can take them in any order.
- **The class you want is full.** If a class is full, simply place the class on your watchlist in [Bear Tracks](#)). You will be notified via email or text message when a spot becomes available in the class.
- **For courses with labs or seminars.** Most labs and seminars do not start until the second week of classes, but it may vary depending on the course. You will be told in your first

lecture when the labs & seminars begin. Some courses list their lab start dates in the “Class Notes” on Bear Tracks.

- **Bear Tracks User Guide** can be found [here](#).

TRANSFER CREDIT

Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) & GCE A-levels - If you score [4 or higher in AP](#), [6 or higher in IB](#), or [a grade of B or higher on A-level exams](#) you are automatically assessed for transfer credit. Awarded transfer credit will be automatically accepted. If you would like to decline your transfer credit (this is discouraged) please reference the links above for instructions.

Previous Post Secondary Courses - After admission, courses from other post-secondary institutions are evaluated for credit toward your program in the Faculty of Science.

- Students may be awarded a maximum of 60 units transfer credits including no more than 42 units junior (100-level) courses.
- Credit must also fit within the program to which you are being admitted otherwise it is not granted as transfer credit.

To view your transfer credit report, log into [Bear Tracks](#). On the main page, click the ‘Academic Records’ tile. In the left hand navigation, you should see a heading for ‘Transfer Credit Report’.

NOTE: International Transfer students, rather than viewing the Transfer Credit Report in Bear Tracks, a transfer credit memo will be sent to you by email, normally along with your admission letter.

Reading your transfer credit report (TCR) - Students who have received transfer credit must pay particular attention to any course notes and restrictions listed on their transfer credit report. These notes commonly state “*may not also receive credit in course X at the U of A*”. This means you are not permitted to take the course that has been listed in the comment. You may also find that transfer credit has been granted as *[subject] 2XX (ie. BIOL 2XX)*. Occasionally courses are reviewed that are similar to, but not exactly the same as courses offered at the U of A. The material covered in these courses offer sufficient knowledge to qualify for credit, however due to slight differences, direct credit to a U of A course cannot be assigned. In the case of BIOL 2XX, credit is being granted for a 200 level Biology course.



ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE

Visit uab.ca/sciyear1 for additional first year resources or our [First Year FAQ](#) page.

For additional questions, reach out to a Faculty Recruiter at science.recruiting@ualberta.ca. While we can not register you in courses, we would be happy to provide assistance and answer your questions.

Once you begin classes in September you can connect with Academic Advisors at advisor.science@ualberta.ca for degree assistance or [Departmental Advisors](#) for Specialization and Honors students.

IMPORTANT DATES

March 14, March 23, March 29, April 4, April 7, 2022 (5pm - 6:30pm MST) - Join a Registration 101 virtual session to go through the course registration process with the Science Recruitment Team. Register at uab.ca/reg101

May 1st, 2022 - Deadline to accept admission offers made before April 1. If you receive an offer after April 1, view this [page](#) for deadline information. Your offer acceptance deadline can be found in your Launchpad.

June 15th, 2022 - Deadline for transfer applicants with previous post-secondary courses to submit final transcripts and documents.

August 1st, 2022 - Deadline for high school applicants to submit final transcripts and documents. For Alberta applicants, high school transcripts are automatically obtained on your behalf and are typically received by the Registrar's Office in early August.