

BACHELOR OF ARTS – COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA STUDIES
UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
RED DEER POLYTECHNIC- SCHOOL OF ARTS AND CULTURE

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You are responsible for ensuring that your registration is complete and appropriate and that your course choices comply with the program to which you have been admitted at Red Deer Polytechnic and/or to the university to which you wish to transfer (if applicable). You are cautioned that any changes to your courses, your major or your transfer destination may adversely affect your transferable credit (if applicable), admission requirements for future programs, or eligibility to graduate from Red Deer Polytechnic. Please consult with an Advisor if you have any questions.

Students in university transfer programs are strongly advised to refer to the calendar of the university to which they wish to transfer and should contact appropriate university departments as required.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

- See the [Academic Calendar](#)

WHAT IS THIS GUIDE?

- This is an Academic Planning Guide, prepared by the Student Connect Centre to help you register for courses towards your desired program at the University of Calgary (UofC). There are other Bachelor of Arts (BA) Communication programs across the province; however, RDP's program is best suited towards UofC.
- If you are transferring to another institution to complete your program, we strongly advise that you read the Academic Calendar of your destination institution for full information.

WHAT IS A TERM? TERMS ARE THE PERIOD IN WHICH YOUR STUDIES TAKE PLACE. AT RDP, WE OFFER FOUR TERMS.

- **Fall** term (September through December)
- **Winter** term (January through April)
- **Spring** term (May through June): Spring term is an optional, condensed term. Course offerings are limited.
- **Summer** term (July through August): Summer term is an optional, condensed term. Course offerings are limited.

HOW MANY COURSES SHOULD I TAKE A TERM?

- The maximum number of courses you can take in the Fall or Winter terms is 5 courses and 2 courses in the Spring (optional).

- To complete your program in four years, you would need to take the maximum number of courses per term (5 courses in the Fall and 5 courses in the Winter), or 10 course per year. Some students will complete 10 courses in a year by taking 4 courses in the Fall, 4 courses in the Winter, and 2 courses in the Spring (or a combination thereof).
- We encourage you to find the best course load for you to be successful in your courses and your program! However, we encourage you to check the course load requirements for your destination university and degree.
- When determining your course load keep your funding in mind, if applicable. For course load requirements for funding purposes, please visit www.rdpolytech.ca/psfunding.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I TAKE LESS THAN THE RECOMMENDED COURSE LOAD?

- You may need an extra term or year to complete your program.

WHAT IF I COMPLETED COURSES AT ANOTHER POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION?

Once you are admitted to RDP, you can then apply to have your post-secondary courses assessed for transfer credit through our [Recognition of Prior Learning Office](#). Once admitted to RDP you can complete an [RPL application form](#), provide the Polytechnic Assessors with any and all transcripts, course outlines/descriptions, or other documentation necessary to support your PLAR application.

NOTE: Universities have what is called a *residency requirement*. This means that a specific number of credits must be completed as their student to grant their degree. The UofC (and most post-secondary institutions) require a minimum of 60 credits to be completed while registered as a student at their institution. Therefore, **students can transfer up to a maximum of 60 credits** (20 three-credit courses) in this program to the UofC.

REGISTRATION AND PROGRAM AUDIT

- Refer to the **Registration** tab on your Loop account to view **Registration Tips and Tricks** for information on:
 - Registering in classes
 - Waitlisting
 - Checking Prerequisites and Corequisites
 - Courses listed as **prerequisites** must be completed before you start the course in question.
 - Courses listed as **co-requisites** must be taken at the same time as the course in question.
 - Viewing Your Schedule
 - And much more!
- After you have completed your registration, if you would like an advisor to review your registration please submit a [Registration Review Form](#).

SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE/TRANSFER COURSE CHECKLIST (UNOFFICIAL)

REQUIREMENT		PREREQUISITE(S)	COMMENTS	COMPLETED
YEAR 1 FIRST TERM RECOMMENDATIONS				
ENGL 219 (3 credits)	Essay Writing & Critical Read	ELA 30-1 or equivalent		
COMM 271 (3 credits)	Intro to Communication Theory	ELA 30-1 or equivalent, or enrollment in MSPC program		
COMM 375-Mass Communication in Canada or		375- ELA 30-1 or equivalent, or enrollment in MSPC program 383- No prereqs.		

COMM 383- Intro. to Public Relations (3 credits)				
<u>Open Elective</u> (3 credits)				
<u>Open Elective</u> (3 credits)				
YEAR 1 SECOND TERM RECOMMENDATIONS				
<u>Humanities or Social Science Elective</u> (3 credits)				
COMM 341 (3 credits)	New Media & Society	ELA 30-1 or equivalent, or enrollment in MSPC program		
<u>Humanities or Social Science Elective</u> (3 credits)				
<u>Science Elective</u> (3 credits)				
<u>Open Elective</u> (3 credits)				
YEAR 2 FIRST TERM RECOMMENDATIONS				
COMM 381 (3 credits)	Communication History	ELA 30-1 or equivalent, or enrollment in MSPC program		
COMM 375 or COMM 383 (3 credits)	Mass Communication in Canada or Intro. to Public Relations	375- ELA 30-1 or equivalent, or enrollment in MSPC program 383- No prereqs.		
<u>Humanities or Social Science Elective</u> (3 credits)				
<u>Open Elective</u> (3 credits)				
<u>Open Elective</u> (3 credits)				
YEAR 2 SECOND TERM RECOMMENDATIONS				
COMM 369 (3 credits)	Classical Persuasion			

COMM 371 or Open Elective (3 credits)	Critical Media Studies			
Humanities or Social Science Elective (3 credits)				
Science Elective (3 credits)				
Open Elective (3 credits)				

IMPORTANT NOTES

1. Electives are requirements that you will find in any Bachelor of Arts degree, which means that you need to take them! Electives will add depth to your degree.
2. Make sure the courses you take are transferable using [Transfer Alberta](#).
3. Course numbering-
 - a. “200” Level courses are Year 1 courses at RDP.
 - b. “300” Level courses are Year 2 courses at RDP.
 - c. Each institution will use different numbering conventions for their years.

COURSE CATEGORIZATION/ELECTIVE LIST

The information below outlines which course fall under each course category. In order to qualify, the course you take must be three credits and university transferable. If you are not sure if a course qualifies, please e-mail studentconnect@rdpolytech.ca.

Humanities Elective	Social Science Electives	Science Electives	Open Electives	Arts and Science Electives
Classics (CLAS) English (ENGL) History (HIST) Philosophy (PHIL)	Anthropology (ANTH) Economics (ECON) Political Science (POLI) Psychology (PSYC) Sociology (SOCI)	Astronomy (ASTR) Biology (BIOL) Chemistry (CHEM) Computer Sciences (CMPT) Mathematics (MATH) Physics (PHYS) <i>Psychology students should not take Statistic (STAT) courses.</i> <i>See below for important transfer information about science electives.</i>	Any courses from the other categories, or any three-credit university level course.	Click here to view 2022-2023 Arts and Science courses offerings in more detail.

TRANSFER INFORMATION (UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY)

Science: Students must take at least 6 credits (2 courses) in courses from the Faculty of Science. You can see examples of Science electives here:

Maximum of 24 credits (8 courses) in the field of Communication and Media Studies

As part of the 60 credit transfer maximum, UCalgary also only allows a maximum of 24 credits (8 courses) that can be transferred into the major. As there are some non-Communication Studies courses (COMM) that are counted towards the major, students should be aware of how many courses they are completing. Overall, students should not have more than 8 courses from the list below:

- COMM 271, COMM 313, COMM 341, COMM 361, COMM 363, COMM 369, COMM 371, COMM 375, COMM 381, COMM 383
- SOCI 344

Additional Transfer Information	
Transfer Credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Transfer up to 60 credits ➤ Maximum of 24 credits in your major field
Applying for Transfer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Deadline typically March 1. Consult U of C timelines. ➤ Apply to U of C here.
Minimum Transferable Grade	A minimum grade of C- is recommended to maximize transferability (“D” grades may transfer, depending on the circumstance). <i>Please talk to an Academic Advisor as soon as possible if you feel you may be in jeopardy of not getting at least a C- in a course you are enrolled in.</i>
Junior Courses	A maximum of 54 credits (18 courses) of Junior level coursework is allowed for BA Communication students.
Non-Arts or Non-Science Options	No more than 6 credits (2 courses) may be used from Physical Activity/Dance courses.
How Admission Grade Point Average (AGPA) is calculated	<p>Will be calculated using the most recent course work to a maximum of 30 units, unless otherwise specified by the faculty. All courses attempted within a term will be included except where the number of courses taken within a term results in the overall number of units exceeding 30 units. Should this occur, the highest grades from the oldest term being considered will be used to calculate the GPA..</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For more information on transfer, please consult the University of Calgary Calendar.

CONTACT INFORMATION AND HELPFUL RESOURCES

Red Deer Polytechnic Student Connect Centre	studentconnect@rdpolytech.ca www.rdpolytech.ca/SCC 403.342.3254
Red Deer Polytechnic website	rdpolytech.ca
Transfer Alberta Guide	transferalberta.alberta.ca
University of Calgary	http://arts.ucalgary.ca artsads@ucalgary.ca