

BACHELOR OF ARTS – PSYCHOLOGY
UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA
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 Alberta.
- Please note that the first two years of a Bachelor of Arts (BA) is generally transferable to any post-secondary institution in Alberta, but there will be notable differences. If you would like to transfer to a post-secondary outside of the University of Alberta, please ensure that you are consulting with that institution about their admission requirements and transfer policies.
- 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.
- **If you would like to complete your four-year degree at RDP, please consult the [Academic Planning Guide](#) for RDP's Bachelor of Arts in Psychology program.**

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 University of Alberta (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 University of Alberta.

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)

PSYCHOLOGY

REQUIREMENT	PREREQUISITE(S)	COMMENTS	COMPLETED
YEAR 1 FIRST TERM RECOMMENDATIONS			
PSYC 260 (3 Credits)	Principles of Psychology I	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can be taken either term	
ENGL 219 (3 credits)	Essay Writing & Critical Read	ELA 30-1 or equivalent	
Humanities or Social			

Science Elective (3 credits)				
Open Elective (3 credits)				
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YEAR 1 SECOND TERM RECOMMENDATIONS				
PSYC 261 (3 Credits)	Principles of Psychology II	PSYC 260	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be taken either term 	
Humanities Elective (3 credits)				
Humanities or Social Science Elective (3 credits)				
Science Elective (3 credits)				
Open Elective (3 credits)				
YEAR 2 FIRST TERM RECOMMENDATIONS				
PSYC 313 (3 Credits)	Research Methods	Prerequisite: PSYC 260 Prerequisite or Corequisite: PSYC 261	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This course is offered in the Fall term only. • Credit will not be given for both PSYC 312 and PSYC 313 	
300 Level PSYC (3 credits)				
300 Level PSYC (3 credits)				
Open Elective (3 credits)				
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YEAR 2 SECOND TERM RECOMMENDATIONS				
PSYC 314 (3 Credits)	Data Analysis	Math 30-1 or 30-2 or equivalent and PSYC 260 Prerequisite or Corequisite: PSYC 261	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This course is offered in the Winter term only. • Credit will not be given for both PSYC 312 and PSYC 314. 	
300 Level PSYC (3 credits)				

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Science Elective (3 credits)				
Open Elective (3 credits)				

IMPORTANT NOTES

1. It is recommended that you do not take more than 24 credits in your major at RDP.
2. 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.
3. Make sure the courses you take are transferable using [Transfer Alberta](#).
4. 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>	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 ALBERTA)

- At UAlberta, there are Common Requirements that all BA students will need to satisfy as part of their degree. While it is recommended to complete these requirements prior to transfer, they are graduation requirements, not transfer requirements. Any of these requirements not completed at RDP, will be completed upon transfer.
- **Junior English: 3 credits (1 course)**
 - ENGL 219 will meet this requirement at RDP.
- **Language other than English (LOE): 6 credits (2 courses)**

- Students need to complete two courses in one language other than English (e.g. two French courses or two Spanish courses).
- RDP only offers French courses. Students wishing to take different languages can complete this requirement upon transfer.
- UAlberta will waive the LOE for any student who has successfully completed a Language other than English at the 30-level.
- ***Non-Arts courses: 6 credits (2 courses)***
 - Students must complete 6 credits in courses offered by Faculties other than Arts (i.e. Science, Kinesiology, Education, or Business).
 - Psychology majors will satisfy this requirement simply by completing their major as UAlberta categorizes certain PSYC courses (i.e. PSYC 260) as a Science course.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA AND CALGARY

	University of Alberta	University of Calgary
Transfer Credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Transfer up to 60 credits ➤ Recommended max of 24 credits in your major field 	<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 A timelines. ➤ Apply to U of A here. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Deadline typically March 1. Consult U of C timelines. ➤ Apply to U of C here.
Minimum Transferable Grade	<p>A minimum grade of C- must be achieved in order for course credit to be transferable. While courses with grades of D or F will not transfer, they remain on your transcript and will be used in calculation of your GPA. <i>Please talk to an Academic Advisor as soon as possible if you feel you may be in jeopardy of not getting a C- in a course you are enrolled in.</i></p>	<p>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></p>
Junior Courses	A maximum of 48 credits (16 courses) of Junior level coursework is allowed.	A maximum of 48 credits (16 courses) of Junior level coursework is allowed.
Non-Arts or Non-Science Options	A maximum of 21 credits (7 courses) may be taken outside of the Faculties of Arts & Sciences.	No more than 6 credits (2 courses) may be used from Physical Activity/Dance courses.
How Admission Grade Point Average (AGPA) is calculated	<p>Calculated on all university transferable coursework completed in the most recent two terms of study if they contain a minimum of 24 credits. If those two terms contain less than 24 credits, all work in the next most recent term(s) is included in the calculation until the minimum total of 24 credits is reached. Fall/Winter courses are considered Winter courses in these calculations. For applicants who have attempted less than 24 credits of transferable postsecondary work, the AGPA is based on all university or university transfer credits attempted.</p> <p>Note: Where the applicant has more than one passing grade for the same course at any institution, only the first passing grade is used in calculating the grade point average(s) for admission purposes.</p> <p>For more information on transfer, please consult the University of Alberta Calendar.</p>	<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> <p>For more information on transfer, please consult the University of Calgary Calendar.</p>

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 Alberta	https://uofa.ualberta.ca/arts arts.undergrad@ualberta.ca