

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE – 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 (UofA).
- Please note that the first two years of a Bachelor of Science (BSc) 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 UofA, 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 Science 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.
- If you are pursuing an Honors/Specialization program with UAlberta, we recommend taking a minimum of 24 credits (8 courses) over your Fall/Winter terms (4 in the Fall and 4 in the Winter).

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 UofA (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 UofA.

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 Psyc. I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be taken either term 	

BIOL 217 (3 Credits)	Intro. to Cell Biology	Biology 30 and Chemistry 30		
ENGL 219 (3 credits)	Essay Writing & Critical Read	ELA 30-1 or equivalent		
STAT 251 (3 credits)	Intro Statistics	MATH 30-2 or 30-1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students can only have credit for one of STAT 251 or PSYC 314 at UAlberta. If you take STAT 251, DO NOT TAKE PSYC 314 in Year 2. 	
<u>Junior Chemistry/Physics Requirement</u> (3 credits)				
YEAR 1 SECOND TERM RECOMMENDATIONS				
PSYC 261 (3 Credits)	Principles of Psych. II	PSYC 260	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can be taken either term 	
BIOL 218 (3 Credits)	Evolution & Biological Diversity	Biology 30		
ENGL 220 (3 credits)	Literary Analysis	ENGL 219		
<u>Junior Math/Computing Science Requirement</u> (3 credits)				
<u>Junior Chemistry/Physics Requirement</u> (3 credits)				
YEAR 2 FIRST TERM RECOMMENDATIONS				
<i>Choose one of:</i> PSYC 341, PSYC 353, or PSYC 389 (3 Credits)		PSYC 341 Prerequisite: PSYC 260 & 261 or SOCI 260 & SOCI 261 PSYC 353 Prerequisite: PSYC 260 and PSYC 261 PSYC 389 Prerequisites: PSYC 260 & PSYC 261	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSYC 389 is not to be taken by students who have credit in PSYC 489. 	
PSYC 375 or PSYC 358 (3 Credits)		PSYC 375 Prerequisite: PSYC 260 PSYC 358 Prerequisite: PSYC 260 & PSYC 261	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSYC 358- For UofA bound students only, the additional prerequisite or co-requisite of either STAT 251 or PSYC 314 is required. 	
<u>Science Elective</u> (3 Credits)				

Social Science Elective (3 credits)				
Art or Science Elective (3 credits)				
YEAR 2 SECOND TERM RECOMMENDATIONS				
Choose one of: PSYC 341, PSYC 353, or PSYC 389 (3 Credits)		PSYC 341 Prerequisite: PSYC 260 and PSYC 261 or SOCI 260 and SOCI 261 PSYC 353 Prerequisite: PSYC 260 and PSYC 261 PSYC 389 Prerequisites: PSYC 260 & PSYC 261		
PSYC 375 or PSYC 358 (3 Credits)		PSYC 375 Prerequisite: PSYC 260 PSYC 358 Prerequisite: PSYC 260 & PSYC 261	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PSYC 358- For U of A bound students only, the additional prerequisite or co-requisite of either STAT 251 or PSYC 314 is required. 	
Science Elective (3 Credits)				
Social Science Elective (3 Credits)				
Art or Science Elective (3 Credits)				

COURSE CATEGORIZATION & REQUIREMENTS

- Jr Computing/Math Requirement:** Choose from: MATH 202 or 203 (calculus), MATH 204 (calculus part 2), MATH 221 (algebra), CMPT 201 (intro to programming)
- Jr Chemistry/Physics Requirement:** Choose two from: CHEM 211, CHEM 212, PHYS 205, and PHYS 226. *For students who may want to lighten their course load in Year 1, you can move this requirement to year 2 and replace with Social Science elective.* Students pursuing “Honors” at UAlberta do not need this requirement, and can replace with Art or Science Elective.
- Arts and Science Electives:** [Click here](#) to view 2022-2023 Arts and Science courses offerings in more detail.
- Social Sciences Electives:** Choose from Anthropology (ANTH), Economics (ECON), Political Science (POLI SCI) and Sociology (SOCI).

TRANSFER INFORMATION (UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA)

The University of Alberta offers three different ways to earn a BSc Psychology degree: For many programs offered by the Faculty of Science at UAlberta, there are three ways to complete a degree. In most

cases, the differences in these routes start to become noticeable at year 3. For more information on these routes, please visit the [UAlberta Department of Psychology website](#).

- **General** – General students complete both a Major and a Minor. Students will explore courses in a more broad range of disciplines compared to an Honors/Specialization program
- **Specialization** – Specialization requires students to maintain a specific course load and GPA to be eligible. Students primarily focus in their major during all years of study, but not engage in a Directed Research Project.
- **Honors** - Student’s interested in the BSc Psychology Honors program should connect with UAlberta as soon as possible. Admission is dependent on many factors, including obtaining approval from a potential research supervisor. More information on Honors application can be found here: <https://www.ualberta.ca/psychology/undergraduate-studies/honours/index.html>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO KNOW		
	University of Alberta	University of Calgary
Transfer Credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Transfer up to 60 credits ➤ Recommended max of 18 credits in Arts electives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Transfer up to 60 credits
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.
Honors and Specialization GPA	It is recommended students complete a course load of at least 24 credits over Fall and Winter terms. For GPA requirements, please click here . Possession of the minimum GPA does not guarantee entry.	Honors, Specialization and General programs are UAlberta programs. You can see projected GPA for UCalgary programs here . Students can choose “ Natural Sciences ” as a second option for UCalgary.
How Admission Grade Point Average (AGPA) calculated	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. 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. For more information on transfer, please consult the University of Alberta Calendar .	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. In some faculties prerequisite courses will be included first. Grades in high school equivalent courses offered by post-secondary institutions will not be used in determining the transfer admission GPA. For more information on transfer, please consult the University of Calgary Calendar .
Minimum Transferable Grade	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	A minimum grade of C- is recommended to maximize transferability (“D” grades may transfer,

	<p>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>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>
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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