

University of Saskatchewan

College of Arts and Science

# New Student Handbook



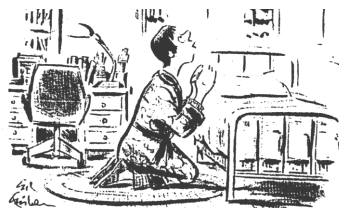
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"...and give me good abstract-reasoning ability, interpersonal skills, cultural perspective, linguistic comprehension, and a high sociodynamic potential."

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# WELCOME!

The roots of the University of Saskatchewan began with the College of Arts and Science. It is the oldest and largest college on campus. Students in the College of Arts and Science have access to over 350 of the best professors found in any post-secondary institution. With over 60 study areas, your education has the opportunity to be as diverse as you want it to be. The College of Arts and Science will lead you to an education that is not only illuminating but also multifaceted and exciting. It will be an education all your own.

The *First Year Student Handbook* introduces you to the College of Arts and Science. It will guide you through the choices necessary to begin your first year of study and make it a successful one. **It is important to read this entire information booklet so you have all of the information you need to make the right choices for you!**

Your education begins now.  
Welcome to the College of Arts and Science!



## First-Year Student Checklist



### *What do I do now?*

#### **You Must...**

- Do your research! **Read this handbook** and explore the Arts and Science web site: [www.artsandscience.usask.ca](http://www.artsandscience.usask.ca)
- Send in your final transcripts and check your application status (if conditionally accepted).
- Log into your PAWS account with your NSID and password provided in your acceptance letter. Check your Academics tab for your registration date.
- Read the Course Calendar <http://www.usask.ca/calendar/arts&science/programs/> and decide on your classes.
- Register for your classes on PAWS! First-Year Students can register as early as **June 2011**. If you are planning on enrolling in an **Academic Support Program** register now as well! (*Please see page 31 for more information.*)
- After* your classes have started find out what *textbooks* you need from your professor and/or [www.usask.ca/bookstore/](http://www.usask.ca/bookstore/) and purchase them (and read them!).

#### **We Recommend....**

- Find a place to live! Visit <http://explore.usask.ca/housing/> and choose between on or off-campus, (**for residence apply early!**) and/or check the classified ads in your PAWS account under the Campus Life tab.
- Apply for online Canadian-Saskatchewan Integrated Student Loans to assist you with tuition (due at the end of September for Term 1 courses, and the end of January for Term 2 courses). Visit <http://www.aeel.gov.sk.ca/student-loans>
- Choose a Learning Community – beat the rush and sign up for 2 or 3 classes with the same small group of people before registration day! Check out Learning Communities available in Arts and Science at [www.usask.ca/learningcommunities/](http://www.usask.ca/learningcommunities/)
- Attend an All About US – Arts and Science Information Session in Arts 146:  
*Tuesday, June 14 12:00-2:00*  
*Saturday, June 18 1:00-3:00 PM*  
*Thursday, June 23 7:00-9:00 PM*
- Get connected at Welcome Week and be sure to attend.  
**Orientation takes place September 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.**  
\*Orientation is also a good time to **find your class locations** (make sure you do this *before* your first class! –and get your Student ID card.
- Get involved! Visit <http://explore.usask.ca/campuslife/> to join a club, volunteer, participate in campus rec and much

more!

## Step One: Doing Your Research

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### Exploring the Arts & Science website

[www.artsandscience.usask.ca](http://www.artsandscience.usask.ca)

Throughout your studies as an Arts and Science student you will want to explore the Arts and Science homepage. Go to the homepage and click on "For Students" for information on programs, academic advising, scholarships, student clubs and more! Become familiar with this site so you can reference it in the future.

### All about US - Arts and Science Planning for Success Information Sessions

Information sessions can provide you with tons of valuable advice and information that will help you succeed in making the transition to university!

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### U-Start!

U-Start! helps take the fear out of first year by providing students with tips and tricks to successfully register for their courses, plus much more! Sessions take place on different dates across Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia and Manitoba. There is no charge to attend. Students can **register online**, or for more information please visit <http://explore.usask.ca/events/ustart/>.

Students who are unable to attend are strongly encouraged to use the U-Start! online tools at: <http://explore.usask.ca/events/ustart/online/>

### Learning the University Lingo

At the University you will begin to learn a whole new language. Listed below are a few of the more important terms and an example of how these words appear when searching in *Course Offerings* [www.usask.ca/registration](http://www.usask.ca/registration) and click on Search for Classes.

<b>term:</b>	used to refer to periods of study Term 1 (T1) - September to December Term 2 (T2) - January to April
<b>credit unit (c.u.):</b>	the number associated with a course that indicates it's academic weight relative to other courses. <b>Normally, courses completed in one term have a weight of three (3) credit units (e.g., SOC 111.3) while courses completed over two terms have a weight of six (6) credit units (e.g., PSY 110.6).</b> (For more information see page 7.)
<b>full term:</b>	a course may be listed as " <b>full term</b> " or " <b>multi-term</b> " which implies that it is a 6 c.u. class extending all year from September to April. The class may also be listed as "multi-term" on your schedule.

<b>course and program</b>	lettered abbreviations used to identify courses and programs, for an <b>Abbreviations</b> list please see the <b>Course Abbreviations</b> in the appendix.
<b>prerequisites:</b>	a prerequisite is a course or requirement that you must successfully complete before registering in a specific course. They are listed along with the course descriptions in the calendar. <b>Note that some university courses require high school prerequisites. Please read the course description carefully.</b> <a href="http://www.usask.ca/calendar/coursecat/">http://www.usask.ca/calendar/coursecat/</a>
<b>course number:</b>	Numbers used to identify a course: e.g., CHEM 112.3 - 1/2(3L-3.5P) or HIST 114.6 - 1&2(3L-1T) Generally, courses numbered at the 100-level are junior courses and are a prerequisite for 200+ level courses. .3 or .6 refers to the credit units, 1/2 or 1&2 refers to the terms it is offered (1/2 would imply term 1 OR term 2, 1&2 implies term 1 AND term 2, i.e., a multi-term class), 3L refers to the lecture hours per week, 3.5P or 3.5L refers to practicum or lab time per week, and 1T refers to the tutorial hours per week.
<b>lecture:</b>	a lecture refers to class time which is structured by a professor according to course content. Lectures are 50 minutes for Monday-Wednesday-Friday courses, and 1 hour and 20 minutes for Tuesday-Thursday classes. Please note: this is not true of the spring/summer sessions.
<b>tutorial:</b>	a tutorial is similar to a lecture except that it is a smaller, more in depth, discussion based class, which may be led by a senior or graduate student. Tutorials accompanying lectures must be attended!
<b>lab:</b>	a lab accompanies lecture and/or tutorial time to allow for more practical/hands-on work. In a biology class, for example, a scientific experiment may be performed, whereas in a drama class, set and prop construction may be the purpose of the lab. Labs must be attended as well!
<b>section:</b>	ex: ENG 110.6 (03) differentiates between the different times that a course is offered, its location and who it is taught by. It is important to know what particular section of a course you are registered in because the same course can be taught by different professors, at different times, and in different locations. Generally, for 3 c.u. courses, odd-numbered sections are given in Term 1; even-numbered sections are given in Term 2.
<b>Course Reference number (CRN):</b>	this is the number in the <i>Course Offerings</i> assigned to each class for the purpose of PAWS registration. You can enter this number on PAWS when registering for a class. You can find this number when searching for course offerings in the online calendar <a href="http://www.students.usask.ca/academic/registration/">http://www.students.usask.ca/academic/registration/</a> and click on Search for Classes. Use it when adding classes on PAWS for faster registration.
<b>web class:</b>	an online course.
<b>ghost lecture:</b>	No, this is not a class taught by a dead professor! A ghost lecture refers to a continuation of a full-term or multi-term class into term 2. Once you have registered for a six credit unit course in term one, you will automatically be registered for term two, and it will appear on your schedule as a "ghost lecture".

## Programs, Degrees, Credits, and Course Loads

### Programs:

Now that you know the University lingo, it is important to understand the different program types offered [before choosing your courses](#). There are four **program types** of majors/courses offered:

**Type A – Humanities:** These include the study of people's history, language, literature, philosophy and religion. Students who major in a humanities subject usually enjoy writing, and doing library-based research. You may complete a Bachelor of Arts Three-Year, Four-Year, or Honours.

**Type B – Social Sciences:** These include the study of how societies function. Students who pursue a social science major usually enjoy analyzing human behavior and doing social research projects. You may complete a Bachelor of Arts Three-Year, Four-Year, or Honours.

**Type C – Natural Sciences:** These include the study of nature. Students who specialize in the natural sciences often enjoy mathematics, experimentation, and laboratory research. Natural Science majors can complete a Bachelor of Science Three-Year, Four-year, or Honours.

**Type D – Fine Arts:** These include the study of artistic expression. Students who major in the fine arts are usually artistically talented or are interested in the creative process. The College of Arts and Science offers several degree programs in the Fine Arts. You may complete a Bachelor of Arts Three-Year, Four-year, or Honours; or, for an emphasis on performance you may follow the requirements for a Bachelor of Fine Arts (in Studio Art or Drama) or a Bachelor of Music (in music). Both the Bachelor of Fine Arts and the Bachelor of Music are four-year degrees.

*For a complete list of majors offered in each program area please see page 12.*

### Degrees:

Now that you are more familiar with the program types offered, let's look at the types of degrees that are available to you. The College offers programs leading to the **Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)** and the **Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.)** in Three-Year, Four-Year or Honours, as well as the **Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.)**, and **Bachelor of Music (B.Mus.)**

Degree Type	Credit Units Required	Distribution Requirements	Specified Courses in Major	Electives
B.A. Three-Year	90	36	24-30	Up to 30
B.Sc. Three-Year	90	39-42	24-42	Up to 30
B.A. Four-Year	120	36	30-69	Up to 54
B.Sc. Four-Year	120	39-42	36-60	Up to 45
B.A. Honours	120	36	45-69	Up to 39
B.Sc. Honours	120	39-42	48-60	Up to 33
B.Mus.	120-126	30-33	90-96	
B.F.A.	120	30	54-69	18

\*For degree requirements by program/major see the University of Saskatchewan Calendar online at <http://www.usask.ca/calendar/arts&science/programs/> and select the program you are interested in.

**\* Please note that many students may take longer than three years for a B.A. Three-year degree or longer than four years for a B.A. Four-year or Honours degree by enrolling in fewer courses per term in order to get better grades, work part-time, or participate in extra-curricular activities.**

**You do not have to decide what type of degree you are pursuing right now and you can always change your degree type at a later time!** However, it is important to understand this information so you can begin to choose the courses in your first year for the degree program that most suits you. *If you are unsure what degree type you plan to pursue, you can choose your courses to keep a variety of degree types open as options.*

**Credits:**

Most classes are either 3 or 6 credit units. Normally a course completed in one term will have an academic weight of 3 credit units while a course completed over two terms will have the weight of 6 credit units.

<b>3 Credit Units</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Minimum amount of credit units required per year to retain registration status</li> </ul>
<b>18 Credits Units</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>A full-time student</b> must take 18 credit units per year (9 credit units per term)</li> <li>○ You must be a full-time student to be eligible for student loans</li> <li>○ <b>You are a part-time student</b> if you choose to take less than 18 credit units per year (<a href="#">fewer</a> than 9 credit units per term)</li> </ul>
<b>24 credit units</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ To be eligible for a University Undergraduate Scholarship in second year you must take at least 24 credit units</li> </ul>
<b>30 Credit Units</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Maximum amount of credit units per year</li> <li>○ To be eligible for the Dean's List you must take at least 30 credit units</li> <li>○ Some colleges such as Medicine and Dentistry will require students to take 30 credits units from September to April in order to be eligible for admission</li> </ul>

**Course Loads:**

First-year students are usually surprised by the amount of time and effort that university requires. Most classes are held for 3 hours per week and meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday for 50 minutes each day or Tuesday and Thursday for 1 hour and 20 minutes each day. Night classes are usually held for 3 hours once a week. **Yet university involves a lot more work than just attending classes!** Labs and tutorials will be held outside of class time so students must also factor these into their schedules. **In order for students to be successful in a course, students will usually have to spend about 2 hours on outside course work for every 1 hour spent in class.** For example, a class that meets 3 hours per week will usually require the completion of 6 hours of course work outside the lecture. **For 5 classes per term or a full course load, that is 30 hours per week of outside course work and 15 hours spent within the lecture setting. At 45 hours per week, being a successful student is equivalent to holding a full time job!** Because of the significant time commitment university requires, many students may limit the amount of courses they take in their first year.

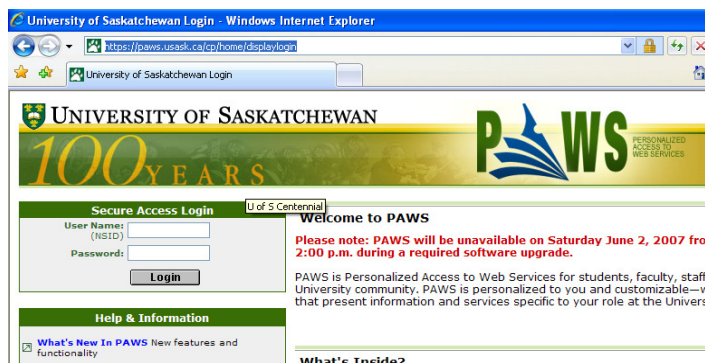
For sample time tables, including class/lecture time, labs and tutorials, and study time, please see **Sample Time Tables** in the Appendix.

**Logging into PAWS!**

**PAWS** is your Personalized Access to Web Services. Use your University of Saskatchewan Network Services Identification (NSID: your first 3 lettered initials followed by three numbers; e.g., abc123) and password to access this web portal at: [www.paws.usask.ca](http://www.paws.usask.ca) Use your NSID and temporary password **provided in your letter of (conditional) acceptance** to activate your student account and create a new password at [paws.usask.ca](http://paws.usask.ca)



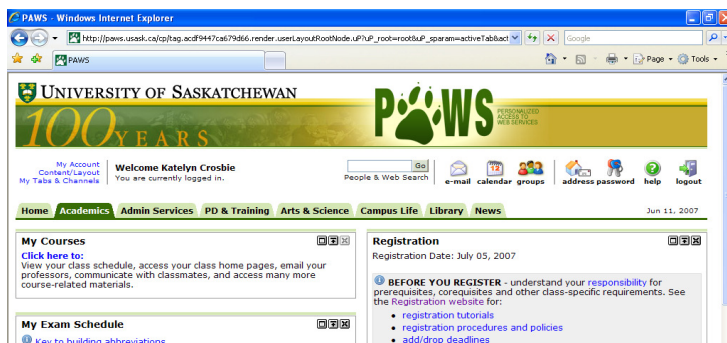
All students must use the University of Saskatchewan online registration system **PAWS** in order to register for their courses, check their email, as well as access many other personalized student services.



Log on to PAWS as soon as possible to check your registration time. Your registration date depends on your year of study. Class registration for Fall and Winter Terms for first year students begins in June!

- Log into PAWS
- Select the Academics Tab
- Your initial access time can be found in the Registration Channel

Register as close to that access time as possible to get the greatest selection of courses. If you still have questions on how to use PAWS, or if you misplace or forget your NSID and password, contact either the ITS Help Desk at [help.desk@usask.ca](mailto:help.desk@usask.ca) or 306-966-4817 or Student Central in person, by phone at 306-966-1212 or 1-877-650-1212 (Canada only) or by email at [askus@usask.ca](mailto:askus@usask.ca).



\* After you have registered for your courses you will be able to access your Arts & Science tab for information on the college, as well as personalized information such as choosing and declaring your major.

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## Step One: Summary

Before moving on make sure that you have:

- ✓ Explored the Arts & Science website
- ✓ Attended (or have planned on attending) an All About US! Arts & Science information session and/or participated in U-Start!
- ✓ Learned the University Lingo – make sure you understand credit units, terms, course numbers and prerequisites in particular

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- ✓ Understood and/or decided on your program and degree type
- ✓ Decided how many courses you would like to take in your first year
- ✓ Logged into and explored your PAWS account

## Step Two: Planning Your First Year

### Fulfilling Your Degree Requirements

Since you now know which Program and Degree Type(s) you might be interested in, you can use the following chart to see what your degree requirements are. Remember, **you can't fill all of these requirements in your first year!**

PROGRAM TYPE → Requirement ↓	A-Humanities	B-Social Sciences	C – Natural Sciences	D – Fine Arts
1	12 c.u. Humanities	12 c.u. Social Sciences	15 c.u. Natural Sciences	12 c.u. Fine Arts
2	6 c.u. Languages	6 c.u. Humanities	6 c.u. Humanities (Writing)	6 c.u. Humanities
3	6 c.u. Natural Sciences	6 c.u. Natural Sciences	6 c.u. Social Sciences	6 c.u. Natural Sciences
4	6 c.u. Social Sciences	6 c.u. Languages	6 c.u. Math/Stats	6 c.u. Languages
5	General Electives	General Electives	General Electives	6 c.u. Social Sciences
6	Senior Courses in your Major	Senior Courses in your Major	Senior Courses in your Major	Senior Courses in your Major
7	Arts & Science Electives	Arts & Science Electives	Arts & Science Electives	Arts & Science Electives s

#### Requirements #1 through #5 are called **Distributions Requirements**:

Regardless of whether you are pursuing the B.A. or B.Sc. degree, all students must complete a variety of courses. Many students in their first year will choose the courses that they are interested in majoring in and also take courses to meet some of their Distribution Requirements. To meet these requirements, you have the option of choosing from a number of courses.

**Requirement #6** refers to the senior (200-level and up) courses required in your **major** (you can't take senior courses in your major until you have completed the 100-level prerequisites, so don't worry about these until after your first year).

**Requirement #7** refers to your **electives**. These are courses you choose because of interest or because they will strengthen your understanding of your major. Electives may be used to complete a minor in another subject, recognition in a language, or to meet admission requirements for another college. Some departments require you to take certain electives (cognate courses) in subjects as they relate to your major; you can check the requirements for the major or program you are interested in for more information.

\* Note, most degrees in Arts & Science are structured around these 7 requirement areas; however, there are exceptions to this – BFA, BA & Sc., BMUS – which have a slightly different program structure.

### Your Choices: Distribution Requirements

#### Distribution Requirements

#### Requirements #1 to #4 in Programs A, B and Requirements #1 to #5 in Programs C, D

All students are required to complete courses from the major divisions within the College of Arts and Science. These distribution requirements expose students to all areas considered important in the achievement of a liberal arts education. These requirements may be satisfied with courses selected from the following list of junior (100-level) courses. Certain senior courses may also be included.

The following conditions apply:

1. No course may be used simultaneously in two or more of the Requirements 1 to 5.  
For example, if FREN 122.3 and FREN 125.3 are used to fulfill the Language requirement, they may not be used to fulfill the Humanities requirement.
2. No more than 6 credit units from one subject may be used in Requirements 1 - 4 in Program Types A, B, or in Requirements 1 - 5 of Program Types C and D. For this purpose, courses which may be credited towards a specific major and honours program are usually considered to be courses from the same subject.  
For example, if ENG 110.6 is used in the Language Requirement, no other course in English may be used in the Humanities Requirement.
3. Senior-level courses that require 6 credit units of prerequisite courses which have been used in Requirement 1 in Program Type C may not be used to satisfy this requirement.  
For example, ACB 200.3 may not be used in Requirement 1 if BIOL 120.3 and 121.3, its prerequisite, has been used.

### HUMANITIES

Only the following courses meet the Humanities Requirement in Programs A, B, D, or the General Requirement in Program C: HIN 111.6, 130.6; CLAS 110.3, 111.3, 121.6; CMRS 110.3, 111.3; CREE 101.6, 120.6; ENG 110.6, 111.3, 112.3, 113.3, 114.3; FREN 103.3, 106.3, 122.3, 125.3, 128.3, 218.3; GERM 114.3, 117.3; GRK 112.3, 113.3; HEB 111.6; HIST 110.3, 111.3, 114.6, 120.6, 121.3, 122.3, 140.6, 151.3, 152.3, 170.6; INTS 101.12; LATN 112.3, 113.3; LIT 100.6; PHIL 110.6, 120.3, 133.3, 140.3; RLST 110.6; RUSS 114.3, 117.3; SNSK 101.6; SPAN 114.3, 117.3; UKR 114.3, 117.3; WGST 110.6, 112.3 or any senior-level Humanities course provided that the prerequisite is met and not more than 6 credit units in one subject are used for the Humanities or Languages Requirements. Certain WGST courses may be considered a Humanities and/or Social Science. Refer to the course descriptions.

CLAS 103.3, 104.3, 105.3, and 106.3 may **not** be used to fulfill the Humanities Requirement.

### Humanities Writing Requirement Program C

Only the following courses meet the Humanities Writing Requirement in Program C:

ENG 110.6, 111.3, 112.3, 113.3, 114.3; HIST 110.3, 111.3, 114.6, 120.6, 121.3, 122.3, 140.6, 151.3, 152.3, 170.6; INTS 101.12; LIT 100.6; PHIL 120.3, 133.3.

### LANGUAGES

Only the following courses meet the Language Requirement in Programs A, B, D, or the General Requirement in Program C:

CHIN 111.6, 130.6; CREE 101.6, 120.6; ENG 110.6, 111.3, 112.3, 113.3, 114.3; FREN 103.3, 106.3, 122.3, 125.3, 128.3, 218.3; GERM 114.3, 117.3; GRK 112.3, 113.3; HEB 111.6; LATN 112.3, 113.3; LIT 100.6; RUSS 114.3, 117.3; SNSK 101.6; SPAN 114.3, 117.3; UKR 114.3, 117.3 or any senior-level Language course provided that the prerequisite is met and not more than 6 credit units in one subject are used for the Humanities or Languages Requirement.

### SOCIAL SCIENCES

Only the following courses meet the Social Science Requirement in Programs A, B, C, and D:

ANTH 111.3, ARCH 112.3, 116.3; ECON 111.3, 114.3; GEOG\* 130.3; LING 111.3, 112.3; NS 105.3, 106.3, 107.3; POLS 111.3, 112.3; PSY 110.6; SOC 111.3, 112.3; WGST 110.6, 112.3 or any senior-level Social Science course provided that the prerequisite is met and not more than 6 credit units in one subject are used for the Social Science Requirement. Statistics courses in Social Sciences cannot credit toward the Social Science requirement (eg. ECON 204.6, PSY 233.3, PSY 234.3, SOC 225.3 and SOC 325.3, formerly SOC 240.3). Certain WGST courses may be considered a Humanities and/or Social Science. Refer to the course descriptions.

NRTH 101.3, PSY 101.3 may **not** be used to fulfill the Social Sciences Requirement.

### NATURAL SCIENCES

#### 1. Courses below meet the Natural Science Requirement in Programs A, B, and D:

ASTR 102.3, 103.3; BIOL 107.6, 120.3, 121.3; CHEM 112.3, 115.3; CMPT 100.3, 102.3, 105.3, 106.3, 111.3, 115.3; GEOG\* 120.3, 125.3; GEOL 108.3, 109.3, 121.3, 122.3; MATH 104.3, 110.3, 112.3 or 116.3, 121.3, 125.3, 128.3; PHYS 115.3, 117.3 or 125.3, 127.3, STAT 103 or any senior-level Natural Science course provided that the prerequisite is met and not more than 6 credit units in one

subject are used for the Natural Science Requirement. Students may use only 6 credit units in mathematics and statistics toward the Natural Science Requirement. STAT 244.3 may not be used to meet the Natural Science Requirement in Program Types A, B or D.

ARCH 112.3, 116.3 may **not** be used to fulfill the Natural Sciences Requirement.

**2. Only the courses below meet the Natural Science Requirement in Program C:**

- A. Computer Science - CMPT 106.3, 111.3, 115.3
- B. Physics & Astronomy - ASTR 103.3; PHYS 115.3, 117.3 or 125.3, 127.3
- C. Chemistry - CHEM 112.3, 115.3, 250.3
- D. Earth Science - GEOG 120.3; GEOL 121.3, 122.3
- E. Biological Science - BIOL 120.3, 121.3

**3. Mathematics/Statistics Requirement Program C**

Only the following courses meet the Mathematics/Statistics Requirement in Program C:

MATH 110.3, 112.3, 116.3, 125.3, 128.3, 264.3; STAT 245.3, 246.3; PLSC 314.3.

**FINE ARTS**

Only the following courses meet the Fine Arts Requirement in Program D or the General Requirement in Programs A, B and C:

ART 111.6, 112.6, 113.6, 136.6, 141.3, 161.3; ARTH 120.3, 121.3; DRAM 101.3, 104.6, 110.3, 113.3, 118.3, 119.3; MUS 101.3, 105.3, 111.3, 117.1, 120.2, 121.2, 133.3, 134.3, 150.3, 151.3, 184.3 or any senior-level Fine Arts course provided that the prerequisite is met and not more than 6 credit units in one subject is used for the Fine Arts Requirement.

DRAM 121.3 may be used as an **elective** only.

**General Requirement (Requirement #5 in Programs A, B, and C)**

With a few exceptions (including CLAS 103.3, 104.3, and 106.3), in Programs A, B, and C, any junior or senior course or combination of courses from the areas specified will meet Requirement 5. These courses must be Arts and Science courses.

**Major Requirement (Requirement #6)**

For the most current course requirements in the major refer to the online *University Calendar*:

<http://www.usask.ca/calendar/arts&science/programs/> A maximum number of credit units in one subject are allowed for the B.A. degree - B.A. Three-year: up to 42 credit units in one subject (at least 48 credit units must be in other subjects); B.A. Four-year and Honours: up to 60 credit units in one subject (at least 60 credit units must be in other subjects).

**Electives Requirement (Requirement #7)**

Courses chosen by students out of interest, to strengthen their understanding of their major, or to complete a minor or Recognition in a Language. Some departments require their students to take certain electives in cognate subjects to the major. Students must ensure they have enough senior courses (200-level or higher): the Three-year degree requires at least 42 credit units in senior courses; the Four-year and Honours degrees requires at least 66 credit units in senior courses.

\* For non-Geography majors, a maximum of 6 credit units in Geography may be used in Requirements 1 – 5 for Program Types C and D and Requirements 1 – 4 for Program Types A and B.

## Thinking About your Major

Your major is the subject or program area you choose to specialize in. It is also the subject or program area where you will take the majority of your courses. **You do not have to choose your major now, but if there are subject or program areas you are interested in, it is important to take introductory courses in those areas in your first year. This way, you can take senior-level courses in the area you may select as your major in your later years of study.** Depending on the major you choose, and the degree you wish to complete, you will take between 30-60 c.u.'s in your major and other subjects as required by your program. Areas that you can major in include:

### Type A: Humanities

Classical, Mediaeval, and Renaissance Studies  
English  
French  
History  
International Studies\*  
Modern Languages  
Philosophy  
Studies in Religious Traditions  
Studies in Religion and Culture  
Ukrainian

### Type B: Social Sciences

Aboriginal Public Administration  
Anthropology  
Archaeology\*  
Business Economics  
Community Planning and Native Studies  
Economics  
Geography (Human)\*  
International Studies\*  
Linguistics  
Native Studies  
Northern Studies  
Political Studies  
Psychology  
Public Administration  
Regional and Urban Planning  
Sociology  
Women's and Gender Studies

### Type C: Natural Sciences

Anatomy and Cell Biology  
Archaeology\*  
Biochemistry  
Biochemistry and Biotechnology  
Biology  
Biology and Biotechnology  
Bioinformatics  
Biomolecular Structure Studies  
Biotechnology, Microbiology and Immunology  
Chemistry  
Computer Science  
Computing  
Environmental Biology  
Environmental Earth Science  
Food Science  
Geography (Physical)\*  
Geology  
Geophysics  
Mathematics  
Mathematical Physics  
Microbiology  
Palaeobiology  
Physics  
Physiology and Pharmacology  
Psychology  
Statistics  
Toxicology

### Type D: Fine Arts

Art (Art History or Studio Art)  
Drama  
Music

### Combined B.A. & Sc. Programs

Environment and Society  
Interactive Systems Design

Please refer to the *Calendar* at <http://www.usask.ca/calendar/arts&science/programs/> for more information.

\* Can be credited towards more than one program type.

## Minors and Language Recognitions

Students may also choose to complete a minor in a subject area or receive Recognition in a Language. To complete a minor, students must complete 18-24 credit units as outlined by the department in that subject area. **Minors are not available in all departments and are not required to receive a degree.** Recognition in a Language is available upon completion of 18 credit units as required by the Department of Languages and Linguistics. For more information students should consult the University of Saskatchewan Calendar online at <http://www.usask.ca/calendar/arts&science> or consult the department they are seeking a minor or Recognition in.

## Choosing Your Courses

Now that you understand what a degree program is, as well as the various requirements for a degree, you can begin to select your courses for the upcoming year. First-year students in the College of Arts and Science are often surprised at the number of choices and options they have in the courses that they take. These tips can help you choose courses to create an education all your own!

- The College of Arts and Science does not require students to take certain courses in their first year. Instead, students should choose courses that meet the requirements for the major or subject areas that they are interested in or to meet the admission requirements for another college while working on a degree program from the College of Arts and Science.
- Consider taking a variety of courses in your first year in order to keep your options open. By taking an assortment of courses, you may have the ability to choose from a variety of subjects to major in later on. These courses can also be used to meet your other degree requirements if you later decide to pursue a certain major. In most cases, degrees offered by the College of Arts and Science will require at least: **6 c.u. in Humanities, 6 c.u. in Social Sciences, 6 c.u. in Natural Sciences, 6 c.u. in Languages, or optionally 6 c.u. in Fine Arts**; so if you are uncertain about what you want to study, try taking classes that meet those requirements. That way, when you are ready to work on a major you will have most of the distribution requirements already met.
- You do not have to meet all of the distribution requirements for a degree in your first year. If you feel uncomfortable taking a course to meet a certain requirement in your first year, you do not have to. For example, if you are interested in majoring in Political Studies and are hesitant to take a Natural Science course in your first year, don't. You can always meet this requirement at a later time. Be aware that certain courses may be prerequisites to upper year courses though. Thus, you may have to take certain courses earlier in your program than others.
- Many majors in the Natural Sciences require first-year students to include more than one course in the Natural Sciences in their first year of study. For example, students majoring in Computer Science must also include 6 credit units of Math. Consider your timetable when registering in Natural Science courses, as many of these courses will have weekly labs and tutorials in addition to their lecture times. **It is recommended that first-year students take no more than 6-9 credit units in lab based courses per semester.**
- If you are fulfilling admission requirements for another college you may not have as much choice in selecting your courses for your first year.
- Most departments will not permit students to take more than 6 credit units at the junior (100) level in one subject area. For example, students who take ENG 110.6 are not eligible to take any of the 3 credit unit 100-level ENG courses.
- With few exceptions, first year students may register only in courses numbered at the "100" level.
- Make sure your courses are in the College of Arts & Science. For a complete list of courses from other Colleges that count for credit, please see <http://artsandscience.usask.ca/students/academics/handouts/TransferCourses.pdf>
- **For more information on specific academic requirements, consult the *University of Saskatchewan Calendar* online at <http://www.usask.ca/programs>**

## High School Prerequisites

When choosing your first year courses, be aware that many courses have Grade 12 prerequisites.

Be sure to read the prerequisites in the course descriptions from the online course catalogue  
<http://www.usask.ca/calendar/coursecat/>

Here is an example of the course description, please note the pre-requisite listed:

### **BIOL 120.3 — 1/2(3L-3P) The Nature of Life**

An introduction to the underlying fundamental aspects of living systems: covering cell biology, genetics and the evolutionary processes which lead to complex, multi-cellular life forms.

Prerequisite(s): Biology 30 or BIOL 107 or BIOL 108.

Note: Chemistry 30 is strongly recommended. Students with credit for BIOL 110 will not receive credit for BIOL 120.

## Senior (200+) level courses in your First Year

With very few exceptions, first-year students may only take courses at the junior level (100-level) in their first year. Some first-year students may be eligible to register for certain senior-level science courses in Term 2, provided prerequisites are met:

BMSC 200.3 prerequisite:	completion of CHEM 112.3 and Biology 30
CHEM 250.3 prerequisite:	CHEM 112.3
MATH 264.3 prerequisite:	3 credit units of Math or Stat
STAT 244.3 prerequisite:	completion of a social science course or Math A30
STAT 245.3 prerequisite:	completion of MATH 100.6, 104.3, 110.3 or STAT 103.3

## Using the University of Saskatchewan Online Course Calendar

The 2011-2012 University of Saskatchewan Calendar is posted online, and this is the only way to access it. The most up-to-date information on courses, their descriptions, degree requirements, programs offered, and admission requirements can be found in the Calendar. Spend some time and go through the Calendar – it is a great place to learn about requirements, find more information about programs you are interested in, and will help you to pick out courses that you find interesting – the course description, number, and prerequisites are all listed.

To access the calendar go to <http://www.usask.ca/programs>  
(To access the College of Arts and Science programs directly, go to <http://www.usask.ca/calendar/coursecat/>)

You have the option to:

### **View the programs offered and the required classes for each**

1. Go to [http://www.usask.ca/programs/arts\\_and\\_science/1-program-information.html](http://www.usask.ca/programs/arts_and_science/1-program-information.html) (this is the direct link for programs available in the College of Arts and Science)
2. Choose a program/major from the left hand side of the page that sounds interesting.
3. You can then click on the degree option and requirements for that program. You can even click on the classes for a course description, prerequisites, and more information.



## View the course descriptions and prerequisites

1. Go to <http://www.usask.ca/calendar/coursecat/>
2. To access a subject area click on its title in the scroll down menu and click "Search". You will now be able to view all classes offered in the selected subject area.
3. \*Please note that CRN's cannot be found here!

## OR Search for a specific course and its availability (dates and times offered)

1. Go to [https://pawncs.usask.ca/banprod/bwckschd.p\\_disp\\_dyn\\_sched](https://pawncs.usask.ca/banprod/bwckschd.p_disp_dyn_sched)
  2. Select 2011-2012 "Term 1" (September to December) or Term 2 (January to April) in the drop down bar. Select the course that you are interested in and, if necessary, the level (ex: for first year students enter "1%" for 100-level courses; for 200-level courses enter "2%" and so forth). Be sure to select "U of S- Saskatoon Main Campus" in the Campus option for classes in Saskatoon! You can now browse through the courses offered. Be sure to copy down the CRN for fast registration later!
- \* For a course description, click on the CRN, and then select "View Catalog Entry"

## Course Selection Chart for Potential Majors

The potential major chart outlines what courses students should take in their first year in order to major in a specific subject area. Students are asked to consider how many courses they would like to take in their first year by consulting with the **Online First Year Student Handbook**. If additional courses are required but none are suggested then students should **select courses to fulfill distribution requirements** for their degree type. As well, by using the Potential Major Chart you may choose courses to meet the requirements for a variety of majors in their first year. For a list of distribution requirements, including course descriptions please see the **First Year Course Descriptions**. For more information on a program, please consult the *University Of Saskatchewan Online Course Calendar* at <http://www.usask.ca/programs/>

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Potential Major	Courses Required in First Year	Courses Recommended for First Year
<b>Aboriginal Public Administration</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/apa">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/apa</a>	POLS 111.3, 112.3 NS 107.3	ECON 111.3, 114.3
<b>Anatomy and Cell Biology</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/anatomycellbiology">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/anatomycellbiology</a>	<b>TERM 1</b> BIOL 120.3, CHEM 112.3, <b>TERM 2</b> BMSC 200.3, CHEM 115.3	PHYS 115.3, PHYS 117.3, MATH 125.3
<b>Anthropology</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/anthropology">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/anthropology</a>	ANTH 111.3 and ARCH 112.3	
<b>Archaeology (B.A.)</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/archaeology">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/archaeology</a>	6 cu from ANTH 111.3 or ARCH 112.3 or ARCH 116.3	

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<b>Archaeology (B.Sc.)</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/archaeology">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/archaeology</a>	6 cu from ANTH 111.3; ARCH 112.3, 116.3 BIOL 120.3, 121.3 GEOL 121.3, 122.3	CHEM 112.3 MATH 110.3
<b>Art - Studio Art</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/artarthistory">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/artarthistory</a>	ARTH 120.3, 121.3 ART 112.6 6 other cu in 100-level Studio Art courses	For more information on the B.F.A. program, students should consult the department. Visit their website, check out the online Calendar or call (306) 966-4222 or 966-4196.
<b>Art - Art History</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/artarthistory">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/artarthistory</a>	ARTH 120.3, 121.3 6 cu in 100-level Studio Art courses	6 cu 100 level History
<b>Biochemistry</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/biochemistry">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/biochemistry</a> <b>Biochemistry and Biotechnology</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/biochemistry/biotechnology">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/biochemistry/biotechnology</a>	<b>TERM 1</b> BIOL 120.3, CHEM 112.3, <b>TERM 2</b> BMSC 200.3, CHEM 115.3,	MATH 125.3 PHYS 115.3, 3, PHYS 117.3
<b>Bioinformatics</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/Bioinformatics">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/Bioinformatics</a>	BIOL 120.3, 121.3 CHEM 112.3 CMPT 111.3, 115.3 MATH 110.3, 112.3 or 116.3	
<b>Biology</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/biology">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/biology</a> <b>Biology and Biotechnology</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/biology/biotechnology">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/biology/biotechnology</a>	BIOL 120.3, 121.3 CHEM 112.3, 115.3	MATH 125.3
<b>Environmental Biology</b> <a href="http://www.usask.ca/programs/arts_and_science/biology.html">http://www.usask.ca/programs/arts_and_science/biology.html</a>	BIOL 120.3, BIOL 121.3 CHEM 112.3, 115.3 GEOL 120.3	MATH 125.3 EVSC 110.3
<b>Biomolecular Structure Studies</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/biomolecularstructurestudies">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/biomolecularstructurestudies</a>	BIOL 120.3 CHEM 112.3, 115.3	BMSC 200.3 MATH 110.3 or 125.3 PHYS 115.3, 117.3 or 125.3
<b>Business Economics</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/business_economics">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/business_economics</a>	ECON 111.3, 114.3	3 cu 100 level CMPT MATH 104.3 or 110.3

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<b>Chemistry</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/chemistry">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/chemistry</a>	CHEM 112.3, 115.3, MATH 110.3	CHEM 250.3 MATH 116.3 PHYS 115.3., 117.3
<b>Classical, Medieval and Renaissance Studies</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/classicalmedieval">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/classicalmedieval</a>	CMRS 110.3, 111.3 6 cu from CLAS 110.3, 111.3, 121.6, ENG 110.6, HIST 110.3, 111.3, 114.6, 121.3	
<b>Community Planning and Native Studies</b> <a href="http://www.usask.ca/programs/arts_and_science/community-planning-and-native-studies.html">http://www.usask.ca/programs/arts_and_science/community-planning-and-native-studies.html</a>	NS 107.3 POLS 111.3 GEOG 120.3 or 125.3	
<b>Computer Science</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/computerscience">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/computerscience</a>	CMPT 111.3, 115.3 MATH 110.3	MATH 264.3
<b>Computing</b> <a href="http://www.usask.ca/programs/arts_and_science/computing.html">http://www.usask.ca/programs/arts_and_science/computing.html</a>	CMPT 111.3, 115.3 MATH 110.3	MATH 116.3
<b>Drama</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/drama">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/drama</a>	DRAM 101.3, 118.3, and 119.3 DRAM 110.3 or 113.3	For more information on the B.F.A. program in Acting or Design students should consult the department. Visit their website or contact (306) 966-5177.
<b>Economics</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/economics">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/economics</a>	ECON 111.3, 114.3	MATH 110.3 or 104.3
<b>English</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/english">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/english</a>	6 cu 100 level ENG	
<b>Environment and Society</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/envirosoc">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/envirosoc</a>	GEOG 125.3, 120.3, 130.3	MATH 110.3, 125.3 HIST 151.3 OR 152.3 ENG 110.6 OR 114.3 PHIL 140.3
<b>Environmental Earth Sciences</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/enviroearthsci">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/enviroearthsci</a>	CHEM 112.3, 115.3; GEOG 120.3 or GEOL 121.3; MATH 110.3	MATH 112.3 or 116.3 PHYS 115.3, 117.3 or 125.3;
<b>Food Science</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/foodscience">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/foodscience</a>	BIOL 120.3, 121.3 CHEM 112.3, 115.3	PHYS 115.3, 117.3 MATH 110.3, 112.3 CMPT 100.3 NUTR 120.3

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<b>Geography (B.A.)</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/geography">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/geography</a>	GEOG 120.3, 130.3	MATH 104.3 or 110.3
<b>Geography (B.Sc.)</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/geography">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/geography</a>	GEOG 120.3, 130.3	MATH 110.3 MATH 112.3 or 116.3
<b>Geology</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/geology">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/geology</a>	GEOL 121.3, 122.3 CHEM 112.3, 115.3 MATH 110.3	MATH 112.3 or 116.3 PHYS 115.3, 117.3 or 125.3
<b>Geophysics</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/geophysics">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/geophysics</a>	GEOL 121.3, 122.3 CHEM 112.3 MATH 110.3 and 116.3 PHYS 115.3, 117.3 or 125.3	CMPT 111.3 or 116.3
<b>History</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/history">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/history</a>	6 cu in 100-level History	
<b>Interactive Systems Design</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/isd">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/isd</a>	CMPT 106.3, 115.3 PSY 110.6 6 cu from ART 111.6, 112.6, 113.6, 2 of ART 136.3, 141.3, 161.3	CMPT 105.3 ARTH 120.3, 121.3 MATH 110.3
<b>International Studies</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/international-studies">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/international-studies</a>	POLS 111.3, 112.3 ECON 111.3, 114.3 6 cu 100 level HIST 6 cu in ONE modern	language other than English: French, German, Russian, Spanish or Ukrainian 3 – 6 cu in 100 level Anthropology, Geography or Sociology
<b>Development Studies</b> <a href="http://www.usask.ca/programs/arts_and_science/international-studies.html">http://www.usask.ca/programs/arts_and_science/international-studies.html</a>	POLS 111.3, 112.3 SOC 111.3, 112.3 6 cu 100 level HIST	6 cu in ONE modern language other than English: French, German, Russian, Spanish or Ukrainian ECON 111.3 3 cu in 100 level Anthropology or Geography
<b>International Co-operation and Conflict</b> <a href="http://www.usask.ca/programs/arts_and_science/international-studies.html">http://www.usask.ca/programs/arts_and_science/international-studies.html</a>	POLS 111.3, 112.3 SPAN 114.3, 117.3 6 cu 100 level HIST	6 cu of SOC, ANTH, ECON OR GEOG
<b>Latin American Studies</b> <a href="http://www.usask.ca/programs/arts_and_science/international-studies.html">http://www.usask.ca/programs/arts_and_science/international-studies.html</a>		
<b>Languages and Linguistics</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/linguistics">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/linguistics</a>	Students interested in majoring in French; German; Linguistics; Linguistics & Languages; Comparative Literature and Languages; Russian; Spanish; or Ukrainian should consult the department on proper course selection by e-mail at <a href="mailto:languages@usask.ca">languages@usask.ca</a> or call (306) 966-5627	

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<b>Mathematics</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/mathematics">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/mathematics</a>	MATH 110.3, 116.3	CMPT 111.3, 115.3
<b>Mathematical Physics</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/mathematicalphysics">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/mathematicalphysics</a>	MATH 110.3, 116.3 PHYS 115.3, 125.3	CMPT 111.3, 115.3
<b>Microbiology &amp; Immunology</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/microbiologyimmunology">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/microbiologyimmunology</a> <b>Biotechnology, Microbiology and Immunology</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/microbiologybiotechnology">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/microbiologybiotechnology</a>	<b>TERM 1</b> BIOL 120.3, CHEM 112.3, <b>TERM 2</b> BMSC 200.3, CHEM 115.3,	MATH 125.3 PHYS 115.3, 3, PHYS 117.3
<b>Music</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/music">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/music</a>	Students interested in the B.A. Music and B. Mus. program should consult the Department of Music <a href="http://www.usask.ca/music">www.usask.ca/music</a> Visit their homepage, e-mail <a href="mailto:music.uofs@usask.ca">music.uofs@usask.ca</a> or call (306) 966-6171.	
<b>Native Studies</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/nativestudies">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/nativestudies</a>	NS 107.3	
<b>Northern Studies</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/northernstudies">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/northernstudies</a>	NS 107.3 POLS 111.3 and 112.3 (for AborAdmin Stream) GEOG 130.3, (for EIA Stream) NRTH 101.3	BIOL 120.3 and 121.3 OR BIOL 107.6
<b>Palaeobiology</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/palaeobiology">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/palaeobiology</a>	ANTH 111.3 ARCH 112.3 BIOL 120.3, 121.3 GEOL 121.3, 122.3	CHEM 112.3, 115.3 or 250.3 MATH 110.3
<b>Philosophy</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/philosophy">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/philosophy</a>	PHIL 110.6 or 120.3 and 133.3	
<b>Physics</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/physics">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/physics</a>	PHYS 115.3, 117.3 or 125.3 MATH 110.3, 116.3 CMPT 111.3	
<b>Physiology &amp; Pharmacology</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/psi-pcol">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/psi-pcol</a>	<b>TERM 1</b> BIOL 120.3, CHEM 112.3, <b>TERM 2</b> BMSC 200.3, CHEM 115.3,	MATH 125.3 PHYS 115.3, 3, PHYS 117.3

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<b>Political Studies</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/politicalstudies">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/politicalstudies</a>	POLS 111.3, 112.3	
<b>Psychology (B.A.)</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/psychology">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/psychology</a>	PSY 110.6	
<b>Psychology (B.Sc.)</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/psychology">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/psychology</a>	PSY 110.6 BIOL 120.3, 121.3	CHEM 112.3 CMPT 111.3 PHYS 115.3
<b>Public Administration</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/publicadmin">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/publicadmin</a>	POLS 111.3, 112.3 ECON 111.3, 114.3	One of: MATH 104.3, 110.3, 121.3,
<b>Regional and Urban Planning</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/regionalurbanplanning">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/regionalurbanplanning</a>	ECON 111.3, 114.3 GEOG 130.3 POLS 111.3	SOC 111.3, 112.3 MATH 104.3 OR 110.3
<b>Studies in Religion and Culture</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/religionandculture">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/religionandculture</a>	RLST 110.6	
<b>Studies in Religious Traditions</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/religionandculture">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/religionandculture</a>	RLST 110.6	If interested in the Honours program choose one of CHIN 111.6, GRK 112.3 and 113.3, HEB 111.6, LATN 111.6 OR SNSK 101.6
<b>Sociology</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/sociology">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/sociology</a>	SOC 111.3, 112.3	
<b>Sociology: Aboriginal Justice and Criminology Program</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/sociology">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/sociology</a>	SOC 111.3, 112.3 ENG 110.6	NS 107.3
<b>Sociology - Indigenous Peoples and Justice Programs</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/sociology">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/sociology</a>	SOC 111.3, 112.3 NS 107.3	
<b>Statistics</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/statistics">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/statistics</a>	MATH 110.3, 116.3 CMPT 111.3, 115.3	ECON 111.3, 114.3

Potential Major	Courses Required in First Year	Courses Recommended for First Year
<b>Toxicology</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/toxicology">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/toxicology</a>	BIOL 120.3, 121.3 CHEM 112.3, 115.3	PHYS 115.3, 117.3 or 125.3 MATH 110.3 or 125.3
<b>Women's &amp; Gender Studies</b> <a href="http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/womensgenderstudies">http://explore.usask.ca/programs/ar/womensgenderstudies</a>	WGST 112.3	

*If you are interested in gaining admission to another college skip to page 23!*

*What to take if you don't know what you want to take!*

If you are uncertain about what program type you fit best into and/or what major you are most interested in it is a good idea to take a variety of courses to keep your options open! **Even if you are planning on applying to another college, it is important to take a variety of courses to keep your options open!** Remember: try taking classes that meet general degree requirements. That way, when you are ready to work on a major you will have most of the distribution requirements already met. Read through the University Calendar <http://www.usask.ca/programs/> and select courses that interest you!

#### **Potential B.A.**

6 c.u. Humanities  
 6 c.u. Social Science  
 6 c.u. Natural Science  
 6 c.u. Language  
 +6 c.u. Fine Arts or Your Choice\*  
 = A full course load

#### **Potential B.Sc.**

6 c.u. Humanities Writing  
 6 c.u. Social Science  
 6 – 9 c.u. Natural Science  
 3 c.u. Math or Stats  
 6 c.u. Language or Fine Arts or Your Choice\*  
 = A full course load

Some tips to try:

- Read upper year course descriptions that are of interest to you and then take their junior-level prerequisites
- Go to <http://www.usask.ca/bookstore/> and search for textbooks, by typing in a course number and section you can see what textbooks are required, and if the textbooks look interesting to you then you may enjoy the class! This will be especially helpful for choosing your introductory English courses.

## Applying To a Direct Entry College

If you are planning to transfer to another college, the following courses can be applied towards that degree. If you change your mind and decide not to transfer to the other college, or are not admitted to that college, the courses can still be used in an Arts and Science degree program. Applicants who have attempted 18 credit units of transferable courses will be considered for admission on the basis of their post-secondary grades.

### **\*\*Contact the College to confirm information regarding transfer credits and recommended classes\*\***

#### **N. Murray Edwards School of Business**

<http://www.edwards.usask.ca/programs/undergrad/Files/Transfer%20Student%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf>

Students must have successfully completed MATH B30 and MATH C30 (or equivalents) from high school prior to admission..

At most 30 credit units which should include the following:

ECON 111.3 and 114.3

MATH 110.3 or Math 121.3

STATS 244.3 (which is equal to COMM 104.3)

12 of these credits from the Social Science or Humanities

#### **Agriculture and Bioresources\*\***

[http://aqbio.usask.ca/uploads/Student\\_Handbook\\_2010-2011.pdf](http://aqbio.usask.ca/uploads/Student_Handbook_2010-2011.pdf)

BSA	AGRC 111.3, 112.3 BIOL 120.3, CHEM 112.3, 1 BIOL 121.3 (or BIOL 224 for ANSC) ECON 111.3 CHEM 250.3 (or ECON 114 for AGECE) Six credits of social science, humanities or fine arts courses
BSc Agbus	One of ENG 111.3, 112.3, 113.3 or 114.3 AGRC 111.3, 112.3 ECON111.3 , 114.3 Six credits of social science, humanities or fine arts courses Six credits of natural science (Choose from Biology, Chemistry, Geology, Physics or Physical Geography.)
BSc RRM	EVSC 110.3, BIOL 121.3 BIOL 120.3 MATH 104.3, 110.3 CHEM 112.3, GEOG 120.3 or GEOL206.3 ECON 111.3, NS 107.3 Six credits of social science, humanities or fine arts courses

#### **Engineering \*\***

[www.engr.usask.ca](http://www.engr.usask.ca)

At most 30 credit units from the following:

CMPT 111.3

PHYS 115.3 OR GE 124.3

PHYS 117.3 OR 125.3 OR 155.3

MATH 110.3

MATH 116.3

CHEM 112.3

COMM 102.3



Minimum of 9 credit units (3 credit units must be at a senior level) in Humanities/Social Sciences (depending on discipline, 3 credit units in English may be required); a list of acceptable Humanities/Social Science courses is maintained on the College of Engineering website

\*Only one of BIOL 120.3, CHEM 115.3, GEOL 121.3 and Phys 127.3 are required. Some programs MAY accept an additional course.

**The following programs are ADVISED to take the science elective stated below in first year, otherwise it must be taken in FIRST TERM of the second year:**

Agricultural and Bioresource Engineering - BIOL 120.3

Chemical Engineering - CHEM 115.3

Civil or Geological or Environmental Engineering - GEOL 121.3

Environmental Engineering – MUST complete BIOL 120.3, CHEM 115.3 and GEOL 121.3 by the end of second year.

**\*\*Contact the College to confirm information regarding transfer credits and recommended classes\*\***

### **Kinesiology** \*\*

[www.usask.ca/kinesiology](http://www.usask.ca/kinesiology)

At most 30 credit units from the following:

BIOL 120.3 and BIOL 224.3

ENG 110.6 or any two of ENG 111.3, 112.3, 113.3, 114.3

MATH 104.3 or 110.3

KIN 121.3, 122.3

6 c.u. of Humanities or Social Sciences

\*Note Students considering the combined B.Sc. (KIN)/B.Ed. degree program (if you wish to become a high school/secondary Physical Education teacher) are required to select NS 107.3.

If you are hoping to be admitted to another college, either at the University of Saskatchewan or another university, the following section can help you explore the courses that are required for admission. **It is important to always consult with the college you are hoping to gain admission to for more information.**

### *Non-Direct Entry Level Colleges at the University of Saskatchewan*

**\*\*It is important to always consult with the College or Institution you are hoping to gain admission to for more information.\*\***

Admission to the College of Arts and Science does not imply or guarantee that you will later be admitted to any professional college, regardless of intentions declared on your admission or registration form. Admission to professional colleges is highly competitive. Many students applying to professional colleges will not be accepted - for some professional colleges, only one or two out of every ten applicants are ever admitted.

Try to keep other options open. You should select an Arts and Science major, and plan your first years of study to provide a good start towards a major in a B.A. or B.Sc. degree program in case you do not get admitted to the professional college of your choice.

**Other requirements:** Many professional colleges have additional admission requirements (such as an entrance exam, interview, admission essay, related volunteer or other experience, etc.). This information sheet provides only a guideline for required courses. You must consult the University of Saskatchewan *Calendar* and/or the professional college directly to confirm entrance requirements. Web sites and contact information are provided below.

**Definition of a "30-credit-unit year":** Several professional colleges require that students complete one or more "30-credit-unit years"; and use the average achieved in these years to rank students for entrance purposes. This means that the student must complete 30 credit units in one Regular Session (September to April). Professional colleges will, in most cases, use summer courses for entrance requirements. However, marks in summer courses or in courses taken during years when fewer than 30 credit units are completed may not be included in the average calculation done by the professional college for ranking.

### **ARCHITECTURE**

For a list of institutions offering architecture programs, check out [www.acsa-arch.org](http://www.acsa-arch.org). Consult the Calendar of the school that you wish to attend. Courses in art & art history, geography, physics, and calculus are recommended.

### **CHIROPRACTIC**

*Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College:*

<http://www.cmcc.ca>

PH: 1-800-463-2923

E-mail: [admissions@cmcc.ca](mailto:admissions@cmcc.ca)

A minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.50 on a 4.00 scale from at least three full years of undergraduate study. CMCC does not give preference to applicants based on their university program of study.

### **DENTISTRY**

*University of Saskatchewan:*

[www.usask.ca/dentistry/](http://www.usask.ca/dentistry/)

E-mail: [dentistry.admissions@usask.ca](mailto:dentistry.admissions@usask.ca)

Completion of a minimum of **two** 30 credit unit years.

#### **Required courses include:**

- BIOL 120.3, 121.3 (formerly BIOL 110.6)
- CHEM 112.3 and 250.3
- PHYS 115.3 and 117.3 or 125.3
- BMSC 200.3 and 230.3
- 6 credit units in the Social Sciences or Humanities
- recommended course: 6 credit units in human physiology

### **EDUCATION**

*University of Saskatchewan:*

[www.usask.ca/education/](http://www.usask.ca/education/)

<http://www.usask.ca/education/program/prospective-students/programs.php>

Completion of at least 60 credit units, including the academic course requirements for Elementary, Middle Years, or Secondary teachers. The application deadline is February 15 of the admission year.

### **JOURNALISM AND COMMUNICATION**

*University of Regina:*

[www.arts.uregina.ca/journalism](http://www.arts.uregina.ca/journalism)

PH:(306) 585-4420

E-mail: [journalism@uregina.ca](mailto:journalism@uregina.ca)

#### **60 credit units including:**

- 1) ENG 110.6 or any **two** of ENG 111.3, 112.3, 113.3, 114.3;
- 2) 3 credit units in Natural Science selected from BIOL 120.3; BIOL 121.3; CHEM 112.3; GEOL 121.3, 122.3; PHYS 115.3, 117.3 or 125.3
- 3) 6 credit units in a language other than English. The 6 credit units must be in the same language.
- 4) Three of the following four categories:
  - a) 3 credit units in a history course emphasizing Canadian History. HIST 152.3 is recommended. HIST 151.3 is acceptable.
  - b) 3 credit units in a political studies course, above the introductory level, emphasizing Canadian politics and government.  
POLS 204.3 or 205.3 is acceptable.
  - c) Any Economics course.

- d) 3 credit units in a Social Science course dealing with the media in the social science context. SOC 244.3 or 246.3 is acceptable.
- 5) 3 credit units from the Fine Arts or ENG 388.3
- 6) PHIL 140.3 or 241.3 or MATH 101.3 or 110.3
- 7) 3 credit units from the Humanities, in addition to those used to fulfill the English, Language, and Logic requirements
- 8) Additional courses to total 60 credit units over two years. No more than 42 credit units may be at the junior-level. A 70% minimum average is required.

### **LAW**

*University of Saskatchewan:*

[www.usask.ca/law/](http://www.usask.ca/law/)

[www.usask.ca/calendar/lawcollege/admission/](http://www.usask.ca/calendar/lawcollege/admission/)

60 credit units (two or more years). The College of Law accepts applicants from all accredited programs. There is no defined pre-law program.

### **MEDICINE**

*University of Saskatchewan*

[www.medicine.usask.ca](http://www.medicine.usask.ca)

[www.medicine.usask.ca/education/admissions.html](http://www.medicine.usask.ca/education/admissions.html)

**Completion of two or more 30 credit unit years which must include:**

- BIOL 120.3, and either 121.3 or BMSC/BIOL 224.3
- BMSC 200.3 and 230.3
- CHEM 112.3 and 250.3
- ENG 110.6 or any two of ENG 111.3, 112.3, 113.3, 114.3
- PHYS 115.3 and 117.3
- 6 credit units in Humanities or Social Science

### **NUTRITION**

*University of Saskatchewan*

[www.usask.ca/pharmacy-nutrition/](http://www.usask.ca/pharmacy-nutrition/)

<http://www.usask.ca/calendar/pharmacy&nutrition/nutrition/requirements/>

In order to be considered for admission applicants must complete a minimum of 24 credit units by April 30 of the year in which they are applying and a total of 30 credit units by September 1 to be considered for admission. However, priority is given to applicants who have completed 30 credit units before April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**The required pre-Nutrition courses include:**

- BIOL 120.3, 121.3
- CHEM 112.3 and 250.3
- ENG 110.6 or any two of ENG 111.3, 112.3, 113.3, 114.3 or FREN 121.3(or 122.3) and FREN 125.3, or LIT 100.6
- PSY 110.6 or SOC 111.3 and 112.3
- 6 credit units of electives

### **OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**

*University of Alberta*

<http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/ot/>

Those interested in becoming occupational therapists must apply to the course-based Master of Science in Occupational Therapy (MScOT). Minimum admission requirements include the completion of a four year undergraduate degree (e.g., BA, BSc, BCom, BEd, BPE, BFA) from a recognized academic institution with a grade point average of at least 3.0 in the most recent \*60 credits. They must also have as a prerequisite one course in Statistics (\*3). Students may find it to their advantage to have taken human anatomy and human physiology courses prior to entering the program. In addition, applicants are required to submit a curriculum vitae provided in a pre-set format, including two letters of recommendation, and a personal statement letter describing knowledge of occupational therapy.

## **University of Manitoba**

[www.umanitoba.ca/faculties/medicine/units/medrehab/ot](http://www.umanitoba.ca/faculties/medicine/units/medrehab/ot)

PH: (204) 789-3674

The University of Manitoba offers a two-year Professional Masters Degree Program in Occupational Therapy.

Prior to entering the Occupational Therapy program, students must obtain:

1. An undergraduate degree from a university recognized by the University of Manitoba.
2. A minimum grade point average of 3.0 (B) in the last 60 credit hours of study.
3. A minimum grade of "C" in each of the required prerequisite courses.  
PSY 110.6 , SOC 111.3 and 112.3, STAT 244.3 **or** STAT 245., ACB 210.3 **or** ACB 221.3 , PHSI 208.6 (current PHSI under review) **or** BIOL/BMSC 224.3, PSY 213.3 and PSY 216.3

**NOTE:** Eligibility requirements for the MOT Regular Program are under review. It is anticipated that changes will occur for the 2012-2013 session. It is highly recommended that applicants wishing to apply in 2012 should monitor this website for changes.

## **OPTOMETRY**

*School of Optometry, Faculty of Science, University of Waterloo*

Waterloo, Ont. N2L 3G1

[www.optometry.uwaterloo.ca/index.html](http://www.optometry.uwaterloo.ca/index.html)

PH: (519) 888-4567, ext. 32782

In order to be considered for admission, applicants must complete a minimum of three years of full-time university science studies (five courses per term) with a minimum overall average of 75%. Prerequisite courses must be completed by May 31 of the year in which you apply for entry.

### **Prerequisite courses:**

- BIOL 120.3 and 121.3
- CHEM 112.3, 250.3
- MATH 110.3 or equivalent calculus
- PHIL 133.3
- PHYS 115.3 and 117.3 or 125.3
- PSY 110.6
- BMSC 200.3, 210.3
- 3 credit units English
- 6 credit units Physiology (human or mammalian)
- 3 credit units Statistics

## **PHARMACY**

*University of Saskatchewan:*

[www.usask.ca/pharmacy-nutrition/](http://www.usask.ca/pharmacy-nutrition/)

PH: (306) 966-6327

E-mail: [undergrad-pharmacy-nutrition@usask.ca](mailto:undergrad-pharmacy-nutrition@usask.ca)

To be considered for admission to the Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy (B.S.P.) program, applicants must have a minimum average of 70% and at least 30 credit units of course work at the University level before April 30 of the year in which they are applying, including the following courses or their equivalents:

- BIOL 120.3, 121.3
- CHEM 112.3, 250.3
- ENG 110.6 or any two of ENG 111.3, 112.3, 113.3, 114.3, or FREN 121.3 or 122.3, AND FREN 125.3, or LIT 100.6
- 12 credit units of electives in Humanities, Social Science, or Fine Arts, of which 6 credit units must be from PSY 110.6, SOC 111.3 and 112.3, PHIL 110.6 (or 120.3 and 133.3), or NS 107.3 (formerly NS 105.3 and 106.3).

## **PHYSICAL THERAPY**

[www.usask.ca/physther](http://www.usask.ca/physther)

e-mail: [pt.admissions@usask.ca](mailto:pt.admissions@usask.ca)

PH: (306) 966-6579

Selection for admission is based upon academic performance (i.e. Sessional Weighted Average) and interview performance.

The minimum Sessional Weighted Average for admission is 70% (normally calculated using the most recent minimum 60 credit units up to January 15th of the current year). The Sessional Weighted Average will be used to rank applicants.

Applicants must hold a Four-year undergraduate degree (in any discipline), from a college or university of acceptable

standing.

### **SOCIAL WORK**

*University of Regina:*

<http://cat.uregina.ca/socialwork/>

PH: (306) 664-7370

The Faculty of Social Work offers programs in Saskatoon, Regina and Prince Albert which lead to a Bachelor of Social Work. Students must complete a minimum of 30 credit units including 3 credit units in ENG (ENG 110.6 is recommended), NS 107.3 (or NS 105.3 and 106.3); PSY 110.6; SOC 111.3. It is recommended that students also complete six credit units of Sociology at the 200 level (can include SOC 112.3), and WGST 110.6 for admission. Admission will be based on (a) 65% weighted Percentage Average; (b) completion of 30 credit units; and (c) assessment of the written application form including a personal statement. Applicants may also be required to attend a panel interview. All prerequisite courses must be completed by April 30 of the application year.

### **SPEECH THERAPY**

*University of Alberta:*

<http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/spa/>

PH: (780) 492-5990

The MSc-SLP program is the principal degree program in the Department of Speech Pathology and Audiology. It is designed to accommodate students who hold a four-year baccalaureate degree in another area of study. Although most applicants have either a linguistics or psychology degree, applicants are admitted with degrees from a wide variety of other areas. A minimum 80% average is required. Accepted pre-requisite courses from the U of S are listed at

<http://www.uofaweb.ualberta.ca/spa/UofSaskatchewan.cfm>

### **VETERINARY MEDICINE**

<http://www.usask.ca/wcvm>

PH: (306) 966-7459

Successful completion of 60 or more credit units. Students should take at least 24 credit units a year. For the most up-to-date information contact the college.

**The courses required for admission include:**

- BIOL 120.3 and either 121.3 or BMSC 224.3
- BIOL 226.3
- BMSC 200.3
- BMSC 210.3
- CHEM 112.3, 115.3 and 250.3
- ENG 110.6 or any two of ENG 111.3, 112.3, 113.3, 114.3
- MATH 104.3 and STAT 103.3 or MATH 110.3 and 3 additional credit units in mathematics or statistics
- PHYS 115.3

## *Step Two: Summary*

Before moving on make sure that you have:

- ✓ Explored and thought about your program type, and major
- ✓ Developed a good understanding of degree requirements
- ✓ Read the University of Saskatchewan Online Course Calendar
- ✓ Chosen all of your courses for your first year

## Step Three: Registering For Your Classes

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### Creating a Time Table

Once you know what courses you want to take, you should create a timetable with your course selections. It is important to make sure that no course conflicts with the timing of another course. Students must also include lab and tutorial times for registration in their timetable. To search for *Course Offerings* go to <http://students.usask.ca/current/registration/> or if you are studying at an off-campus site you may also refer to *The Extension Credit Studies Bulletin*.

As a general guideline for students who are beginning to create a timetable and are planning to take a "full course load" (30 credit units during regular session), you may wish to take three courses on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and two courses on Tuesday and Thursday. In this way you will have approximately three hours of class time a day. Please be advised that you must schedule your labs and tutorials outside of your course times. Tutorials and labs usually require mandatory attendance and are often essential tools to successfully complete a course. Off-campus courses are scheduled in the morning, afternoon or evening.

It is suggested that you schedule your courses around the time of day you find learning easiest. If you are not a morning person, do not schedule all of your courses for 8:30 am! It is also possible to schedule your courses back to back. Professors will let the class out with enough time to get to another class. Try not to schedule more than three hours of course time back to back, as it is important to leave yourself time for breaks.

For a blank timetable sheet visit <http://explore.usask.ca/events/ustart/worksheet.pdf>  
For sample time tables please refer to the appendix.

### Registering on PAWS

To register on PAWS log into your account at [paws.usask.ca](http://paws.usask.ca).

- Select the Academics Tab
  - Select "Registration" in the Registration Channel on the right hand side
- You can now select "Add/Drop Classes" and enter in the CRN's for the classes you want OR you can select "Look up Classes to Add" to search for your classes first and then register.

For more information about how to register go to <http://students.usask.ca/current/registration/tutorials.php>

**It is important to make sure you register as close to your initial access time on PAWS as possible. By registering early, you will have the greatest chance of getting the course times and sections that you want.**

If you still have questions on how to use PAWS, contact Student Central at (306) 966-1212.

**\*Students wishing to register with *Disability Services for Students (DSS)* should do so as soon they can: preferably early August after they have registered for all of their classes. Services are offered to U of S students with permanent or temporary disabilities. Please see <http://students.usask.ca/disability/dss/> for more information.**

**\*NOTE: Once you have registered online in a class, you are obligated to pay any assessed fees! If you want to drop a class you must do so online before the deadline (please see **Important Dates to Remember** or check PAWS, Academics Tab, Tuition and Fees Channel for more information) *otherwise you must pay for the course and your grade will reflect the work you did in the class on your official transcript. Simply not attending does not dismiss you from the course!***

## Step Four: Getting Ready For Campus Life

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### **Academic Help**

#### **University Learning Centre**

Room 106, Murray Building

Tel: 966-2886

E-mail: [ulc@usask.ca](mailto:ulc@usask.ca)

Website: [www.usask.ca/ulc](http://www.usask.ca/ulc)

As an academic learning centre, the ULC offers a wide variety of free programs to support students in areas such as writing, math, study skills, and learning strategies. The ULC also provides students the opportunity to develop and gain experience in teaching, learning and leadership through the PAL (Peer Assisted Learning) Peer Mentor Program.

### **Math and Stats Help**

Room 144, Murray Building

Holly Fraser, Coordinator

E-mail: [ulc\\_math@usask.ca](mailto:ulc_math@usask.ca)

Website: [www.usask.ca/ulc/math](http://www.usask.ca/ulc/math)

ULC Math/Stats Help provides free help to University of Saskatchewan students with questions in mathematics or statistics. Math/Stats help is focused on first- and second-year courses, but our staff tutors will try to help with any question related to mathematics or statistics\*.

Students can receive assistance on a drop-in basis by visiting Room 144 in the Murray Building. Hours of operation, upcoming workshops on course-related topics, and more information about their services and resources are available on the ULC math/stats help website.

\*Note: ULC-Math/Stats Help does not have the expertise to help with questions related to research-level statistics at this time.

### **Peer Assisted Learning (PAL)**

Room 106, Murray Building

Kirsten Routledge, Coordinator

E-mail: [ulc\\_pal@usask.ca](mailto:ulc_pal@usask.ca)

Website: [www.usask.ca/ulc/pal](http://www.usask.ca/ulc/pal)

The PAL Program is a ULC initiative aimed at creating a collaborative learning environment for students through Peer-Assisted Learning. PAL Peer Mentors are academically successful upper year students who take a lead role in helping their fellow students learn. Some of the learning support programs provided by PALs include:

*Study Skills workshops* are provided through small-group workshops and peer consultations on a variety of topics such as Time Management, Preparing for and Writing Exams, Learning Styles, Motivation and Goal Setting, Note-taking, and Reading.

*Structured Study Sessions* where PALs coordinate weekly study groups in some of the more challenging large-section courses. Study Sessions start at the beginning of the term and provide structured opportunities for reviewing material covered during lectures, coordinating discussions and problem-solving sessions, and undertaking a mock mid-term exam. Students have an opportunity to share their understanding of course material, learn from peers, and work together to solve problems.

*Learning Communities (LCs)* are groups of students united by common courses or interests and led by PAL [Peer Mentors](#). LCs meet weekly for group study sessions, academic talks, or panel discussions.

### **Community Service-Learning (CSL)**

Room 143, Murray Building  
Phaedra Hitchings, Coordinator  
Email: [service-learning@usask.ca](mailto:service-learning@usask.ca)  
Website: <http://www.usask.ca/ulc/?q=node/12>

Community service-learning (or CSL) is a way for you to get involved in our wider community - making a difference for our environment, our core communities, our health, and much more. You'll meet and learn from great people, gaining valuable experience that you can tie into your courses or your future career (and other) plans.

Please visit us if you have ideas or would like to talk about how you could be involved. Check out our website to see if you'd like to be a part of our existing programming.

Programming can run for a day, a week, a term - you choose your level of involvement and where you'd like to go. It's up to you - you can be the difference :).

### **Writing Help**

Room 142, Murray Building  
Liv Marken, Coordinator  
E-mail: [writinghelp@usask.ca](mailto:writinghelp@usask.ca)  
Website: <http://www.usask.ca/ulc/?q=node/9>

#### Tutoring

All U of S students are welcome to receive **free**, one-to-one tutoring in academic writing in Murray 142 (no appointment necessary), or online ([www.usask.ca/ulc/onlinewritinghelp](http://www.usask.ca/ulc/onlinewritinghelp)). Tutoring can be received at any stage of the writing process. Students don't have to bring or submit a draft to receive help.

#### Additional Services

- Short writing workshops (essay-writing, punctuation, organization, citation, and other topics)
- Writing workshops for grad students (proposals, organization, scientific writing, and other topics)
- Online writing resources (links, video clips, and a research paper calculator)

For links to resources, drop-in hours, online tutoring, or to register for a workshop, visit the Writing Help website: [www.usask.ca/ulc/writing](http://www.usask.ca/ulc/writing)

### **Math Readiness**

Need to refresh your math skills? Take the Math Readiness Program!

Math Readiness is a review of various topic areas in math to help prepare students for first-year university mathematics. Math Readiness happens at the end of **August (weekdays only)**. Fee: \$270 plus tax. For more information on Math Readiness, please contact Holly Fraser at (306) 966-2742 or please visit <http://ccde.usask.ca/go/math> or e-mail [Math.Readiness@usask.ca](mailto:Math.Readiness@usask.ca). To register call (306) 966-5539.





# learning communities

are groups of *first-year* students taking a common set of 2-3 classes who meet as an *academic community* once a week, *guided* by peer mentors and *supported* by your College, professors, alumni, and the University Learning Centre.

- **enrich** your learning experience & optimize your potential for success
- **connect** with students with common interests and goals - your academic social network!
- **benefit** from mentorship by successful, senior students
- **help** you select a set of courses that satisfy requirements for your degree
- **develop** the skills to conquer your new academic environment
- **create** meaningful connections between your classes & your world

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Optimize your potential for success: the classes you want, the people you want to know, the community you need to make your first year at the U\_of\_S a success. Learning Communities are first-come, first served and filling fast—don't miss this opportunity to conquer your new academic environment.

Make the connection, create your direction: visit [www.usask.ca/lc](http://www.usask.ca/lc) to sign-up for your ideal Learning Community NOW!

For more information, email [lc@usask.ca](mailto:lc@usask.ca)

✓ **Sign up by JUNE!**

## Aboriginal Student Programs

**Summer University Transition Program** is for Aboriginal students who want a head start on their University studies by starting classes in July. Classes are designed to allow for a positive, enriching experience in the company of fellow Aboriginal students. To obtain permission to register, please contact Charlotte Ross at 966-4754 or email [charlotte.ross@usask.ca](mailto:charlotte.ross@usask.ca).

**Math and Science Enrichment Program** is for Aboriginal students interested in programs that lead to careers requiring a science or applied science background. Students interested in participating should contact Charlotte Ross for permission to register at 966-4754 or email [charlotte.ross@usask.ca](mailto:charlotte.ross@usask.ca). For more information regarding this program please visit: <http://explore.usask.ca/aboriginal/programs/mathandscience/>.

**The Aboriginal First Year Experience Program (AFYEP)** helps provide support to new students on campus as well as providing an open communication network by fostering a sense of community among Aboriginal students on campus. Courses provide a comfortable environment for learning with a small class size. Students interested in participating should contact Charlotte Ross for permission to register at 966-4754 or email [charlotte.ross@usask.ca](mailto:charlotte.ross@usask.ca). You can also visit the AFYEP web site at <http://students.usask.ca/aboriginal/programs/academic/afyep>.

**Information Sessions for Aboriginal Students** – get help deciding on courses to register in, confirm you have satisfied funding agency requirements and learn about unique support and academic offerings for Aboriginal Students! **For more information please contact the Aboriginal Student Centre at 966-5790.**

**Students may also contact Charlotte Ross, the Coordinator of Academic Programs for Aboriginal Students, for information on the above programs, course offerings, First Nation or Metis Nation funding, and academic advising by phone: (306) 966-4754, fax: (306) 966-7171, or e-mail: [charlotte.ross@usask.ca](mailto:charlotte.ross@usask.ca) or stop by Room 265 in the Arts Building.**

Students are also encouraged to check out the College of Arts and Science Opportunities for Aboriginal Students website at <http://www.artsandscience.usask.ca/students/aboriginal/>

## *Orientation!*

*Students Attending University On Campus in Saskatoon*

**University and Arts & Science Orientation Days for First-Year Students:  
Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Orientation helps prepare students for the transition to university by offering campus tours, valuable information sessions and advice from senior students.

*For More Information:* visit the Orientation team on the web at [www.usask.ca/orientation](http://www.usask.ca/orientation), e-mail [orientation@usask.ca](mailto:orientation@usask.ca) or call (306) 966-7373.

*Aboriginal Students Attending University On Campus in Saskatoon*

**Aboriginal Students' Centre and Arts & Science Orientation Program for Aboriginal Students:**

An Orientation Program for Aboriginal students will be held in conjunction with the University and Arts & Science Orientation. Please see: <http://students.usask.ca/new/transition/orientation.php> for more details.

*For More Information:* contact the Aboriginal Students' Centre on the web at <http://students.usask.ca/aboriginal/asc/> by phone at (306) 966-5790 or fax (306) 966-5081 or email [asc@usask.ca](mailto:asc@usask.ca). Registration will be available on the Aboriginal Students' Centre website.

*Students Attending University At An Off-Campus Site*

Most of the Off-campus sites offer an orientation for university students at their particular site. This session will provide an introduction to both the academic and student life of university studies. You will have an opportunity to meet with representatives from the College of Arts and Science, Centre for Continuing and Distance Education, and the University Library, as well as staff from the off-campus site, university instructors, and former students. Please contact your local Regional College or off-campus site for dates, times and further information.

# Frequently Asked Questions

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## WHERE CAN I GET HELP IN CHOOSING MY COURSES?

With around 140 junior level courses available in the College of Arts and Science, it's easy to understand why choosing courses can be such a tough decision for new students! It is okay to be unsure of what courses you wish to take. Be sure to read the course descriptions that are found in the *Calendar* and highlight any of the courses that really interest you. Check out the program information at [http://www.usask.ca/programs/arts\\_and\\_science/1-program-information.html](http://www.usask.ca/programs/arts_and_science/1-program-information.html) to find out what courses may be available in the subject areas you are interested in. If you are still unsure about your course selection, you can contact the **First Year Student Advisors in the College of Arts and Science at (306) 966-1945 or e-mail [firstyear.advising@artsandscience.usask.ca](mailto:firstyear.advising@artsandscience.usask.ca)**

## WHAT IS AN EASY COURSE TO TAKE?

This may sound shocking but there are no courses that every student will find easy! Courses a student may find "easy" will vary depending on his or her aptitudes and interests. The courses that students really enjoy are going to be the courses that they are most interested in, regardless of how challenging they find the course. Choose courses that you think you would enjoy!

## CAN YOU TELL ME WHICH PROFESSORS ARE "GOOD"?

All professors at the University of Saskatchewan are highly qualified. Almost all professors have completed graduate training at the masters and doctoral levels following an undergraduate degree. Professors are extremely informed and greatly interested in the subject areas that they teach. After all that time as students themselves, professors can often relate to any concerns you may have!

## WHAT DO I DO IF I CAN'T GET INTO A COURSE?

Keep trying to register in the course on **PAWS**. Many students change their classes over the summer, therefore spaces may become available. If you are still unable to register in a course in early August, contact the department of that specific course.

## WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS DEGREE?

Choosing to complete a degree in the College of Arts and Science means you are able to take a wide variety of courses, and have a wide range of career choices. A liberal arts or science degree guarantees you a well-rounded education and a host of skills that will make you highly competitive in today's job market. If you are looking for specific careers that will relate to certain majors, start with department web sites for the specific subject or major that interests you. These can be found in the potential major chart on page 15. Do not hesitate to ask your professors for possible career options either. Many of them will know previous students who graduated in their field of study that work in other job areas. The following web sites are also great resources for information on career options based on major or program area:

**U of S Employment and Career Development:** <http://students.usask.ca/support/employment/>

Government of Canada: <http://www.workingincanada.gc.ca/>

University of Miami: <http://www.miami.edu/majors>

Monster TRAK Major to Career Converter: <http://content.monstertrak.monster.com/tools/careerconverter/>

If you would like to take a look at some companies that are actively recruiting Arts and Science graduates from the University of Saskatchewan check out [www.usask.ca/sas/secc/weblink/index.html](http://www.usask.ca/sas/secc/weblink/index.html)

## HOW AM I GOING TO PAY FOR SCHOOL?

There are many great resources that can help students finance their education. For many, a student loan may help to meet the costs of your education. For questions or concerns about student loans, please visit their website at <http://www.aeel.gov.sk.ca/student-loans/> or call 1-800-597-8278. The Student Financial Assistance and Awards Office at the University of Saskatchewan can also provide you with information about federal, provincial, and university level aid. Visit their website at <http://students.usask.ca/moneymatters> or contact them at (306) 966-7273. For information on fees and tuition costs, please visit <http://students.usask.ca/current/paying/tuition.php> or contact Student and Enrolment Services at [info@askus.ca](mailto:info@askus.ca) or call (306) 966-6725.

## NEED HELP IN CHOOSING A MAJOR?

Visit the College of Arts & Science Major/Career Choice website at:  
<http://artsandscience.usask.ca/students/majorcareer/>

The **Steps to Choosing a Major** will take you on a journey of discovery to choose your ideal major.

**What can I do with this Major?** Provides ideas on potential careers.

**Linking Majors to Occupations and Employers** will reveal the journey of Arts & Science Alumni.

## WHAT DO I DO IF I STILL HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?

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If you still have more questions regarding course selection please contact the First Year Student Advisors at (306) 966-1945 or e-mail [firstyear.advising@artsandscience.usask.ca](mailto:firstyear.advising@artsandscience.usask.ca).

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### Students Attending University at an Off- Campus Site

Students can contact Donna Bilokreli, Coordinator of Off-Campus Programs in the College of Arts and Science at 1-800-667-6963 or e-mail [donna.bilokreli@usask.ca](mailto:donna.bilokreli@usask.ca).

### *\*Get Involved!*

There is so much more to university than classes and studying! Check out our many campus clubs, societies, groups, and recreational programs on campus <http://explore.usask.ca/about/campuslife/>

*university is about you! what you put into it, you  
get out of it!*