

**BSc AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT****BSc FOOD BUSINESS MANAGEMENT**

FACULTY OF AGRICULTURAL, LIFE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

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This Academic Planning Guide highlights major points only regarding admission and transfer. Students are advised to read the university and RDC calendars, and the Alberta Transfer Guide for other necessary information. Some courses listed may have prerequisites; refer to [Course Descriptions](#). Access this guide online: [www.rdc.ab.ca/academic\\_advising](http://www.rdc.ab.ca/academic_advising).

The agriculture and food industries are two of the largest industries not only in Alberta but also in Canada. The Business Management programs strive to give students both the business knowledge to conscientiously manage and capitalize in these industries, as well as a solid foundation in the different aspects of these industries.

Year 1 is a pre-professional year that prepares the student for admission to the degree program. Normally, three additional years of study are required. This program is for individuals interested in applying business skills and tools to management of organizations in the agriculture and food industries. Graduates develop a strong understanding of business concepts and principles applied to these sectors and have a basic knowledge of the scientific processes involved. The program at UofA is offered jointly by the Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences and the School of Business.

**SUGGESTED COURSE PATTERN YEAR 1**

FALL	WINTER
ECON 201 (3)	ECON 202 (3)
MATH 202 or 203 (3) <sup>1</sup>	STAT 251 (3)
ENGL 219 (3)	ENGL 220 (3)
One of: BIOL 217, 218, CHEM 211 (3) <sup>2</sup>	COMM 271 or COMM 361 (3)
FREE ELECTIVE (3) <sup>3</sup>	FREE ELECTIVE (3) <sup>3</sup>

**NOTES:**

1. Students with a grade of 70% or higher in Math 31 are advised to take MATH 203.
2. **Food Business Management:** take CHEM 211
3. **Free Elective:** a 3-credit course in any discipline that is transferable to UofA; use the [Alberta Transfer Guide](#) to determine credit transferability. Do not take both COMM 271 and COMM 361.

**INTERNSHIP AND CO-OPERATIVE EDUCATION PROGRAMS:**

Students in Co-op programs may wish to participate in the Faculty Internship program to integrate their academic program with quality work experience. The Internship extends the program by one year and provides a paid work term with a government or industrial partner. Students work over a one-year business cycle while receiving a full wage. Contact the Faculty for more information (see [www.business.ualberta.ca/co-op](http://www.business.ualberta.ca/co-op)).

## ADMISSION AND TRANSFER INFORMATION

- Admission:** Entrance to BSc Agricultural Management or BSc Food Business Management takes place after one year of university studies. The minimum entrance requirement is successful completion of \*30 transferable to UofA with a minimum 2.30 AGPA. Normally, students entering this program would have at least \*24 transferable to the program. All admissions are competitive. Possession of the minimum entrance requirements does not guarantee admission. Applicants should declare a major when applying to the Faculty.
- Admission Grade Point Average (AGPA) Calculation:** UofA will use all grades obtained in the most recent terms containing at least \*24, including both a failing/non-transferable grade and a transferable grade in the same course. The first grade of C- or better received in a course is the only grade accepted for that course. Therefore, repeating a course for a higher grade is not advisable. If a student truly believes that he/she needs to repeat a course (in which a transferable grade was earned) to master the material sufficiently to successfully continue in the program, it is recommended that the student audit the course.  
Where the applicant has more than one transferable grade for the same course at any institution, only the first transferable grade is used in calculating the grade point average for admission purposes.
- Minimum Transfer Grade:** Transfer credit will be granted for each course transferable to UofA if the grade achieved is at least a C- and the course is applicable to the specific program to which the student has applied. However, while coursework with grades of D or F will not transfer, the grade remains on your transcript and will be used in the calculation of your AGPA. Please consult with Faculty at UofA if necessary.
- Spring Courses:** a spring course may be taken in the year of transfer but students must request a document extension by email ([question@ales.ualberta.ca](mailto:question@ales.ualberta.ca)). It is best to apply for early admission if taking a spring course. The grade earned in that term is included in your AGPA so you will not receive final admission status until July sometime.
- Residence Requirement:** A maximum of two years of transfer credit (60 academic credits) completed outside the UofA will be granted toward an undergraduate degree in the Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences.
- Required to Withdraw:** Applicants who have twice been required to withdraw from any post-secondary institution or program will not normally be considered for admission to the Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences. Students who have been required to withdraw from any post-secondary institution should consult the UofA Calendar (15.1.9) and other sections of the UofA Calendar referring to academic standing.
- Double Majors:** Most programs offer majors, and some allow a double major. Students wishing to do a double major in two different programs must get permission from the Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences. Contact the UofA Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences for more information.
- Application deadline:** May 1st **Transcript deadline for transfer students:** June 15th
- Regarding course transfer to the University of Alberta & Augustana Faculty:** When checking course transfer to UofA, please note that courses which have *AU* as the first two letters of the course abbreviation in the Alberta Transfer Guide will transfer only to the UofA Augustana Faculty in Camrose. In order for a course to also transfer to other UofA faculties, there must be another entry indicating transfer as a course not beginning with *AU*. See example:

CMPT 214 = UofA CMPUT 114 (3) OR AUCSC 1xx (3)      CMPT 261 = UofA AUCSC 1xx (3)

CMPT 214 is transferable to all UofA faculties, including Augustana Faculty. CMPT 261 is accepted by Augustana Faculty only and will not transfer to other faculties at UofA.

### ALL STUDENTS ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO:

- Consult [Course Descriptions](#) for any course pre-requisites,
- Check [Alberta Transfer Guide](#) concerning course credit transfer to UofA, and
- Consult the [University of Alberta Calendar](#) and [website](#) for admission and program information.

## HOW TO FIND MORE INFORMATION

### [Science Department](#)

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[http://www.rdc.ab.ca/about\\_rdc/academic\\_departments/sciences](http://www.rdc.ab.ca/about_rdc/academic_departments/sciences)

### [Academic Advising](#)

Academic Advising Centre: Room 1102  
[advisors@rdc.ab.ca](mailto:advisors@rdc.ab.ca) 403-342-3400  
[http://www.rdc.ab.ca/academic\\_advising](http://www.rdc.ab.ca/academic_advising)

### [RDC Website](#)

<http://www.rdc.ab.ca>

### [RDC Timetable](#)

<http://www.rdc.ab.ca/timetable>

### [Alberta Transfer Guide](#)

<http://www.acat.gov.ab.ca>

### [Faculty of ALES, UofA](#)

1-800-804-6417  
[future.students@ales.ualberta.ca](mailto:future.students@ales.ualberta.ca)  
<http://www.ales.ualberta.ca>

### [University of Alberta](#)

<http://www.registrar.ualberta.ca>

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

Be aware that you are responsible for ensuring that your registration is complete and appropriate and that your course choices comply with the program to which you have been admitted at RDC and/or to the university to which you wish to transfer.

You are cautioned that any changes to your courses, your major or your transfer destination may adversely affect your transferable credit or admission requirements for future programs. Consult with an academic advisor if you have any questions.

The function of academic advisors is to provide students with information and resources that enable them to make informed decisions relevant to their education. These resources include the RDC Calendar, the Academic Planning Guide for your chosen program and destination university, the Alberta Transfer Guide and the calendar and contact information for your destination university. Academic advisors will assist you in interpreting information from these resources or refer you to your destination university if appropriate. Students in university transfer programs are strongly advised to refer to the calendar of the university to which they wish to transfer and should contact appropriate university departments as required.