

FACULTY OF AGRICULTURAL, LIFE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

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This Academic Planning Guide highlights only major points 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.

Human Ecology is a multidisciplinary field that uses a holistic, eco-systems approach to study the connection between humans, health and environment. Students have the opportunity to solve and prevent by learning how to understand the context of people's everyday lives - clothing, family, home and community. As a Human Ecologist, graduates of this program can implement programs and policies that positively impact the social well-being of communities and individuals while taking into account the local, national, and global consequences of these decisions. Graduates meet the educational requirements for the Professional Human Ecologist designation.

Students can choose from two majors, **Family Ecology** and **Textiles & Clothing** (see [UofA Calendar](#) for minors).

A **5-year combined degree in Human Ecology and Education** (BSc/BEd) is also offered. In this program students learn about family and learning dynamics and develop skills to teach in Career and Technology Studies (CTS) strands such as Fashion Studies, Career Transition, Foods, and Community Health and Career Life Management (CALM).

Students may take a Practicum Program that formally integrates academic study with work experience in cooperating community organizations and agencies. Through the practicum, (a 200-hour field placement), students gain hands-on knowledge and skills under the guidance of a practicing professional. They forge strong connections with colleagues and gain greater understanding of their strengths in the field. Many students are hired directly through their practicum experience. Human Ecology students complete their practicum in their final term of study and each practicum placement is developed and monitored by the [Department of Human Ecology](#) in cooperation with participating community partners.

SUGGESTED PATTERN OF COURSES YEAR 1

FALL	WINTER
ECON 201 (3)	ECON 202 (3)
PSYC 260 (3) ¹	SOCI 260 (3) ¹
ENGL 219 (3)	ENGL 220 (3)
FREE ELECTIVE (3) ^{2, 6}	FREE ELECTIVE (3) ^{2, 4, 6}
NATURAL SCIENCES (3) ^{3, 4}	FAM 315, COMM 271 (or COMM 361), PSYC 261(3) ^{4, 5}

NOTES:

1. These courses may be taken in either term.
2. **Free Elective:** any 3-credit course transferable to UofA; use [Alberta Transfer Guide](#) to determine credit transferability.
3. **Natural Sciences:** BIOL 217, 218, CHEM 211, GEOG 230, 231, KNSS 244, PHYS 205. Note: CHEM 211 is required in the **Textile Science minor**.
4. BIOL 217 and KNSS 244 are required in the **Community Nutrition minor** (one will fulfill a Natural Sciences Elective and one will fulfill a Free Elective). KNSS 244 may be reserved for students enrolled in Kinesiology programs and therefore be unavailable to you in the online registration process; if so, contact an [academic advisor](#).
5. FAM 315 is recommended but any of these four courses may be taken.
6. Do not take both COMM 271 and COMM 361.

ADMISSION AND TRANSFER INFORMATION

1. **Admission:** Applicants who have completed 24 credits or more transferable to UofA will be considered for admission on the basis of their admission grade point average (AGPA) if they have an AGPA of at least 2.0. Possession of the minimum entrance requirements does not guarantee admission. Please note that applicants should declare a major when applying to Year 2.
2. **Admission Grade Point Average:** Applicants who have completed 24 credits or more transferable to UofA will be considered for admission on the basis of their admission grade point average (AGPA). Transfer credit will be given for completed course work that is applicable to the degree.
3. **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.
4. Students should be aware that under the *Protection for persons in Care Act*, they may be required to satisfy a criminal records check before being allowed to participate in the required practicum (field placement) at UofA. A criminal records check is *not* an admissions requirement.
5. **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.
6. **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). 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.
7. **Residence Requirement:** A maximum of two years of transfer credit (60 academic credits) completed outside the University of Alberta will be granted toward an undergraduate degree in the Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences.
8. **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.
9. **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.
10. **Application deadline:** May 1st **Transcript deadline for transfer students:** June 15th
11. **Regarding course transfer to the University of Alberta & Augustana Faculty:** When checking course transfer to UofA, note that courses with *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 below.

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. CMPT 261 is accepted by Augustana Faculty only and will not transfer to other faculties at UofA in Edmonton.

ALL STUDENTS ARE STRONGLY ADVISED TO:

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

HOW TO FIND MORE INFORMATION

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[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
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[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 Red Deer College 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, admission requirements for future programs, or eligibility to graduate from Red Deer College. Please 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 Red Deer College 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.