

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
BACHELOR OF ARTS
 COMMUNICATION STUDIES

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This Academic Planning Guide highlights only major points regarding admission and transfer. You are advised to read the University and RDC calendars, and the Alberta Transfer Guide for other necessary information. Some of the courses listed in this guide have prerequisites. Please refer to the Course Description section of the RDC calendar for further information. (3) or (6) noted after a course indicates the number of transfer credits awarded by the University of Alberta.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

- Only 18 credits can be transferred with a grade of “D” or “D+”. – only 6 credits allowed in Major Field
- All courses which are prerequisite to other courses must be completed with a minimum grade of C-.
- COMM Courses may not be offered every year. Students should register in a COMM course where available. Please check with an Academic Advisor or the Communications department for further information.
- Make sure to track down the courses you complete on the transfer worksheet, as this will give you a better idea of what requirements you still need to finish.
- Students majoring in Communication Studies should not take COMM 361.
- If you have credit at the “30” level in High School in a language other than English, do not enroll in the “100” equivalents at RDC – start off at the “200” level.
- Courses that transfer to the U of C at the “200” Level are Junior Courses.
- Courses that transfer to the U of C at the “300” and “400” level are Senior Courses.

DEGREE CHECKLIST

Have you

- checked transfer of all courses
- registered in both sections for full year courses
- Viewed University website
- Checked pre-requisites for all courses; the system allows you to register in any course. It is up to you to make sure you have the pre-requisite. Registering in a course that you do not have the pre-req for may cause transfer difficulties.
- Reviewed your registration on the Loop

YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2 SUGGESTED PATTERNS

- The Communications Studies Department recommends students take COMM 271 and COMM 369 in their **first year of study**. COMM 375 and COMM 341 are recommended for students to take in their second year of study.
- COMM 375 and COMM 341 are recommended for students to take in their second year of study, though not all COMM courses may be offered each year, so you may want to take COMM Courses when available. Please check with an Academic Advisor or the Communications Studies Program prior to your class start date for further information on available courses for the year.
- ***Make sure to record what requirements you have finished. As you have a lot of freedom to move requirements around, recording what you have finished will give you a better idea of what you still have to complete.***

YEAR 1 (FALL TERM)	YEAR 1 (WINTER TERM)
ENGL 219 (3) - recommended	ENGL 220 (3) - recommended
COMM 271* (3)	COMM 369 (3)
Open Option (3) or COMM 381	Open Option (3) or COMM 371
Open Option (3) or COMM Studies Option	Science (3) or Open Option (3)
Intercultural Requirement (3)	Intercultural Requirement (3)

*COMM 271 is a pre-req to certain COMM courses. Recommended to be completed in first year of study

YEAR 2 (FALL TERM)	YEAR 2 (WINTER TERM)
COMM 375 (3)	COMM 341 (3)
COMM 381* (3) or Open Option*	COMM 371* (3) or Open Option (3)*
COMM Studies Option (3)	COMM Studies Option (3)* or Open Option*
Intercultural Requirement (3)	Intercultural Requirement (3)
Science* (3) or Open Option* (3)	Science* (3) or Open Option* (3)

*if not taken prior

TRANSFER WORKSHEET – Use this worksheet to plan Year 1 & 2 of your program

REQUIREMENT	COURSE	GRADE	DATE
ENGL 219 (3)			
ENGL 220 (3)			
Major: COMM 271 (3) (recommend to complete in first year)			
Major: COMM 369 (3) (recommend to complete in first year)			
Major: COMM 371 (3) (can complete in first or second year)			
Major: COMM 381 (3) (can complete in first or second year)			
Topics: COMM 341 (3)			
Topics: COMM 375 (3)			
COMM Studies Option (3)			
COMM Studies Option (3)			
Intercultural Requirement (3)			
Intercultural Requirement (3)			
Intercultural Requirement (3)			
Intercultural Requirement (3)			
Science (3)			
Science (3)			
Open Option (3)			
Open Option (3)			
Open Option (3)			
Open Option (3)			
TOTAL	# of Courses	# of D & D+ grades	

BASIC REQUIREMENTS

- **Core COMM Courses:** RDC courses include COMM 271, COMM 369, COMM 371, and COMM 381
- **COMM Topic Courses:** RDC courses include COMM 375 and COMM 341
- **Communications Studies Options:** Options available at RDC include: COMM 383, FILM 201, FILM 202, BUS 303, PHIL 201, and SOCI 344. Make sure to check pre-requisites before enrolling in any of these courses.
- **Intercultural Requirement:** The Intercultural Requirement can be filled two ways.

- A term abroad program or international study. This route requires approval from the University of Calgary to count for Credit.
- 12 Credits chosen from courses from the Domain of Intercultural courses. Courses at RDC that satisfy the Intercultural Requirement include (not all these courses are offered at RDC each year):

Anthropology (ANTH):	323, 356, 361
French (FREN):	101, 102, 202, 203, 302, 303
History (HIST):	314, 379
Sociology (SOCL):	307, 368
Spanish (SPAN):	101, 102, 201, 202

- **OPTIONS:** Choose introductory courses carefully to ensure you will have the prerequisites for senior level courses which are of interest. All students in the Faculty of Arts are *encouraged, but not required*, to complete at least 15 credits from across the fields of study within the Faculty of Arts. At RDC, this includes transferable courses from below. Additional subjects are available at the U of C. In every case, you must check you have the prerequisites and that the specific course you choose is transferable. It is recommended that students do not take senior level courses until they have completed at least 24 credits in junior level courses. A maximum of 6 credits allowed from KPAC, KDNC, KNSS courses.

Anthropology	English	Philosophy
Art	Film	Political Science
Classics	French	Psychology
Communications	Geography	Sociology
Drama	History	Spanish
Economics	Music	

***When choosing Option courses, it is strongly recommended that you check with the Alberta Transfer Guide to ensure course transferability**

- **SCIENCE REQUIREMENT:** 6 credits chosen from the Faculty of Science are required for graduation. It is recommended they be completed during Year One or Two but may be taken at any point during the degree. The following lists the courses at RDC that will fulfill this requirement. Please be aware that there are pre-requisites (either high school or post secondary) required for most of these courses.

Astronomy (ASTR):	205
Biochemistry (BIOC):	301 or 393
Biology (BIOL):	201, 217, 218, 301, 317, 318 (Do not take BIOL 209 transfers as Arts)
Botany (BOTA):	310

Chemistry (CHEM): 205, 211, 212, one of CHEM 251, 351, 352
Computing Science (CMPT): 201, 261
Genetics (GENE): 370, 375
Mathematics (MATH): 204, 212, 213, 221, 223, One of MATH 202, 203
Microbiology (MICR): 365
Physics (PHYS): 205, 226, 241, 247
Physiology (PSIO): 262 or 258/259 (both 258 and 259 must be taken to receive credit)
Statistics (STAT): 251* or BUS 306 or 307 or BADM 111
Zoology (ZOO): 325, 342

* Economics, Psychology, Sociology Majors should not take any statistics courses as options.

**CHECK THE [ALBERTA TRANSFER GUIDE](http://WWW.ACAT.GOV.AB.CA) TO ENSURE COURSE TRANSFERABILITY
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DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

REQUIRED: Successful completion of 120 credits which must include:

- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00.
- Maximum of 48 credits at the Junior Level.
- Maximum of 60 of the required 120 credits may be transferred to the U of C from other institutions.
- Maximum of 18 credits of "D" or "D+" grades will be allowed in the degree.
- All courses which are prerequisite to other courses must be completed with a minimum grade of C-.
- Maximum of 6 credits in physical activity courses (Dance Education Activity/Theory, Outdoor Pursuits activity/Theory, and Physical Education Activity/Theory) will count toward the degree.

MAJOR FIELD: 48—60 credits in Major

- Minimum GPA for the Major field must be at least 2.00
- Maximum 6 credits of "D" or "D+" grade will be allowed in the Major Field.
- Maximum of 24 credits transferred from other institutions may be counted toward the Major Field.

OPTIONAL MINOR: Requires completion of 30-36 credits in a particular field of study.

THE DOMAIN OF SCIENCE: 6 credits are required from the Faculty of Science.

ADDITIONAL CREDITS: Sufficient options and courses from a minor (if chosen) to total 120 credits.

HONOURS DEGREES & DOUBLE MAJORS: This route provides students with an opportunity to pursue greater depth in a field of study. An important objective is to prepare students for possible entry to graduate-level degree programs (i.e. Masters degree). Higher standards of performance, specific courses and other requirements in addition to those listed in this planning guide may be required. Please consult the U of C Calendar for details regarding admission and graduation requirements for honours degrees. Note that to complete some double Majors, more than 20 full-course equivalents may be needed.

Early Admission for Transfer Students

From January to April, the University of Calgary offers Early Admission to transfer students with above average grades to some programs.:

To be considered for Early Admission for Fall 2012, Transfer Applicants are requested to submit: the Application for Admission on-line by April 1, 2012 (this date may change-please stay up-to-date on the University of Calgary website), copies of high school transcripts, copies of ALL post-secondary transcripts

(which include Fall 2011 grades and current Winter 2012 registration) and, if required, proof of having satisfied the English Language Proficiency requirement.

Unofficial transcripts are accepted for Early Admission purposes only, must include the names of the institution/school and the student.

To be eligible for Early Admission, all transfer applicants must: currently be registered at a post-secondary institution, meet the basic admission requirements to the University of Calgary, as well as the desired degree program, on the basis of courses completed and those in progress. (Required matriculation subjects or equivalents must have already been successfully completed.)

Applications with all the required documents will be reviewed for Early Admission. Students granted Early Admission shall be advised in writing no later than April 30, 2012. Admission will be finalized when official transcripts are received by the specified deadline dates. Applicants who are not granted Early Admission will be considered for regular admission upon receipt of all required transcripts reporting final grades.

ADMISSION AND TRANSFER INFORMATION

PROGRAM INFORMATION

LENGTH OF DEGREE: 120 credits in total

TRANSFER CREDIT: 60 credits can be completed as an RDC Student.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

HIGH SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

- ELA 30-1
- Four courses from Group A, B, C, D. Only one course maximum may be presented from Group B.

AGPA CALCULATION (admission grade point average)

For transfer applicants presenting 30 transferable credits or more, admission will be determined on the basis of the grade point average on the most recent 30 credits. This includes courses that have been repeated. For applicants with fewer than 30 post secondary credits, please see below.

- Applicants with 18 transferable credits or more will be admitted based on transfer GPA alone. High school averages will not be considered, but required high school courses (or equivalents) must be met
- Transfer Applicants with 9 to 15 transfer credits completed will have both their high school average and transfer GPA considered.
- Transfer Applicants with 6 or fewer transferable credits will only have their high school average considered for admission purposes.

For more information regarding transfer requirements, please go to www.ucalgary.ca/admissions/admission_requirements

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADE REQUIRED:

C- on any course that is a prerequisite for another course
18 credits in "D" and "D+" grades – 6 credits allowed in Major Field

GPA REQUIRED TO APPLY

2.00 GPA. Admissions to all U of C programs are competitive. Students are admitted in descending rank order of their GPA until all available spaces are filled.

UNIVERSITY RULES

REPEAT COURSES/COURSE ATTEMPTS

Students are allowed 2 attempts per course -- A Withdraw (WD) does count as an attempt. Where a course has been repeated, the University of Calgary will use the highest grade in calculating the GPA for purposes of graduation.

SPRING COURSES

Any courses completed over the spring semester in the year students have applied for transfer will not be used when determining admissibility.

ACADEMIC STANDING – Required To Withdraw

Students that have been required to withdraw from any institution for academic reasons (low GPA) will not be permitted to register at the University of Calgary until 12 months have elapsed since their required to withdraw date.

Students who have been required to withdraw two times or more will not normally be considered for admission. In addition, any students who have been required to withdraw for academic/non-academic misconduct should contact the U of C regarding admission.

For more information regarding eligibility, it is advisable to contact the U of C.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

OPENING DATE: Not yet released by U of C

DEADLINE: Not yet released by U of C

OTHER INFO REQUIRED: Not yet released by U of C

HOW TO FIND MORE INFORMATION

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PLEASE NOTE:

Please 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 (if applicable). 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 (if applicable), 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.