BACHELOR OF SCIENCE - PSYCHOLOGY
UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA – FACULTY OF SCIENCE:
SPECIALIZATION/GENERAL ROUTE
UPDATED MARCH 2019

This guide has been created by the School of Arts & Sciences at Red Deer College using information attained from the University of Alberta’s academic calendar and through consultation with the University of Alberta. This planning guide highlights only major points regarding admission and transfer.

Students are advised to read the University of Alberta academic calendar for full program and transfer information; for further details regarding Psychology, visit: http://calendar.ualberta.ca/

The University of Alberta offers degree completion streams at the Honors, Specialization, and General level for their Bachelor of Science Psychology program. This guide focuses on the Specialization/General program, and the RDC recommendations do differ from those in the Honors program.

The Honors program is intended for those who wish to further explore and engage in psychological research. If you want to read more about honors, please click here or connect with the School of Arts and Sciences (contact info on last page of this document).

The Specialization/General program is designed for students who may want more flexibility in their Psychology choices. The first two years of the Specialization and the General program are very similar. As student’s progress, a major difference between the two programs is that students completing a General Science Degree will need to complete a Major and a Minor, while students completing a BSc Specialization in Psychology focus heavily on Psychology courses (especially in years three and four).
## RDC COURSES AND SCHEDULING PATTERNS

### SPECIALIZATION/GENERAL STREAM – YEAR 1

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1. These courses can be taken in either order.

2. Examples of available Arts & Science Options for the 2019-2020 academic year can be viewed here: https://rdc.ab.ca/node/80375/attachment (you can pick up this printout from the School of Arts & Sciences in Room 2203 or view on the Loop)

   Not all of these courses may be transferable to your University (the majority are). Remember to visit Transfer Alberta to check for course transferability, or check with an advisor.

   BSc Psychology Honors students will need an additional 12 credits (4 courses) in disciplines other than Psychology (and not including courses required to meet the Computing/Mathematics/Statistics, Natural Science and Social Science requirements) to meet graduation requirements, though you do not need to have them all completed to transfer.

3. **Junior Computing/Math requirement:** Choose 2 courses from: MATH 202 or 203 (calculus), MATH 204 (calculus part 2), MATH 221 (algebra), CMPT 201.

   Students pursuing the BSc General Psychology degree can use STAT 251 to also meet this requirement. Specialization students will need 2 courses in Math or Computing in addition to STAT 251.

4. **Junior Chemistry/Physics requirement:** choose two courses from CHEM 211, CHEM 212, PHYS 205 and PHYS 226.

5. Students will complete two courses from the following three: PSYC 341, PSYC 353, PSYC 389
IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

University of Alberta calendar entry for Psychology: http://calendar.ualberta.ca

It is highly advised you read and consult the University of Alberta calendar as it will have the answers to many questions, as well as provide information on the specifics of the program.

Psychology can be completed at the University of Alberta as either an Honors, Specialization or General degree. Students studying at the Honors/Specialization level will need to maintain a higher level of academic standing, both GPA and course load wise. Students studying at the Honors/Specialization level will also concentrate the majority of their coursework on a single subject.

If you are pursuing an honors or specialization program, it is recommended to maintain of course load of at least 24 credits (*). This is generally 4 courses per Fall/Winter term (8 per year).

- **Honors Program**: Students seeking admission to Honors should consult with the University of Alberta’s Departmental Honors advisor for this program. Admission takes place at the end of a student’s second year of student (after completion of at least 48 credits). It is recommended students complete a course load of at least 24 credits each term. For GPA requirements, please click here. Possession of the minimum GPA does not guarantee entry.

- **Specialization Program**: It is recommended students complete a course load of at least 24 credits each term. For GPA requirements, please click here. Possession of the minimum GPA does not guarantee entry.

- **General Program**: Will require completion of a major and minor. While no specific course load is required for transfer, students will need to meet general admission requirements. A GPA of 2.0 over a student’s previous 24 credits is required to apply for transfer. Possession of the minimum GPA does not guarantee entry. See RDC’s Bachelor of Science General Planning Guide for the U of A for more info.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND

- A minimum grade of C- must be achieved in order for course credit to be transferable. While courses with grades of D or F will not transfer, they remain on your transcript and will be used in calculation of your GPA. Please talk to an Academic Advisor as soon as possible if you feel you may be in jeopardy of not getting a C- in a course you are enrolled in.

- **Spring term courses**: a spring term course may be taken in year of transfer if it is not required for admission to the program. The grade will not be calculated in the AGPA nor will it count towards Fall/Winter course load. Ensure the transcript submitted shows registration in the spring course.

- **Transfer after 1 year of Study** is recommended for students pursuing Honors.

- **Application and document deadlines**: March 1. Visit http://admissions.ualberta.ca/notices-deadlines.aspx for more detailed information on Application dates and deadlines as they can change each year.
HOW TO FIND MORE INFORMATION

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Room 2203
artscienceinfo@rdc.ab.ca
403-342-3585 (select option 1)
www.rdc.ab.ca/artsandsciences

Alberta Transfer Guide
http://transferalberta.alberta.ca

University of Alberta
http://www.ualberta.ca,

Faculty of Science
https://uofa.ualberta.ca/science
advisor.science@ualberta.ca

Department of Psychology
http://www.psych.ualberta.ca/

University of Alberta Calendar + Program Information
http://calendar.ualberta.ca/

PLEASE NOTE:

This planning guide is designed to help you choose courses at RDC that will transfer to your destination institution and towards your intended degree. The recommendations in this guide are based off current RDC courses that transfer to the institution identified in this guide, as well as information provided by the institution (either through printed publication and/or communication between our institutions).

Institutions can make changes to their program and/or transfer requirements without consulting Red Deer College. As such, it is recommended you consult with the appropriate institutional information (i.e. university calendars, websites, advisors,) to gain the most up to date information.

You are responsible for ensuring that your registration is completed, and that your course choices comply with the program to which you have been admitted to at RDC and/or to the university to which you wish to transfer. This planning guide is meant to help you gain a basic understanding of your program and provide suggestions for course sequencing.

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 the student advisor (above) if you have any questions.

Students in university transfer programs are strongly advised to refer to the calendar of the university that they wish to attend, and should contact appropriate university departments as required.