Programs

We encourage you to explore our wide variety of programs and courses. Below you can find all Athabasca University's policy and regulations regarding these programs.

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Degree programs



Undergraduate degrees normally take three to five years to complete. Students pursuing an undergraduate degree are called undergraduate students. Click here to see Athabasca University's wide selection of Undergraduate degrees.

Certificate of completion



Athabasca University offers a Certificate of Completion for the English Language Proficiency Program. This is not an undergraduate program and is intended to help prepare students, particularly those who are not native English speakers.

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University certificates



University certificates provide interim qualifications in a specific subject area. Certificates are designed for students without prior undergraduate or graduate degrees in that area.

University diploma



The University Diploma is designed for students who wish to obtain an intermediate credential that provides a grounding in the skills required of university studies. It is also the foundation for further studies. Click here to see more information on the University Diploma in Arts.

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Post-baccalaureate certificate



Click here to see more information on the Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Inclusive Education.

Archive programs



Looking for a past program? Click here to find the archive of previous undergraduate programs.

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Degree subjects

When you are ready to enrol in a program, complete and submit the **Undergraduate General Application Form** to Athabasca University.

Arts	Arts consists of many subjects, including: English, History, Psychology, and Women's and Gender Studies. Click this box to see all the arts degrees.
Commerce	Bachelor of Commerce includes majors in: Accounting, Business Technology Management, Finance, Human Resources Management, Indigenous Business, and Marketing. Click this box to see all the commerce degrees.

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General Studies	General studies only offers the Bachelor of General Studies. It is one of the most popular programs at Athabasca University and provides the framework for further studies in arts and science or applied studies designations.
Health administration	Health Administrati consists of the Bachelor of Health Administration with Post Diploma optior The program is designed for healthcare professionals and managers alike. Clic here to see the degree options.
	Degrees in human resources include the Bachelor of
	The Bachelor of Management program features a

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Human resources	Human Resources and Labour Relations. This is an integrated, multidisciplinary program of courses that examines employment relations within their social, legal, political, and economic contexts.
Management	strong international perspective. A degree in management will better prepare students for the changing business world of today.
Nursing	Au's Bachelor of Nursing has two fundamental programs—Post-RN and Post-LPN Bachelor of Nursing.
Professional arts	Professional Arts degrees include majors in: Communication Studies; Criminal Justice; Governance, Law, and Management; and Human Services. Click here to see the professional arts degrees.

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Science	Degrees in science include Applied Mathematics, Architecture, Computing and Information Systems, Human Science, and much more. Click here for a list of all science degrees.

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Arts degrees

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Arts, 3-year

- Bachelor of Arts (3-year) General
- Bachelor of Arts, English Concentration
- Bachelor of Arts, French Concentration
- Bachelor of Arts, History Concentration
- Bachelor of Arts, Psychology Concentration
- Bachelor of Arts, Sociology Concentration

Arts, 4-year

- Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology Major
- Bachelor of Arts, English Major
- Bachelor of Arts, French Major
- Bachelor of Arts, History Major
- Bachelor of Arts, Humanities Major

Bachelor of Arts, Labour Studies Major

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- Bachelor of Arts, Political Economy Major
- Bachelor of Arts, Political Science Major
- Bachelor of Arts, Psychology Major
- Bachelor of Arts, Sociology Major
- Bachelor of Arts, Women's and Gender Studies Major

Arts, minors

- Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology Minor
- Bachelor of Arts, Canadian Studies Minor
- Bachelor of Arts, English Minor
- Bachelor of Arts, French Minor
- Bachelor of Arts, Global Studies Minor
- Bachelor of Arts, Heritage Resources Management Minor
- Bachelor of Arts, History Minor
- Bachelor of Arts, Humanities Minor
- Bachelor of Arts, Inclusive Education Minor
- Bachelor of Arts, Labour Studies Minor
- Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy Minor
- Bachelor of Arts, Political Economy Minor
- Bachelor of Arts, Political Science Minor
- Bachelor of Arts, Psychology Minor
- Bachelor of Arts, Public Administration Minor

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- **Bachelor of Arts, Sociology Minor**
- **Bachelor of Arts, Women's and Gender Studies Minor**

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Bachelor of Arts (3-year) General

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The Bachelor of Arts (3-year) program is a well-respected credential in Canada and the United States. While the three-year degree program is a highly marketable credential, it is not aimed at providing students with direct access to graduate level studies. Often an additional year of study is required to achieve that academic goal.

Students who are currently enrolled in a Bachelor of Arts (4-year) degree and who wish to transfer to the Bachelor of Arts (3-year) degree program, may find it is not possible to transfer all their completed courses because of degree requirements.

Students may also be interested in the University Diploma in Arts, which is designed for students who wish to obtain an intermediate credential that provides a grounding in the intellectual skills required of university studies. It is also a foundation for further studies in Humanities and Social Science.

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Planning your program

Our **online program plans** can assist you in selecting the courses needed to fulfill your program requirements.

Athabasca University has developed **program learning outcomes** that can assist you in making informed decisions about your career options upon graduating.

Enrolment requirements

Students who hold a previous degree must enrol in a Bachelor of Arts (4-year) program and follow the second undergraduate degree requirements. This degree requires a minimum of 60 credits.

Program requirements

Students complete the program regulations in effect at the time of their enrolment.

English writing skills requirement

Students must meet the following English writing skills requirement:

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- hold credit in ENGL 255 (Students are strongly encouraged to register in **ENGL 255** early in their program.);
  or
- have a grade of B- (70 per cent) or better in an Athabasca University English course above the **preparatory (100) level;**
  or
- receive credit for an English course in which a grade of B- or better was achieved.

Degree conversion provision

The degree conversion provision is available to Athabasca University students who have been awarded a three-year AU degree and wish to convert to a four-year degree. For more information about this regulation, please review the **Undergraduate Degree Conversion From Three- to Four-Year Program Policy**

Program structure

Total credits in the program	90
Minimum credits required	

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At the senior (300 or 400) level	54
In the arts (humanities and social science)	66
› **Humanities** › **Social science**	12 12
Science	6
Maximum credits allowed	
In any one discipline	45
Applied studies and/or **Science**	24
At the junior (200) level	36
At the preparatory (100) level	6
At the junior level in one discipline	15
Maximum **Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition** (PLAR) credits	6
Residency requirement. A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	30

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Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24

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Bachelor of Arts, English Concentration

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The Bachelor of Arts (3-year) program is a well-respected credential in Canada and the United States. While the three-year degree program is a highly marketable credential, it is not aimed at providing students with direct access to graduate level studies. Often an additional year of study is required to achieve that academic goal.

Students who are currently enrolled in a Bachelor of Arts (4-year) degree and who wish to transfer to the Bachelor of Arts (3-year) degree program, may find it is not possible to transfer all their completed courses because of degree requirements.

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English Concentration

As a student in Athabasca University's English program, you will read a wide range of works from diverse genres, countries, and historical periods, and analyze forms, styles, and ideas in terms of a variety of literary theories, from feminist to postcolonial. You will exercise and develop skills in critical thinking, interpretation, and writing.

Planning your program

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Athabasca University has developed **program learning outcomes** that can assist you in making informed decisions about your career options upon graduating.

Enrolment requirements

Students who hold a previous degree must enrol in the Bachelor of Arts four-year program and follow the **second undergraduate degree requirements.** This degree requires a minimum of 60 credits.

Program requirements

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  or
- receive credit for an English course in which a grade of B- or better was achieved.

Degree conversion provision

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Program structure

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Minimum credits required	
At the senior (300 or 400) level	54
In the concentration	36
Senior-level credits in the concentration	24
In the Arts (Humanities and Social Science)	66
› **Humanities** › **Social science**	12 12
Science	6
Maximum credits allowed	
In any one discipline	45

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Applied studies and/or **Science**	24
At the junior (200) level	36
At the preparatory (100) level	6
At the junior level in one discipline	15
Maximum **Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition** (PLAR) credits	6
Residency requirement. A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24

Additional English Concentration requirements

1. A minimum of 36 credits in English courses including a minimum of 24 senior (300 or 400) level credits.
2. 3 junior (200) level English credits in composition, for example **ENGL 255**.
3. 6 junior (200) level **English** credits in literary genres, for example **ENGL 211** and **ENGL 212**.
4. 3 senior (300/400) level English credits in literary theory, for example **ENGL 316** and **ENGL 423**.

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5. 3 senior (300/400) level English credits in Indigenous literature, for example, **ENGL 308**.

Electives

Select 21 credits from any courses labelled ENGL, except all 100-level English courses. English courses at the 100 level will not count towards the concentration in English.

Recommendations

To achieve a balanced concentration in English, students should select courses in British, Canadian, and American literature, within a range of genres and historical periods, as well as courses in topics that are global, non-canonical, or otherwise representative of marginalized or minoritized communities.

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Helpful links and resources:

Program related information

- **Program website**
- **Transfer credit services**
- **Archived program regulations**

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Bachelor of Arts, French Concentration

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The Bachelor of Arts (3-year) program is a well-respected credential in Canada and the United States. While the three-year degree program is a highly marketable credential, it is not aimed at providing students with direct access to graduate level studies. Often an additional year of study is required to achieve that academic goal.

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French Concentration

As a graduate of Athabasca University's French program, you will attain a sufficient degree of competence in oral and written French to communicate effectively. The courses in the program foster an awareness of the linguistic and cultural differences between French and English. Upon completion of the program, you will be able to read and analyze texts in French, write critical essays and have an understanding of the stylistic differences between the two languages.

Planning your program

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Enrolment requirements

Students who hold a previous degree must enrol in the Bachelor of Arts (4-year) program and follow the **second undergraduate degree requirements.** This degree requires a minimum of 60 credits.

Program requirements

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Students complete the program regulations in effect at the time of their enrolment.

English writing skills requirement

Students must meet the following English writing skills requirement:

- hold credit in ENGL 255 (Students are strongly encouraged to register in **ENGL 255** early in their program.);
  or
- have a grade of B- (70 per cent) or better in an Athabasca University English course above the **preparatory (100) level;**
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- receive credit for an English course in which a grade of B- or better was achieved.

Degree conversion provision

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Program Policy

Program structure

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Minimum credits required	
At the senior (300 or 400) level	54
In the concentration	36
Senior-level credits in the concentration	24
In the Arts (Humanities and Social Science)	66
› Humanities › Social science	12 12
Science	6
Maximum credits allowed	
In any one discipline	45

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At the junior (200) level	36
At the preparatory (100) level	6
At the junior level in one discipline	15
Maximum **Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition** (PLAR) credits	6
Residency requirement. A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24

Additional French Concentration requirements

1.
A minimum of 36 credits in concentration courses including a minimum of 24 credits at the senior (300 or 400) level.
2.

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6 junior (200) level credits in the following designated French Concentration courses:	
FREN 200 – First-Year University French I	(3)
FREN 201 – First-Year University French II	(3)

3.	
FREN 362 – Second Year University French	(6)

4.	
FREN 358 – Initiation à la littérature d'expression française I*	(3)

* It is recommended that students take FREN 358 before taking other literature courses in the French program as it provides a foundation for the study of French literature.

5.	
FREN 374 – Littérature québécoise	(6)

6.
A minimum of 15 credits in the following designated French concentration elective courses:

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All **FREN** courses except FREN 100* and FREN 101*.

* FREN 100 and FREN 101 may contribute towards satisfying the general degree requirements for a first degree, but cannot be used towards satisfying the requirement of a minimum of 36 credits in the concentration.

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Program related information

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Bachelor of Arts, History Concentration

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History Concentration

As a graduate of Athabasca University's History program you will have the ability to

- situate contemporary events in broader historical contexts
- explain changing social attitudes as the product of specific contexts and events
- recognize the ways in which knowledge is socially constructed and sanctioned
- evaluate information for its relevance and reliability
- articulate logical arguments based on relevant information
- identify multiple possible explanations for events
- interpret historical evidence carefully and assess for possible bias.

Planning your program

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Enrolment requirements

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Students who hold a previous degree must enrol in the Bachelor of Arts (4-year) program and follow the **second undergraduate degree requirements.** This degree requires a minimum of 60 credits.

Program requirements

Students complete the program regulations in effect at the time of their enrolment.

English writing skills requirement

Students must meet the following English writing skills requirement:

- hold credit in ENGL 255 (Students are strongly encouraged to register in **ENGL 255** early in their program.);
  or
- have a grade of B- (70 per cent) or better in an Athabasca University English course above the **preparatory (100) level;**
  or
- receive credit for an English course in which a grade of B- or better was achieved.

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Degree conversion provision

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Program structure

Total credits in the program	90
Minimum credits required	
At the senior (300 or 400) level	54
In the concentration	36
Senior-level credits in the concentration	24
In the Arts (Humanities and Social Science)	66
› **Humanities**	12

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› **Social science**	12
Science	6
Maximum credits allowed	
In any one discipline	45
Applied studies and/or **Science**	24
At the junior (200) level	36
At the preparatory (100) level	6
At the junior level in one discipline	15
Maximum **Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition** (PLAR) credits	6
Residency requirement. A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	30
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Additional History Concentration requirements

1. A minimum of 36 credits in Concentration courses including a minimum of 24 senior (300 or 400) level credits.
2. 6 junior (200) level credits in world or European history. For example:

HIST/HUMN 201 – Western Thought and Culture I: Before the Reformation	(3)
HIST/HUMN 202 – The West from the Enlightenment to the 21st Century	(3)

3. 3 junior (200) level credits in Canadian history. For example:

HIST 225 – History of Canada, 1867 to the Present	(3)

4. A minimum of 3 senior (300/400) level credits in North American history.
5. A minimum of 3 senior-level credits in the history of areas of the world other than North America or Europe.
6. A minimum of 21 credits in the following designated History Concentration elective courses:

GLST/LBST 335 – Global Labour History	(3)
All HIST courses	
HIST/CLAS/HUMN 309 – Ancient Greece	(3)

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HIST/CLAS/HUMN 312 – Ancient Rome	(3)
HIST/HUMN/RELS 313 – Early Christians	(3)
HIST/INST 368 – Indigenous People in Canada to 1830	(3)
HIST/INST 369 – Indigenous Peoples in Canada from 1830	(3)
HIST/GLST 367 – The Second World War	(3)
HIST/GLST 384 – Europe Since 1945	(3)
HUMN/HIST 201 – Western Thought and Culture I: Before the Reformation	(3)
HUMN/HIST 202 – The West from the Enlightenment to the 21st Century	(3)
INST/HIST 370 – The Métis	(3)

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Helpful links and resources:

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Program related information

- Program website
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Bachelor of Arts, Psychology Concentration

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The Bachelor of Arts (3-year) program is a well-respected credential in Canada and the United States. While the three-year degree program is a highly marketable credential, it is not aimed at providing students with direct access to graduate level studies. Often an additional year of study is required to achieve that academic goal.

Students who are currently enrolled in a Bachelor of Arts (4-year) degree and who wish to transfer to the Bachelor of Arts (3-year) degree program, may find it is not possible to transfer all their completed courses because of degree requirements.

Students may also be interested in the University Diploma in Arts, which is designed for students who wish to obtain an intermediate credential that provides a grounding in the intellectual skills required of university studies. It is also a foundation for further studies in Humanities and Social Science.

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BA, Psychology Concentration

Athabasca University's Psychology program is designed to develop or expand your knowledge of the broad field of psychology. Both the concentration and major degree programs will provide grounding in foundational courses central to psychology as a science. Students who complete the degree gain useful skills and knowledge that are applicable to general employment across a number of fields, such as business, management, government research, program evaluation, human services, and law. Please note that while the three-year degree program is a marketable credential, it is not aimed at providing students with direct access to graduate-level studies and therefore additional studies are often required.

Planning your program

Our **online program plans** can assist you in selecting the courses needed to fulfill your program requirements.

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Enrolment requirements

Students who hold a previous degree must enrol in the Bachelor of Arts (4-year) program and follow the **second undergraduate degree requirements.** This degree requires a minimum of 60 credits.

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Program requirements

Students complete the program regulations in effect at the time of their enrolment.

English writing skills requirement

Students must meet the following English writing skills requirement:

- hold credit in ENGL 255 (Students are strongly encouraged to register in **ENGL 255** early in their program.);
  or
- have a grade of B- (70 per cent) or better in an Athabasca University English course above the **preparatory (100) level;**
  or
- receive credit for an English course in which a grade of B- or better was achieved.

Degree conversion provision

The degree conversion provision is available to Athabasca University students who have been awarded a three-year AU degree and wish to convert to a four-year degree. For more

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information about this regulation, please review the **Undergraduate Degree Conversion From Three- to Four-Year Program Policy**

Program structure

Total credits in the program	90
Minimum credits required	
At the senior (300 or 400) level	54
In the concentration	36
Senior-level credits in the concentration	24
In the Arts (Humanities and Social Science)	66
› **Humanities** › **Social science**	12 12
Science	6
Maximum credits allowed	

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In any one discipline	45
Applied studies and/or **Science**	24
At the junior (200) level	36
At the preparatory (100) level	6
At the junior level in one discipline	15
Maximum **Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition** (PLAR) credits	6
Residency requirement. A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24

Additional Psychology Concentration requirements

A minimum of 36 credits in designated Psychology Concentration courses including 24 senior (300 or 400) level credits.

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Required courses

(15 credits)

An introductory statistics course selected from one of the following:	(3)
MATH 215 – Introduction to Statistics	
or	
MATH 216 –Computer-Oriented Approach to Statistics	
or	
SOCI 301 – Social Statistics	
Note: We strongly recommend that students consider taking MATH 216 for this requirement as most quantitative data analysis is completed using computer software and this is a valuable skill both for future study and work in various fields.	
PSYC 289 – Psychology as a Natural Science	(3)
PSYC 290 – General Psychology	(3)
PSYC 375 – History of Psychology	(3)
PSYC 304 – Research Methods in Psychology	(3)

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Foundational courses

A minimum of 12 credits selected from the following foundational courses:

PSYC 323 – Developmental Psychology Note: PSYC 228 and PSYC 323 are precluded courses, however, only PSYC 323 may be used for a foundational course credit in the degree program.	(3)
PSYC 355 – Cognitive Psychology	(3)
PSYC 356 – Introduction to Personality Theories and Issues	(3)
PSYC 379 – Social Psychology	(3)
PSYC 387 – Learning	(3)
PSYC 302 – Biological Psychology	(3)
PSYC 435 – Abnormal Psychology	(3)

Elective courses

The remaining 9 elective psychology credits may be completed by taking the following courses:

Any PSYC course, including those from the Foundational Courses listed above	

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A maximum of one (1) course from the following list:	
CRJS 360 – The Psychology of Criminal Behaviour	(3)
ORGB 327 – Leadership	(3)
ORGB 364 – Organizational Behaviour	(3)

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Bachelor of Arts, Sociology Concentration

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Students who are currently enrolled in a Bachelor of Arts (4-year) degree and who wish to transfer to the Bachelor of Arts (3-year) degree program, may find it is not possible to transfer all their completed courses because of degree requirements.

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Sociology Concentration

The main goal of the Sociology program is to introduce students to the basic skills involved in understanding sociological theory and sociological research, and to show how these skills are used in such applied areas of study as crime and deviance, family and gender studies, environmental and health issues, agriculture and food, technology and the information society, race and ethnic relations, organizations and bureaucracies as well as Canadian society and social change.

These courses are designed to enable students to think more reflexively about their own life experiences, and to think more critically and analytically about some of the pressing social and global issues of our age. Many of these courses will also help students to prepare for careers in such professional fields as management, human resource development, marketing, education, nursing, local government, non-government organizations, social work and counselling, law enforcement, urban planning and community development, and family and community services.

Planning your program

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Enrolment requirements

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Students who hold a previous degree must enrol in the Bachelor of Arts (4-year) program and follow the **second undergraduate degree requirements.** This degree requires a minimum of 60 credits.

Program requirements

Students complete the program regulations in effect at the time of their enrolment.

English writing skills requirement

Students must meet the following English writing skills requirement:

- hold credit in ENGL 255 (Students are strongly encouraged to register in **ENGL 255** early in their program.);
  or
- have a grade of B- (70 per cent) or better in an Athabasca University English course above the **preparatory (100) level;**
  or
- receive credit for an English course in which a grade of B- or better was achieved.

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Degree conversion provision

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Program structure

Total credits in the program	90
Minimum credits required	
At the senior (300 or 400) level	54
In the concentration	36
Senior-level credits in the concentration	24
In the Arts (Humanities and Social Science)	66
› **Humanities**	12

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› **Social science**	12
Science	6
Maximum credits allowed	
In any one discipline	45
Applied studies and/or **Science**	24
At the junior (200) level	36
At the preparatory (100) level	6
At the junior level in one discipline	15
Maximum **Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition** (PLAR) credits	6
Residency requirement. A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24

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Additional Sociology Concentration requirements

1. A minimum of 36 credits in concentration courses including a minimum of 24 senior (300 or 400) level credits.
2. Required Core courses:

SOCI 287 – Introduction to Sociology I	(3)
SOCI 288 – Introduction to Sociology II – Social Movements	(3)
SOCI 335 – Classical Sociological Theory and Its Relevance Today	(3)
SOCI 337 – Modern Sociological Theory in the 20th Century: the Age of Grand Theory	(3)
SOSC 366 – Research Methods in the Social Sciences	(3)

3. A minimum of 21 credits in Sociology Concentration electives:

All **SOCI** courses	

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Bachelor of Arts, Anthropology Major

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The Bachelor of Arts (4-year) provides students with a broad, flexible education that allows them to develop, understand, and disseminate knowledge, to think critically, and to build on these abilities. In addition, the four-year degree fully prepares students for most graduate programs. Graduates of the Bachelor of Arts (4-year) with a Major are expected to have gained sufficient analytical and critical thinking skills to be able to engage in independent research in their chosen major. Athabasca University does not offer an Honours BA.

Students enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts (3-year) program who wish to transfer to the Bachelor of Arts (4-year) program must complete a new Undergraduate General Application Form. Previous education will be reassessed and students will be notified of the results.

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Anthropology Major

As a graduate of Athabasca University's Anthropology program, you will gain an in-depth appreciation for the four fundamental subfields within Anthropology (archaeology, biological anthropology, cultural anthropology, and linguistic anthropology), and their strong interrelationships. In particular, you will gain familiarity with the sub-disciplines of archaeology, biological anthropology, and cultural anthropology, which make up the current strengths of faculty and course offerings. The objective of the anthropology program is to provide students with a broad understanding of the physical and cultural diversity of people throughout the world, leading to and fostering a comparative and holistic approach to understanding and appreciating humanity, past and present.

Planning your program

Our **online program plans** can assist you in selecting the courses needed to fulfill your program requirements.

Athabasca University has developed **program learning outcomes** that describe the career options that may be available to you upon graduating.

Program requirements

Students complete the program regulations in effect at the time of their enrolment.

Although you may change majors, a major must be selected when you enrol in the Bachelor of Arts (4-year) program.

You are strongly encouraged to register in ENGL 255 early in your program. The

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English writing skills requirement is waived for students enrolling in the second undergraduate degree.

Degree conversion provision

The degree conversion provision is available to Athabasca University students who have been awarded a three-year AU degree and wish to convert to a four-year degree. For more information about this regulation, please review the **Undergraduate Degree Conversion From Three- to Four-Year Program Policy**

English writing skills requirement

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Double majors

Students in the Bachelor of Arts (4-year) program, as either a first or second undergraduate degree, generally have the option to combine two majors if they wish. Students who undertake double majors must fulfill all requirements for both majors. Depending upon the majors chosen, this may greatly restrict course selection (particularly in the second undergraduate degree program) or require the completion of more than 120 credits. Students considering enrolling in double majors should consult with an Athabasca University **advisor** for assistance in selecting their programs and courses.

Change of major

You may change majors at any time. You will be placed in the current regulations. If you wish to remain in the regulations that were in effect at the time of your original enrolment, contact Admissions and Evaluations Services. Please reference the appropriate Calendar, e.g., 2012-2013 regulations. To request a change of major, complete and submit a new Undergraduate General Application Form. No fees are required.

Minors

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In the Bachelor of Arts (4-year), students have the option of taking a minor in addition to their major. Although students must declare a major when they become BA (4-year) program students, they may declare a minor at any point in their studies. A BA minor comprises 30 credits distinct from the major in a related discipline in the Humanities or Social Sciences offered at Athabasca University. At least 15 of the 30 minor credits must be at the 300 or 400 level. If they choose a minor, students must still complete all requirements of the major. No course can be used to complete requirements for both the major and the minor. The minor will be recorded on the transcript. Available BA minors are:

- Anthropology
- Canadian Studies
- English
- French
- Global Studies
- Heritage Resources Management
- History
- Humanities
- Inclusive Education
- Labour Studies
- Philosophy
- Political Economy
- Political Science
- Psychology

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- **Public Administration**
- **Sociology**
- **Women's and Gender Studies**

Program structure

Total credits in the program	120
Minimum credits required	
At the senior (300 or 400) level (including 18 credits at the 400 level)	75
In the major (compulsory) * may be higher depending on the specific requirements of the major	45*
Minimum senior-level credits in major (including a minimum of 12 credits at the 400 level)	30
Arts (Humanities and social sciences)	96
- **Humanities** , a minimum of - **Social science** , minimum of	18 18

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Science	6
Residency requirement. A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Minor (optional)	
Minimum credits in the minor (including a minimum of 15 credits at the 300 and 400 level)	30
Students may not apply a course to both the major and the minor.	
Maximum credits allowed	
In any one discipline	60
Applied studies	18
At the preparatory level	6
At junior level in any one discipline	15
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition credits	9

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Additional Anthropology Major requirements

Requirements in addition to the general program requirements for the Bachelor of Arts (4-year) with Major:

1. A minimum of 45 credits from major courses including 30 senior (300 or 400) level credits (a minimum of 12, 400-level credits).
2. 9 junior (200) level **Anthropology** credits.

ANTH 272 – Introduction to Archaeology	(3)
or	
ANTH 277 – The Archaeology of Us: First Humans to First Civilizations	
ANTH 275 – Faces of Culture: An Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	(3)
ANTH 278 – Human Evolution and Diversity	(3)

3. 3 senior-level credits in the history of Anthropology.

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ANTH 434 – The History of Anthropological Thought	(3)

4. 6 senior-level credits in research methods. For example:

ANTH 402 – Ethnographic Research Methods	(3)
ANTH 476 – Archaeological Theory	(3)
SOSC 366 – Research Methods in the Social Sciences	(3)
ANTH 390 – Community Based Research Methods	(3)

5. 3 senior-level credits in linguistic Anthropology. For example:

ANTH 354 – Language and Culture	(3)

6. **Electives** (select 24 credits from the following)

All ANTH courses

Second Undergraduate Degree

Students are not permitted to obtain a second undergraduate degree in the same field or related field as their first undergraduate degree. Students who

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have completed a previous undergraduate degree must enter the second undergraduate Bachelor of Arts (4-year) degree and follow these regulations. The English writing skills requirement is waived for students enrolling in the second undergraduate degree.

Second undergraduate degree requirements

Program structure

Total new credits not applied from a previous degree * May be higher depending on the specific requirements of the major.	60*
Minimum credits required	
At the senior level (including 18 credits at the 400 level)	48‡
‡ May be higher depending on the specific requirements of the major.	
Arts (Humanities and social science)	48
› **Humanities** › **Social science**	9 9

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Maximum credits allowed	
In any one discipline	45
Applied studies	12
At the preparatory level	0
At junior level in any one discipline	12
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (**PLAR**) credits ** A maximum of 39 PLAR credits is allowed if you declare a Labour Studies major.	9**
Major (compulsory)	
Minimum senior (300 or 400) level credits in major (including 12 credits at the 400 level)	30

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Bachelor of Arts, English Major

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English Major

As a student in Athabasca University's English program, you will read a wide range of works from diverse genres, countries, and historical periods, and analyze forms, styles, and ideas in terms of a variety of literary theories, from feminist to postcolonial. You will exercise and develop skills in critical thinking, interpretation, and writing.

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Program requirements

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You are strongly encouraged to register in ENGL 255 early in your program. The English writing skills requirement is waived for students enrolling in the second undergraduate degree.

Degree conversion provision

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Double majors

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Minors

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400 level. If they choose a minor, students must still complete all requirements of the major. No course can be used to complete requirements for both the major and the minor. The minor will be recorded on the transcript. Available BA minors are:

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Program structure

Total credits in the program	120
Minimum credits required	
At the senior (300 or 400) level (including 18 credits at the 400 level)	75
In the major (compulsory) * may be higher depending on the specific requirements of the major	45*
Minimum senior-level credits in major (including a minimum of 12 credits at the 400 level)	30
Arts (Humanities and social sciences)	96
› **Humanities** , a minimum of › **Social science** , minimum of	18 18
Science	6
Residency requirement. A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits	

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must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Minor (optional)	
Minimum credits in the minor (including a minimum of 15 credits at the 300 and 400 level)	30
Students may not apply a course to both the major and the minor.	
Maximum credits allowed	
In any one discipline	60
Applied studies	18
At the preparatory level	6
At junior level in any one discipline	15
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition credits	9

Additional English Major requirements

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Requirements in addition to the general program requirements for the BA (4-year) with Major:

1. 45 credits in courses designated as major courses including a minimum of 36 senior (300 or 400) level credits (a minimum of 12, 400-level credits).
2. 3 junior (200) level English credits in composition, for example **ENGL 255**.
3. 6 junior (200) level English credits in literary genres, for example **ENGL 211** and **ENGL 212**.
4. 3 senior (300/400) level English credits in literary theory, for example **ENGL 316** and **ENGL 423**.
5. 3 senior (300/400) level English credits in Indigenous literature, for example, **ENGL 308**.

Electives

Select 30 credits at the senior level in **ENGL** courses.

Recommendations

To achieve a balanced major in English, students should select courses in British, Canadian, and American literature, within a range of genres and historical periods, as well as courses in topics that are global, non-canonical, or otherwise representative of marginalized or minoritized communities.

Second undergraduate degree

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undergraduate Bachelor of Arts (4-year) degree and follow these regulations. The English writing skills requirement is waived for students enrolling in the second undergraduate degree.

Second undergraduate degree requirements

Program structure

Total new credits not applied from a previous degree * May be higher depending on the specific requirements of the major.	60*
Minimum credits required	
At the senior level (including 18 credits at the 400 level)	48‡
‡ May be higher depending on the specific requirements of the major.	
Arts (Humanities and social science)	48
› **Humanities** › **Social science**	9 9

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Science	6
Residency requirement. A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Maximum credits allowed	
In any one discipline	45
Applied studies	12
At the preparatory level	0
At junior level in any one discipline	12
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (**PLAR**) credits ** A maximum of 39 PLAR credits is allowed if you declare a Labour Studies major.	9**
Major (compulsory)	
Minimum senior (300 or 400) level credits in major (including 12 credits at the 400 level)	30

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Helpful links and resources:

Program related information

- **Program website**
- **Transfer credit services**
- **Archived program regulations**
- **Estimated program fees**

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Bachelor of Arts, French Major

Regulations effective Sep. 1, 2024.

The mission of the Bachelor of Arts (4-year) is to strengthen your critical and creative thinking by offering a broad range of social, political, and cultural programs of study. A liberal arts education from Athabasca University is designed to broaden your perspective on local and global affairs, encourage community and social involvement, and prepare you for lifelong learning and occupational diversity.

The Bachelor of Arts (4-year) provides students with a broad, flexible education that allows them to develop, understand, and disseminate knowledge, to think critically, and to build on these abilities. In addition, the four-year degree fully prepares students for most graduate programs. Graduates of the Bachelor of Arts (4-year) with a Major are expected to have gained sufficient analytical and critical thinking skills to be able to engage in independent research in their chosen major. Athabasca University does not offer an Honours BA.

Students enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts (3-year) program who wish to transfer to the Bachelor of Arts (4-year) program must complete a new Undergraduate General Application Form. Previous education will be reassessed and students will be notified of the results.

French Major

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As a graduate of Athabasca University's French program, you will attain a sufficient degree of competence in oral and written French to communicate effectively, to analyze texts and to write critical essays. You will have a thorough understanding of the structure of the French language and its application, including pronunciation, grammar, reading skills and vocabulary usage. The courses in the program will provide you with a knowledge of the literature and culture of France, Quebec, and other Francophone areas and an awareness of the stylistic differences between the French and English languages. Upon completion of the program, you will understand how to conduct further research into the subject matter in order to increase your competence in the study of French language and literature.

Planning your program

Our **online program plans** can assist you in selecting the courses needed to fulfill your program requirements.

Athabasca University has developed **program learning outcomes** that describe the career options that may be available to you upon graduating.

Program requirements

Students complete the program regulations in effect at the time of their enrolment.

Although you may change majors, a major must be selected when you enrol in the Bachelor of Arts (4-year) program.

You are strongly encouraged to register in ENGL 255 early in your program. The English writing skills requirement is waived for students enrolling in the second undergraduate degree.

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Degree conversion provision

The degree conversion provision is available to Athabasca University students who have been awarded a three-year AU degree and wish to convert to a four-year degree. For more information about this regulation, please review the **Undergraduate Degree Conversion From Three- to Four-Year Program Policy**

English writing skills requirement

Students must meet the following English writing skills requirement:

- hold credit in ENGL 255 (Students are strongly encouraged to register in **ENGL 255** early in their program.);
  or
- have a grade of B- (70 per cent) or better in an Athabasca University English course above the **preparatory (100) level;**
  or
- receive credit for an English course in which a grade of B- or better was achieved.

Double majors

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Students in the Bachelor of Arts (4-year) program, as either a first or second undergraduate degree, generally have the option to combine two majors if they wish. Students who undertake double majors must fulfill all requirements for both majors. Depending upon the majors chosen, this may greatly restrict course selection (particularly in the second undergraduate degree program) or require the completion of more than 120 credits. Students considering enrolling in double majors should consult with an Athabasca University **advisor** for assistance in selecting their programs and courses.

Change of major

You may change majors at any time. You will be placed in the current regulations. If you wish to remain in the regulations that were in effect at the time of your original enrolment, contact Admissions and Evaluations Services. Please reference the appropriate Calendar, e.g., 2012-2013 regulations. To request a change of major, complete and submit a new Undergraduate General Application Form. No fees are required.

Minors

In the Bachelor of Arts (4-year), students have the option of taking a minor in addition to their major. Although students must declare a major when they become BA (4-year) program students, they may declare a minor at any point in their studies. A BA minor

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comprises 30 credits distinct from the major in a related discipline in the Humanities or Social Sciences offered at Athabasca University. At least 15 of the 30 minor credits must be at the 300 or 400 level. If they choose a minor, students must still complete all requirements of the major. No course can be used to complete requirements for both the major and the minor. The minor will be recorded on the transcript. Available BA minors are:

- Anthropology
- Canadian Studies
- English
- French
- Global Studies
- Heritage Resources Management
- History
- Humanities
- Inclusive Education
- Labour Studies
- Philosophy
- Political Economy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Administration
- Sociology
- Women's and Gender Studies

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Program structure

Total credits in the program	120
Minimum credits required	
At the senior (300 or 400) level (including 18 credits at the 400 level)	75
In the major (compulsory) * may be higher depending on the specific requirements of the major	45*
Minimum senior-level credits in major (including a minimum of 12 credits at the 400 level)	30
Arts (Humanities and social sciences)	96
› **Humanities** , a minimum of › **Social science** , minimum of	18 18
Science	6
Residency requirement. A minimum of 30 credits must be	

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obtained through Athabasca University.	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Minor (optional)	
Minimum credits in the minor (including a minimum of 15 credits at the 300 and 400 level)	30
Students may not apply a course to both the major and the minor.	
Maximum credits allowed	
In any one discipline	60
Applied studies	18
At the preparatory level	6
At junior level in any one discipline	15
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition credits	9

Additional French Major requirements

Requirements in addition to the general program requirements for the Bachelor of Arts (4-year) with Major:

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1. 45 credits in **French** major courses including a minimum of 30 senior (300 or 400) level credits (a minimum of 12, 400-level French credit

2.

6 junior (200) level credits in French in the following courses:	
FREN 200 – First-Year University French I	(3)
FREN 201 – First-Year University French II	(3)

3.

FREN 362 – Second Year University French	(6)

4.

FREN 358 – Initiation à la littérature d'expression française I*	(3)

* It is recommended that students take FREN 358 before taking other literature courses in the French program as it provides a foundation for the study of French literature. (These 3 credits are part of the 30 senior-level credits required in no. 1.)

5.

FREN 374 – Littérature québécoise	(6)

Electives (24 credits, 12 of which must be at the 400 level)

All **FREN** courses except FREN 100 and FREN 101. These courses will not

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count towards the major in French but will count towards the total number of credits required for the first undergraduate degree.

Second undergraduate degree

Students are not permitted to obtain a second undergraduate degree in the same field or related field as their first undergraduate degree. Students who have completed a previous undergraduate degree must enter the second undergraduate Bachelor of Arts (4-year) degree and follow these regulations. The English writing skills requirement is waived for students enrolling in the second undergraduate degree.

Second undergraduate degree requirements

Program structure

Total new credits not applied from a previous degree * May be higher depending on the specific requirements of the major.	60*
Minimum credits required	
At the senior level (including 18 credits at the 400 level)	48‡
‡ May be higher depending on the specific requirements of the major.	

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Arts (Humanities and social science)	48
› **Humanities** › **Social science**	9 9
Science	6
Residency requirement. A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Maximum credits allowed	
In any one discipline	45
Applied studies	12
At the preparatory level	0
At junior level in any one discipline	12
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (**PLAR**) credits ** A maximum of 39 PLAR credits is allowed if you	9**

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declare a Labour Studies major.	
Major (compulsory)	
Minimum senior (300 or 400) level credits in major (including 12 credits at the 400 level)	30

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Bachelor of Arts, History Major

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History Major

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Graduates of the BA (4-year) Major in History will have the ability to:

- situate contemporary events in broader historical contexts
- explain changing social attitudes as the product of specific contexts and events
- recognize the ways in which knowledge is socially constructed and sanctioned
- evaluate information for its relevance and reliability
- articulate logical arguments based on relevant information
- identify multiple possible explanations for events
- interpret historical evidence carefully and assess for possible bias.

Planning your program

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Program requirements

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Although you may change majors, a major must be selected when you enrol in the Bachelor of Arts (4-year) program.

You are strongly encouraged to register in ENGL 255 early in your program. The

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English writing skills requirement is waived for students enrolling in the second undergraduate degree.

Degree conversion provision

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English writing skills requirement

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  or
- have a grade of B- (70 per cent) or better in an Athabasca University English course above the **preparatory (100) level;**
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Double majors

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Minors

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- **Anthropology**
- **Canadian Studies**
- **English**
- **French**
- **Global Studies**
- **Heritage Resources Management**
- **History**
- **Humanities**
- **Inclusive Education**
- **Labour Studies**
- **Philosophy**
- **Political Economy**
- **Political Science**
- **Psychology**

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- **Public Administration**
- **Sociology**
- **Women's and Gender Studies**

Program structure

Total credits in the program	120
Minimum credits required	
At the senior (300 or 400) level (including 18 credits at the 400 level)	75
In the major (compulsory) * may be higher depending on the specific requirements of the major	45*
Minimum senior-level credits in major (including a minimum of 12 credits at the 400 level)	30
Arts (Humanities and social sciences)	96
- **Humanities** , a minimum of - **Social science** , minimum of	18 18

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Science	6
Residency requirement. A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Minor (optional)	
Minimum credits in the minor (including a minimum of 15 credits at the 300 and 400 level)	30
Students may not apply a course to both the major and the minor.	
Maximum credits allowed	
In any one discipline	60
Applied studies	18
At the preparatory level	6
At junior level in any one discipline	15
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition credits	9

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Additional History Major requirements

Requirements in addition to the general program requirements for the Bachelor of Arts (4-year) with Major:

1. 45 credits in designated History Major courses including 30 senior (300/400) level credits (a minimum of 12, 400-level credits).
2. 6 junior (200) level credits in Canadian history (**HIST 224**, **HIST 225**).
3. A minimum of 6 junior (200) level credits in European or world history (**HIST 201**, **202, 205**, **209**, **210**, **216**, **HIST/GLST 208**).
4. A minimum of 6 senior (300/400) level credits in European history (HIST **304**, **327**, **371**, **372**, **373**, **383**, **407**,**486**, **492, HIST/GLST 384**, **HIST/HUMN/CLAS 309**, **HIST/HUMN/CLAS 312**, and **HIST/HUMN/RELS 313**).
5. A minimum of 6 senior (300/400) level credits in North American history.
6. A minimum of 6 senior-level credits in the history of areas of the world other than North America or Europe.

Electives

(15 credits)

ANTH 320 – Ancient Cities and Civilizations	(3)
ANTH 377 – Archaeologies of Turtle Island	(3)
GLST/LBST 335 – Global Labour History	(3)
GLST/HIST 208 – The World to 1500	(3)

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All HIST courses	
HIST/GLST 367 – The Second World War	(3)
HIST/GLST 384 – Europe Since 1945	(3)
HIST/GLST/WGST 460 – Famous Feminists and Their Times: Global History of Feminism	(3)
HIST/CLAS/HUMN 309 – Ancient Greece	(3)
HIST/CLAS/HUMN 312 – Ancient Rome	(3)
HIST/HUMN/RELS 313 – Early Christians	(3)
HIST/INST 368 – Indigenous Peoples in Canada to 1830	(3)
HIST/INST 369 – Indigenous Peoples in Canada Since 1830	(3)
HUMN 201 – Western Thought and Culture I: Before the Reformation	(3)
HUMN/HIST 202 – The West from the Enlightenment to the 21st Century	(3)
INST 370 – The Métis	(3)

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Second undergraduate degree

Students are not permitted to obtain a second undergraduate degree in the same field or related field as their first undergraduate degree. Students who have completed a previous undergraduate degree must enter the second undergraduate Bachelor of Arts (4-year) degree and follow these regulations. The English writing skills requirement is waived for students enrolling in the second undergraduate degree.

Second undergraduate degree requirements

Program structure

Total new credits not applied from a previous degree * May be higher depending on the specific requirements of the major.	60*
Minimum credits required	
At the senior level (including 18 credits at the 400 level)	48‡
‡ May be higher depending on the specific requirements of the major.	
Arts (Humanities and social science)	48

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Science	6
Residency requirement. A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Maximum credits allowed	
In any one discipline	45
Applied studies	12
At the preparatory level	0
At junior level in any one discipline	12
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (**PLAR**) credits ** A maximum of 39 PLAR credits is allowed if you declare a Labour Studies major.	9**
Major (compulsory)	

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Minimum senior (300 or 400) level credits in major (including 12 credits at the 400 level)	30

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Helpful links and resources:

Program related information

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- **Transfer credit services**
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Bachelor of Arts, Humanities Major

Regulations effective Sep. 1, 2024.

The mission of the Bachelor of Arts (4-year) is to strengthen your critical and creative thinking by offering a broad range of social, political, and cultural programs of study. A liberal arts education from Athabasca University is designed to broaden your perspective on local and global affairs, encourage community and social involvement, and prepare you for lifelong learning and occupational diversity.

The Bachelor of Arts (4-year) provides students with a broad, flexible education that allows them to develop, understand, and disseminate knowledge, to think critically, and to build on these abilities. In addition, the four-year degree fully prepares students for most graduate programs. Graduates of the Bachelor of Arts (4-year) with a Major are expected to have gained sufficient analytical and critical thinking skills to be able to engage in independent research in their chosen major. Athabasca University does not offer an Honours BA.

Students enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts (3-year) program who wish to transfer to the Bachelor of Arts (4-year) program must complete a new Undergraduate General Application Form. Previous education will be reassessed and students will be notified of the results.

Humanities Major

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As a student of Athabasca University's interdisciplinary Humanities program, you will study how we have expressed our humanity on culture, literature, art, and philosophy. Students will draw on the knowledge and skills from across AU's range of humanities disciplines—for example; history, literature, and philosophy. Students learn the methods used by different humanities' disciplines to investigate human expression, and how to adapt elements of that expression in new ways. Students majoring in Humanities will also obtain basic reading knowledge of second language.

Planning your program

Our **online program plans** can assist you in selecting the courses needed to fulfill your program requirements.

Athabasca University has developed **program learning outcomes** that describe the career options that may be available to you upon graduating.

Program requirements

Students complete the program regulations in effect at the time of their enrolment.

Although you may change majors, a major must be selected when you enrol in the Bachelor of Arts (4-year) program.

You are strongly encouraged to register in ENGL 255 early in your program. The English writing skills requirement is waived for students enrolling in the second undergraduate degree.

Degree conversion provision

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Double majors

Students in the Bachelor of Arts (4-year) program, as either a first or second undergraduate degree, generally have the option to

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combine two majors if they wish. Students who undertake double majors must fulfill all requirements for both majors. Depending upon the majors chosen, this may greatly restrict course selection (particularly in the second undergraduate degree program) or require the completion of more than 120 credits. Students considering enrolling in double majors should consult with an Athabasca University **advisor** for assistance in selecting their programs and courses.

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Minors

In the Bachelor of Arts (4-year), students have the option of taking a minor in addition to their major. Although students must declare a major when they become BA (4-year) program students, they may declare a minor at any point in their studies. A BA minor comprises 30 credits distinct from the major in a related discipline in the Humanities or Social Sciences offered at Athabasca University. At least 15 of the 30 minor credits must be at the 300 or 400 level. If they choose a minor, students must still complete all

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requirements of the major. No course can be used to complete requirements for both the major and the minor. The minor will be recorded on the transcript. Available BA minors are:

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- Canadian Studies
- English
- French
- Global Studies
- Heritage Resources Management
- History
- Humanities
- Inclusive Education
- Labour Studies
- Philosophy
- Political Economy
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In the major (compulsory) * may be higher depending on the specific requirements of the major	45*
Minimum senior-level credits in major (including a minimum of 12 credits at the 400 level)	30
Arts (Humanities and social sciences)	96
› **Humanities** , a minimum of › **Social science** , minimum of	18 18
Science	6
Residency requirement. A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits	

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must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Minor (optional)	
Minimum credits in the minor (including a minimum of 15 credits at the 300 and 400 level)	30
Students may not apply a course to both the major and the minor.	
Maximum credits allowed	
In any one discipline	60
Applied studies	18
At the preparatory level	6
At junior level in any one discipline	15
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition credits	9

Additional Humanities Major requirements

Requirements in addition to the general program requirements for the Bachelor of Arts (4-year) with Major:

1. 45 credits in designated major courses including a minimum of 30 senior

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(300 and 400) level credits (a minimum of 12, 400-level credits).

2. Within these 45 credits students must also complete 6 credits in a single language other than English (for example, FREN or SPAN) at the junior-level (200) or higher. Students may count these 6 credits towards the 21 credits required in the list of designated elective courses below.
3. A minimum of 24 credits selected from the following interdisciplinary core courses including a minimum of 6 senior (300 or 400) level credits.

ARHI 201 – A Survey of Western Art I: Looking at Art from Ancient Times to the Middle Ages	(3)
ARHI 202 – A Survey of Western Art II: Looking at Art from the Renaissance to Present Day	(3)
CMNS 358 – Popular Culture and the Media	(3)
ENGL 255 – Introductory Composition	(3)
ENGL 303 – A History of Drama Part I: Early Stages	(3)
ENGL 304 – A History of Drama Part II: Modernist Theatre	(3)
ENGL 308 – Indigenous Literature in Canada	(3)
ENGL 316 – Approaches to Literary Theory and Criticism	(3)
ENGL 341 – World Literature	(6)
ENGL 423 – Advanced Literary Theory	(3)

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GLST 308 – Americas: An Introduction to Latin America and the Caribbean	(3)
HIST 371 – Early Medieval Europe, 400 – 1000	(3)
HIST 372 – High Medieval Europe, 1000 – 1350	(3)
HIST 373 – The Renaissance	(3)
HIST 404 – Historical Foundations of Modern Science	(3)
HIST 407 – The Enlightenment	(3)
HIST/GLST/WGST 460 – Famous Feminists and Their Times: Global History of Feminism	(3)
All HUMN courses	
HUMN/CLAS/HIST 309 – Ancient Greece	(3)
HUMN/CLAS/HIST 312 – Ancient Rome	(3)
HUMN/HIST/RELS 313 – Early Christians	(3)
INFS 200 – Information Seeking & Society in the Information Age	(3)
All PHIL courses	

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RELS 204 – Introduction to World Religions	(6)

Electives

At least 21 additional credits from among the core courses or from among the following electives:

(The 6 language credits in regulation 2 above, may be counted towards these electives.)

ANTH 320 – Ancient Cities and Civilizations	(3)
CMNS 301 – Communication Theory and Analysis	(3)
CMNS 302 – Communication in History	(3)
CMNS 420 – Topics in Communication: Children and Media	(3)
CMNS 423 – The Television Age	(3)
CMNS 425 – Film and Genre	(3)
All ENGL courses , except preparatory (100-level) courses	
FREN 363 – Le roman français du XXe siècle	(3)
FREN 374 – Litterature québécoise	(6)
All HIST courses	

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INST 368 – Indigenous Peoples in Canada to 1830	(3)
INST 369 – Indigenous Peoples in Canada Since 1830	(3)
INST 370 – The Métis	(3)
MUSI 267 – Sound and Sense: Listening to Music	(3)
PHIL 252 – Critical Thinking	(3)
POLI 307 – Political Ideologies	(3)
WGST 200 – Feminist Research and Women's Lives	(3)
WGST 201 – An Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies	(3)
WGST 401 – Contemporary Feminist Theory	(3)

Recommendations

Students enrolled in the second undergraduate degree program are advised to select courses within the major that fulfill the Social Science requirements. Failure to do so could result in the student being required to complete more than 45 credits in order to fulfill all of the regulations.

Students who have any doubt about their essay writing, critical thinking, or library research skills are strongly advised to take one or more of the following courses at the outset of their university studies:

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ENGL 255, **PHIL 252**, **INFS 200**.

Second undergraduate degree

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Second undergraduate degree requirements

Program structure

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Science	6
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Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Maximum credits allowed	
In any one discipline	45
Applied studies	12
At the preparatory level	0
At junior level in any one discipline	12
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (**PLAR**) credits ** A maximum of 39 PLAR credits is allowed if you declare a Labour Studies major.	9**

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Major (compulsory)	
Minimum senior (300 or 400) level credits in major (including 12 credits at the 400 level)	30

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Helpful links and resources:

Program related information

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Bachelor of Arts, Labour Studies Major

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The Bachelor of Arts (4-year) provides students with a broad, flexible education that allows them to develop, understand, and disseminate knowledge, to think critically, and to build on these abilities. In addition, the four-year degree fully prepares students for most graduate programs. Graduates of the Bachelor of Arts (4-year) with a Major are expected to have gained sufficient analytical and critical thinking skills to be able to engage in independent research in their chosen major. Athabasca University does not offer an Honours BA.

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Labour Studies Major

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Planning your program

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Athabasca University has developed **program learning outcomes** that describe the career options that may be available to you upon graduating.

Program requirements

Students complete the program regulations in effect at the time of their enrolment.

Although you may change majors, a major must be selected when you enrol in the Bachelor of Arts (4-year) program.

You are strongly encouraged to register in ENGL 255 early in your program. The English writing skills requirement is waived for students enrolling in the second undergraduate degree.

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must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Minor (optional)	
Minimum credits in the minor (including a minimum of 15 credits at the 300 and 400 level)	30
Students may not apply a course to both the major and the minor.	
Maximum credits allowed	
In any one discipline	60
Applied studies	18
At the preparatory level	6
At junior level in any one discipline	15
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition credits	39

Additional Labour Studies Major requirements

Requirements in addition to the general program requirements for the Bachelor of Arts (4-year) with Major:

1. 45 credits in Labour Studies Major courses outlined below including a minimum of 30 senior (300 or 400) level credits (a minimum of 12, 400-level credits).

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2. 12 credits in required core courses (SOCI 321 and HIST 336 are included in the 30 senior-level credits noted above).
3. Students may transfer in a maximum of 30 credits of courses applicable to the requirements of the major.

Recommendations

Students are advised to begin their studies with **LBST 200** or **LBST 202**.

Required core courses

(12 credits)

HIST 336 – History of Canadian Labour	(6)
LBST 200 – Introduction to Labour Studies	(3)
SOCI 321 – Sociology of Work and Industry	(3)

Electives

(select 33 credits from the following)

ENGL 306 – The Literature of Work	(3)
HIST 330 – Social History of Canada: European Contact to Early Industrialization	(3)
HIST 331 – Social History of Canada: Early Industrialization to	(3)

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Contemporary Canada	
HIST 486 – The Industrial Revolution	(3)
All IDRL* courses	
IDRL 309/LGST 310 – Human Rights, the Charter and Labour Relations	(3)
INTR/GLST/POEC 483 – Political Economy of Globalization	(3)
All LBST courses	
POEC 393 – Canada and the Global Political Economy	(3)
POLI 450 – Globalization and Human Rights	(3)
SOCI/WGST 345 – Women, Gender and Work in Canada	(3)
SOCI 331 – Exposed! Sociology of Environment and Aging	(3)
SOCI 348 – Fighting Back for the Health of It: Sociology of Environment and Health	(3)
SOCI 381 – The Rich and the Rest: The Sociology of Wealth, Power, and Inequality	(3)
SOCI 435 – Theories of Social Change	(3)

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*All courses labelled **IDRL** can be taken as either Applied Studies or Social Science courses, but not both. To use these courses to satisfy the Social Science area of study requirement, students must contact **Transfer Credit Services** and request the change upon completion of the course.

Transfer credits for union education and prior learning

Athabasca University grants advanced credit in the Labour studies program for some union education programs. A student who has completed a Labour College of Canada Intensive Program, for example, may be eligible to receive nine credits. Students who have completed the Canadian Auto Workers Paid Educational Leave course may be eligible to receive three credits. And students who have completed the Canadian Postal Workers' Union Education Program may be eligible to receive six credits. Credit is also granted for other union education programs and for other forms of prior learning. Contact Athabasca University for details.

Many unions, and some employers, will reimburse students for the cost of university tuition fees. Discuss this with your union representative or employer.

Second undergraduate degree

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Second undergraduate degree requirements

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Program structure

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Minimum credits required	
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Arts (Humanities and social science)	48
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Residency requirement. A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At	

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least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Maximum credits allowed	
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Applied studies	12
At the preparatory level	0
At junior level in any one discipline	12
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (**PLAR**) credits ** A maximum of 39 PLAR credits is allowed if you declare a Labour Studies major.	9**
Major (compulsory)	
Minimum senior (300 or 400) level credits in major (including 12 credits at the 400 level)	30

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Residency requirement. A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits	

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must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Minor (optional)	
Minimum credits in the minor (including a minimum of 15 credits at the 300 and 400 level)	30
Students may not apply a course to both the major and the minor.	
Maximum credits allowed	
In any one discipline	60
Applied studies	18
At the preparatory level	6
At junior level in any one discipline	15
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition credits	9

Additional Political Economy Major requirements

Requirements in addition to the general program requirements for the Bachelor of Arts (4-year) with Major:

1. 60 Political Economy Major credits outlined below including a minimum of 36 senior (300 or 400) level credits from major courses (a minimum of 12, 400-level credits).

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2. 15 credits in required core courses.
3. 21 credits in one of the two Political Economy areas: Global Political Economy or Canadian Political Economy.
4. 12 credits from the designated elective Political Economy major courses.
5. 12 credits from the Political Economy designated elective program courses in Communications (CMNS), Global Studies (GLST), Governance (GOVN), History (HIST), Information Systems (INFS), Labour Studies (LBST), Industrial Relations (IDRL), Women's and Gender Studies (WGST), and Indigenous Studies (INST).
6. Students may transfer in a maximum of 30 credits of courses applicable to the requirements of the major.

Required core courses

(15 credits)

ECON 247 – Microeconomics	(3)
ECON 248 – Macroeconomics	(3)
MATH 215 – Introduction to Statistics	(3)
or	
MGSC 301 – Statistics for Business and Economics I	
POEC 302 – Theories and Approaches to Political Economy	(3)

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POEC/GLST/INTR 230 – Globalization and World Politics	(3)

Of the 21 credits required in the area of focus, students must take at least one course from each of the following areas: Economics, Political Economy, and Political Science. Select courses from only one area of focus.

Area of focus 1: Global Political Economy

ECON 401 – The Changing Global Economy* *Students who have taken ECON 301 may not take ECON 401	(3)
ECON 366 – Economic Development	(3)
ECON 475 – International Trade	(3)
ECON 476 – International Finance	(3)
ENVS 435 – Transformative Change in Building Sustainable Communities	(3)
ENVS/GLST 243 – Environmental Change in a Global Context	(3)
FNCE 370 – Overview of Corporate Finance	(3)
GLST 308 – Americas: An Introduction to Latin America and the Caribbean	(3)
HIST 486 – The Industrial Revolution	(3)

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MKTG 414 – International Marketing and Exporting	(3)
POEC/GLST/INTR 395 – Political Economy of Development: People, Processes, and Policies	(3)
POEC/GLST/INTR 483 – Political Economy of Globalization	(3)
POLI/INTR 330 – International and Global Politics	(3)
POLI 342 – Introduction to Comparative Politics	(3)
POLI 480 – Politics of Our Networked World in the Digital Era	(3)
SOCI 435 – Theories of Social Change	(3)

or

Area of focus 2: Canadian Political Economy

CMNS 380 – Corporate Communication	(3)
CMNS 401 – Cultural Policy in Canada	(3)
ECON 385 – Money, Banking and Canadian Financial Institutions	(3)
FNCE 322 – Personal Finance	(3)
GEOG 311 – Canadian Urban Development	(3)

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GOVN 301 – Governance, the Public Sector and Corporate Power	(3)
GOVN 450 – Public Budgeting and Financial Management in a Globalized World	(3)
HIST 326 – Contemporary Canada: Canada after 1945	(3)
IDRL 320 – The Law of Work	(3)
IDRL 309/LGST 310 – Human Rights, the Charter and Labour Relations	(3)
LBST/SOCI/WGST 332 – Women and Unions	(3)
POEC 393 – Canada and the Global Political Economy	(3)
POLI 309 – Canadian Government and Politics	(3)
POLI 311 – Aboriginal Politics and Governments	(3)
POLI 325 – Canadian Environmental Policy and Politics	(3)
SOCI 291 – Canadian Society	(3)
SOCI 321 – Sociology of Work and Industry	(3)
TAXX 301 – Taxation I	(3)

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Electives

(select 12 credits from the following)

ANTH 320 – Ancient Cities and Civilizations	(3)
ANTH 362 – First Peoples of Canada	(3)
ANTH 375 – The Anthropology of Gender	(3)
ANTH 394 – Urban Anthropology	(3)
CMNS 402 – Global Communication	(3)
CMNS 421 – Being Online	(3)
CMNS 423 – The Television Age	(3)
CMNS 385/SOCI 378 – Rebel with a Cause: Social Movements in History and Popular Culture	(3)
ECON/HADM 321 – Health Care Economics	(3)
ECON 380 – Public Finance and Expenditure	(3)
ENTP 212 – Entrepreneurship	(3)
ENVS 435 – Transformative Change in Building Sustainable Communities	(3)

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FREN 100 – French for Beginners I	(3)
FREN 101 – French for Beginners II	(3)
GEOG 201 – Introductory Human Geography	(3)
GEOG 302 – The Canadian North	(3)
GEOG/GLST 200 – World Regional Geography	(3)
HADM 336 – Community Health Planning	(3)
HADM/HSRV 339 – Organization of the Canadian Health Care System	(3)
HIST 336 – History of Canadian Labour	(6)
IDRL 308 – Occupational Health and Safety	(3)
INST 111 – Introductory Cree I	(3)
INST 112 – Introductory Cree II	(3)
MATH 244 – Business Math	(3)
MATH 265 – Introduction to Calculus I	(3)
MKTG 406 – Consumer Behaviour	(3)

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MKTG 440 – Marketing Strategy	(3)
PHIL 371 – Ethics, Science, Technology, and the Environment	(3)
SOCI 381 – The Rich and the Rest: The Sociology of Wealth, Power, and Inequality	(3)
SOCI 450 – Environmental Sociology	(3)
SOCI/WGST 345 – Women, Gender and Work in Canada	(3)
SPAN 200 – Introductory Spanish I	(3)
SPAN 201 – Spanish for Beginners II	(3)
WGST 401 – Contemporary Feminist Theory	(3)

12 remaining elective credits selected from the following disciplines:

- Communication Studies (CMNS)
- Global Studies (GLST)
- Governance (GOVN)
- History (HIST)
- Information Systems (INFS)
- Labour Studies (LBST)

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- **Industrial Relations** (IDRL)
- **Indigenous Studies** (INST)
- **Women's and Gender Studies** (WGST)

Recommendations

1. Students who may pursue graduate work in political economy or international affairs are strongly recommended to include **POEC 499** among their electives.
2. Language proficiency: Students in Canadian studies areas who may pursue employment in the federal civil service or foreign affairs, are strongly recommended to take French as an elective or option. Students interested in North American integration should take Spanish. Students interested in the economic integration of Europe should consider taking German. Students interested in governance capacity-building for First Nations communities should take Indigenous language courses.

   "Language proficiency" generally refers to one of the following:

   - the ability to read French, Spanish, or German at a level consistent with the usual requirements of a junior French language course. This ability may be proven by one of the following: either by completing six junior language credits (for example FREN **200** and **201**) or by passing a reading proficiency examination in French, Spanish, or German;
   - speak fluently one of Canada's Indigenous languages (for example, Cree or Inuktitut);
     or
   - read one of Canada's Indigenous languages (for example, Cree or Inuktitut), at a level consistent with the usual requirements of a second-year university language course.

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3. Writing proficiency: Students for whom English is a second language are strongly encouraged to take **ENGL 177** and **ENGL 189**.

Second undergraduate degree

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Second undergraduate degree requirements

Program structure

Total new credits not applied from a previous degree * May be higher depending on the specific requirements of the major.	60*
Minimum credits required	
At the senior level (including 18 credits at the 400 level)	48‡
‡ May be higher depending on the specific requirements of the major.	

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Arts (Humanities and social science)	48
› **Humanities** › **Social science**	9 9
Science	6
Residency requirement. A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Maximum credits allowed	
In any one discipline	45
Applied studies	12
At the preparatory level	0
At junior level in any one discipline	12
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (**PLAR**) credits	

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** A maximum of 39 PLAR credits is allowed if you declare a Labour Studies major.	9**
Major (compulsory)	
Minimum senior (300 or 400) level credits in major (including 12 credits at the 400 level)	30

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Bachelor of Arts, Political Science Major

Regulations effective Sep. 1, 2024.

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The Bachelor of Arts (4-year) provides students with a broad, flexible education that allows them to develop, understand, and disseminate knowledge, to think critically, and to build on these abilities. In addition, the four-year degree fully prepares students for most graduate programs. Graduates of the Bachelor of Arts (4-year) with a Major are expected to have gained sufficient analytical and critical thinking skills to be able to engage in independent research in their chosen major. Athabasca University does not offer an Honours BA.

Students enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts (3-year) program who wish to transfer to the Bachelor of Arts (4-year) program must complete a new Undergraduate General Application Form. Previous education will be reassessed and students will be notified of the results.

Political Science Major

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AU's Major in Political Science is a valued liberal arts degree that will serve a variety of educational and professional needs in the public, private, and non-profit sectors in Canada and globally.

As a discipline, Political Science is very much concerned with the study of power, authority, and governance in human affairs. In today's world, forms of power, authority, and governance are changing rapidly and becoming increasingly complex. Governance is no longer confined to the nation-state but involves a range of institutions — public, private, and non-governmental — involved in the process of governing and steering a society at the international, national, and sub-national levels.

Planning your program

Our **online program plans** can assist you in selecting the courses needed to fulfill your program requirements.

Athabasca University has developed **program learning outcomes** that describe the career options that may be available to you upon graduating.

Program requirements

Students complete the program regulations in effect at the time of their enrolment.

Although you may change majors, a major must be selected when you enrol in the Bachelor of Arts (4-year) program.

You are strongly encouraged to register in ENGL 255 early in your program. The English writing skills requirement is waived for students enrolling in the second undergraduate degree.

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Degree conversion provision

The degree conversion provision is available to Athabasca University students who have been awarded a three-year AU degree and wish to convert to a four-year degree. For more information about this regulation, please review the **Undergraduate Degree Conversion From Three- to Four-Year Program Policy**

English writing skills requirement

Students must meet the following English writing skills requirement:

- hold credit in ENGL 255 (Students are strongly encouraged to register in **ENGL 255** early in their program.);
  or
- have a grade of B- (70 per cent) or better in an Athabasca University English course above the **preparatory (100) level;**
  or
- receive credit for an English course in which a grade of B- or better was achieved.

Double majors

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Students in the Bachelor of Arts (4-year) program, as either a first or second undergraduate degree, generally have the option to combine two majors if they wish. Students who undertake double majors must fulfill all requirements for both majors. Depending upon the majors chosen, this may greatly restrict course selection (particularly in the second undergraduate degree program) or require the completion of more than 120 credits. Students considering enrolling in double majors should consult with an Athabasca University **advisor** for assistance in selecting their programs and courses.

Change of major

You may change majors at any time. You will be placed in the current regulations. If you wish to remain in the regulations that were in effect at the time of your original enrolment, contact Admissions and Evaluations Services. Please reference the appropriate Calendar, e.g., 2012-2013 regulations. To request a change of major, complete and submit a new Undergraduate General Application Form. No fees are required.

Minors

In the Bachelor of Arts (4-year), students have the option of taking a minor in addition to their major. Although students must declare a major when they become BA (4-year) program students, they may declare a minor at any point in their studies. A BA minor

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comprises 30 credits distinct from the major in a related discipline in the Humanities or Social Sciences offered at Athabasca University. At least 15 of the 30 minor credits must be at the 300 or 400 level. If they choose a minor, students must still complete all requirements of the major. No course can be used to complete requirements for both the major and the minor. The minor will be recorded on the transcript. Available BA minors are:

- Anthropology
- Canadian Studies
- English
- French
- Global Studies
- Heritage Resources Management
- History
- Humanities
- Inclusive Education
- Labour Studies
- Philosophy
- Political Economy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Administration
- Sociology
- Women's and Gender Studies

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Program structure

Total credits in the program	120
Minimum credits required	
At the senior (300 or 400) level (including 18 credits at the 400 level)	75
In the major (compulsory) * may be higher depending on the specific requirements of the major	45*
Minimum senior-level credits in major (including a minimum of 12 credits at the 400 level)	30
Arts (Humanities and social sciences)	96
› **Humanities** , a minimum of › **Social science** , minimum of	18 18
Science	6
Residency requirement. A minimum of 30 credits must be	

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obtained through Athabasca University.	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Minor (optional)	
Minimum credits in the minor (including a minimum of 15 credits at the 300 and 400 level)	30
Students may not apply a course to both the major and the minor.	
Maximum credits allowed	
In any one discipline	60
Applied studies	18
At the preparatory level	6
At junior level in any one discipline	15
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition credits	9

Additional Political Science Major requirements

Requirements in addition to the general program requirements for the Bachelor of Arts (4-year) with Major:

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- A minimum of 45 credits in designated Political Science courses including a minimum of 30 senior (300/400) level credits (a minimum of 12, 400-level credits).
- Required core courses: 18 credits in the following designated political science major core courses:
  - 6 senior (300/400) level credits in political philosophy/theory, **POLI 355** and **POLI 357.**
  - 3 senior (300/400) level credits in Canadian politics and government, **POLI 309**.
  - 3 senior (300/400) level credits in either international and global politics (**POLI/INTR 330**) or comparative politics (**POLI 342**), or direct equivalent credit approved by Athabasca University.
  - 6 junior (200) level credits, **POLI 277** and **278.**
- A minimum of 27 credits in the following designated Political Science major elective courses.

CMNS 401 – Cultural Policy in Canada	(3)
GLST/GOVN 403 – Public Policy in a Global Era	(3)
GLST/GOVN 440– Global Governance and Law	(3)
GLST/POEC 483 – International Political Economy: The Politics of Globalization	(3)
GOVN 301 – Governance, the Public Sector and Corporate Power	(3)
GOVN 390 – Public Policy and Administrative Governance	(3)

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GOVN/HSRV 400 – Governance and Leadership	(3)
GOVN 405 – Innovative Public Management	(3)
HADM 369 – Health Policy in Canada	(3)
POEC 230 – Globalization and World Politics	(3)
POEC 393 – Canada and the Global Political Economy	(3)
All POLI courses	

Second undergraduate degree

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Second undergraduate degree requirements

Program structure

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Total new credits not applied from a previous degree * May be higher depending on the specific requirements of the major.	60*
Minimum credits required	
At the senior level (including 18 credits at the 400 level)	48‡
‡ May be higher depending on the specific requirements of the major.	
Arts (Humanities and social science)	48
› **Humanities** › **Social science**	9 9
Science	6
Residency requirement. A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Maximum credits allowed	

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In any one discipline	45
Applied studies	12
At the preparatory level	0
At junior level in any one discipline	12
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (**PLAR**) credits ** A maximum of 39 PLAR credits is allowed if you declare a Labour Studies major.	9**
Major (compulsory)	
Minimum senior (300 or 400) level credits in major (including 12 credits at the 400 level)	30

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Bachelor of Arts, Psychology Major

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Psychology Major

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Athabasca University's Psychology program is designed to develop or expand your knowledge of the broad field of psychology. Both the concentration and major degree programs will provide grounding in foundational courses central to psychology as a science. Students who complete the degree will gain useful skills and knowledge that are applicable to general employment across a number of fields, such as business, management, government research, program evaluation, human services, and law, as well as graduate studies in psychology and related disciplines.

Planning your program

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Program requirements

Students complete the program regulations in effect at the time of their enrolment.

Although you may change majors, a major must be selected when you enrol in the Bachelor of Arts (4-year) program.

You are strongly encouraged to register in ENGL 255 early in your program. The English writing skills requirement is waived for students enrolling in the second undergraduate degree.

Degree conversion provision

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English writing skills requirement

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Change of major

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Minors

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in the Humanities or Social Sciences offered at Athabasca University. At least 15 of the 30 minor credits must be at the 300 or 400 level. If they choose a minor, students must still complete all requirements of the major. No course can be used to complete requirements for both the major and the minor. The minor will be recorded on the transcript. Available BA minors are:

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- Heritage Resources Management
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- Labour Studies
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Minimum credits required	
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In the major (compulsory) * may be higher depending on the specific requirements of the major	45*
Minimum senior-level credits in major (including a minimum of 12 credits at the 400 level)	30
Arts (Humanities and social sciences)	96
› **Humanities** , a minimum of › **Social science** , minimum of	18 18
Science	6
Residency requirement. A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	30

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Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Minor (optional)	
Minimum credits in the minor (including a minimum of 15 credits at the 300 and 400 level)	30
Students may not apply a course to both the major and the minor.	
Maximum credits allowed	
In any one discipline	60
Applied studies	18
At the preparatory level	6
At junior level in any one discipline	15
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition credits	9

Additional Psychology Major requirements

Requirements in addition to the general program requirements for the Bachelor of Arts (4-year) with Major:

45 credits in designated Psychology Major courses including 30 senior (300 or

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400) level credits in designated Psychology Major courses, including 12, 400-level credits. The senior-level courses in the required core are included as part of these 30 credits.

Required courses

(15 credits)

An introductory statistics course selected from one of the following:	(3)
MATH 215 – Introduction to Statistics	
or	
MATH 216 – Computer-Oriented Approach to Statistics	
or	
SOCI 301 – Social Statistics	
Notes: 1. We strongly recommend that students consider taking MATH 216 for this requirement as most quantitative data analysis is completed using computer software and this is a valuable skill both for future study and work in various fields. 2. We also strongly recommend that students take MATH 315 as a psychology elective, after completing the required course. Many undergraduate programs include an intermediate statistics course and some graduate programs may expect it as	

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a requirement for admission. A fuller understanding of statistical analysis will also provide students with an advantage when reading the empirical literature.	
PSYC 289 – Psychology as a Natural Science	(3)
PSYC 290 – General Psychology	(3)
PSYC 375 – History of Psychology	(3)
PSYC 304 – Research Methods in Psychology	(3)

Foundational courses

A minimum of 15 credits selected from the following foundational courses:

PSYC 323 – Developmental Psychology Note: PSYC 228 and PSYC 323 are precluded courses, however, only PSYC 323 may be used for foundational course credit in the degree program.	(3)
PSYC 355 – Cognitive Psychology	(3)
PSYC 356 – Introduction to Personality Theories and Issues	(3)
PSYC 379 – Social Psychology	(3)
PSYC 387 – Learning	(3)

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PSYC 302 – Biological Psychology	(3)
PSYC 435 – Abnormal Psychology	(3)

Electives

The remaining 15 elective psychology credits may be completed by taking the following courses:

Any PSYC course , including those from the Foundational Courses listed above	
MATH 315 – Methods in Applied Statistics (see Note #2 in Required Courses above)	(3)
A maximum of one (1) course from the following list:	
CRJS 360 – The Psychology of Criminal Behavior	(3)
ORGB 327 – Leadership in Organizations	(3)
ORGB 364 – Organizational Behaviour	(3)

Second undergraduate degree

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have completed a previous undergraduate degree must enter the second undergraduate Bachelor of Arts (4-year) degree and follow these regulations. The English writing skills requirement is waived for students enrolling in the second undergraduate degree.

Second undergraduate degree requirements

Program structure

Total new credits not applied from a previous degree * May be higher depending on the specific requirements of the major.	60*
Minimum credits required	
At the senior level (including 18 credits at the 400 level)	48‡
‡ May be higher depending on the specific requirements of the major.	
Arts (Humanities and social science)	48
› **Humanities** › **Social science**	9 9

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Residency requirement. A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Maximum credits allowed	
In any one discipline	45
Applied studies	12
At the preparatory level	0
At junior level in any one discipline	12
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (**PLAR**) credits ** A maximum of 39 PLAR credits is allowed if you declare a Labour Studies major.	9**
Major (compulsory)	
Minimum senior (300 or 400) level credits in major (including 12 credits at the 400 level)	30

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Bachelor of Arts, Sociology Major

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The Bachelor of Arts (4-year) provides students with a broad, flexible education that allows them to develop, understand, and disseminate knowledge, to think critically, and to build on these abilities. In addition, the four-year degree fully prepares students for most graduate programs. Graduates of the Bachelor of Arts (4-year) with a Major are expected to have gained sufficient analytical and critical thinking skills to be able to engage in independent research in their chosen major. Athabasca University does not offer an Honours BA.

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Sociology Major

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The main goal of the BA, Sociology Major is to introduce students to the basic skills involved in understanding sociological theory and sociological research, and to show how these skills are used in such applied areas of study as crime and deviance, family and gender studies, environmental and health issues, agriculture and food, technology and the information society, race and ethnic relations, organizations and bureaucracies as well as Canadian society and social change.

These courses are designed to enable students to think more reflexively about their own life experiences, and to think more critically and analytically about some of the pressing social and global issues of our age. Many of these courses will also help students to prepare for careers in such professional fields as management, human resource development, marketing, education, nursing, local government, non-government organizations, social work and counselling, law enforcement, urban planning and community development, and family and community services.

Planning your program

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Program requirements

Students complete the program regulations in effect at the time of their enrolment.

Although you may change majors, a major must be selected when you enrol in the Bachelor of Arts (4-year) program.

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Degree conversion provision

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English writing skills requirement

Students must meet the following English writing skills requirement:

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  or
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  or
- receive credit for an English course in which a grade of B- or

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Double majors

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Change of major

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Minors

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- **Anthropology**
- **Canadian Studies**
- **English**
- **French**
- **Global Studies**
- **Heritage Resources Management**
- **History**
- **Humanities**
- **Inclusive Education**
- **Labour Studies**
- **Philosophy**
- **Political Economy**
- **Political Science**
- **Psychology**

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- Public Administration
- Sociology
- Women's and Gender Studies

Program structure

Total credits in the program	120
Minimum credits required	
At the senior (300 or 400) level (including 18 credits at the 400 level)	75
In the major (compulsory) * may be higher depending on the specific requirements of the major	45*
Minimum senior-level credits in major (including a minimum of 12 credits at the 400 level)	30
Arts (Humanities and social sciences)	96
- **Humanities** , a minimum of - **Social science** , minimum of	18 18

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Residency requirement. A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Minor (optional)	
Minimum credits in the minor (including a minimum of 15 credits at the 300 and 400 level)	30
Students may not apply a course to both the major and the minor.	
Maximum credits allowed	
In any one discipline	60
Applied studies	18
At the preparatory level	6
At junior level in any one discipline	15
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition credits	9

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Additional Sociology Major requirements

Requirements in addition to the general program requirements for the Bachelor of Arts (4-year) with Major:

1. A minimum of 45 credits from major courses including a minimum of 30 senior (300 or 400) level credits (including 12, 400-level credits).
2. **Required courses** (21 credits)

SOCI 287 – Introduction to Sociology I	(3)
SOCI 288 – Introduction to Sociology II – Social Movements	(3)
SOCI 301 – Social Statistics	(3)
SOCI 335 – Classical Sociological Theory and Its Relevance Today	(3)
SOCI 337 – Modern Sociological Theory in the 20th Century: the Age of Grand Theory	(3)
SOCI 381 – The Rich and the Rest: The Sociology of Wealth, Power, and Inequality	(3)
SOSC 366 – Research Methods in the Social Sciences	(3)

3. **Electives** (24 credits)

All **SOCI** courses	

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Up to 9 credits from any **WGST** or **LBST** course	

Second undergraduate degree

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Second undergraduate degree requirements

Program structure

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Minimum credits required	
At the senior level (including 18 credits at the 400 level)	48‡
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Arts (Humanities and social science)	48
› **Humanities** › **Social science**	9 9
Science	6
Residency requirement. A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Maximum credits allowed	
In any one discipline	45
Applied studies	12
At the preparatory level	0
At junior level in any one discipline	12
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (**PLAR**) credits ** A maximum of 39 PLAR credits is allowed if you	9**

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declare a Labour Studies major.	
Major (compulsory)	
Minimum senior (300 or 400) level credits in major (including 12 credits at the 400 level)	30

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Bachelor of Arts, Women's and Gender Studies Major

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Athabasca University's Women's and Gender Studies program is designed to develop or expand your knowledge of the established field of women's studies and the emerging field of gender studies. You will have the opportunity to engage with a range of feminist theories, concepts, history, methodologies, research, and activism and discover how they inform the diverse lives and experiences of women across cultures.

Planning your program

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Program requirements

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Although you may change majors, a major must be selected when you enrol in the Bachelor of Arts (4-year) program.

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Degree conversion provision

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English writing skills requirement

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  or
- receive credit for an English course in which a grade of B- or better was achieved.

Double majors

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combine two majors if they wish. Students who undertake double majors must fulfill all requirements for both majors. Depending upon the majors chosen, this may greatly restrict course selection (particularly in the second undergraduate degree program) or require the completion of more than 120 credits. Students considering enrolling in double majors should consult with an Athabasca University **advisor** for assistance in selecting their programs and courses.

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requirements of the major. No course can be used to complete requirements for both the major and the minor. The minor will be recorded on the transcript. Available BA minors are:

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- Canadian Studies
- English
- French
- Global Studies
- Heritage Resources Management
- History
- Humanities
- Inclusive Education
- Labour Studies
- Philosophy
- Political Economy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Public Administration
- Sociology
- Women’s and Gender Studies

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Program structure

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Minimum credits required	
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Minimum senior-level credits in major (including a minimum of 12 credits at the 400 level)	30
Arts (Humanities and social sciences)	96
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Science	6
Residency requirement. A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits	

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must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Minor (optional)	
Minimum credits in the minor (including a minimum of 15 credits at the 300 and 400 level)	30
Students may not apply a course to both the major and the minor.	
Maximum credits allowed	
In any one discipline	60
Applied studies	18
At the preparatory level	6
At junior level in any one discipline	15
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition credits	9

Additional Women's and Gender Studies Major requirements

Requirements in addition to the general program requirements for the Bachelor of Arts (4-year) with Major:

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1. A minimum of 45 credits in designated **WGST** major courses including 30 senior (300 or 400) level credits applicable to the major (a minimum of 12, 400-level credits). The 9, 400-level credits taken in the required core can be used to fulfill a portion of these 12, 400-level credits.
2. 30 credits in the following required core courses:

INST 358 – Aboriginal Women in Canada	(3)
WGST 200 – Feminist Research and Women's Lives	(3)
WGST 201 – An Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies	(3)
WGST 303 – Gender, Women, Health	(3)
WGST 320 – Gendered Bodies and Society	(3)
WGST 322 – Sexuality in Society	(3)
WGST/SOCI 345 – Women, Gender and Work in Canada	(3)
WGST 401 – Contemporary Feminist Theory	(3)
WGST 422 – Violence Against Women: A Global Perspective	(3)
WGST/HSRV 470 – Advocacy From the Margins	(3)

Electives

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(15 credits selected from the following)

All WGST Courses	
ANTH 384 – The Family in World Perspective	(3)
ENGL 307 – Women in Literature	(3)
ENGL 308 – Indigenous Literature in Canada	(3)
INST 420 – Indigenous Resistance	(3)
LGST 390 – Women, Equality and the Law	(3)
POEC 395 – Political Economy of Development: People, Processes, and Policies	(3)
POLI 350 – Women in Canadian Politics	(3)
PSYC 345 – The Psychology of Gender and Sexuality	(3)
PSYC 347 – The Introduction to Feminist Counselling	(3)
SOCI 378/CMNS 385 – Rebel with a Cause: Social Movements in History and Popular Culture	(3)

Recommendation

Before enrolling in this program, students should contact **Advising Services** .

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Second Undergraduate Degree Requirements

Program structure

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Minimum credits required	
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Arts (Humanities and social science)	48

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Science	6
Residency requirement. A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Maximum credits allowed	
In any one discipline	45
Applied studies	12
At the preparatory level	0
At junior level in any one discipline	12
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (**PLAR**) credits ** A maximum of 39 PLAR credits is allowed if you declare a Labour Studies major.	9**
Major (compulsory)	

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Minimum senior (300 or 400) level credits in major (including 12 credits at the 400 level)	30

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Bachelor of Arts, Minor in Anthropology

Regulations effective Sep. 1, 2024.

30 credits in courses designated as Anthropology including a minimum of 15 senior-level (300 or 400) credits:

1. 12 credits core: ANTH 275, 272 or 277, 278, and 354.
2. 3 credits in research methods: ANTH 390, ANTH 402, ANTH 476, and SOSC 366.
3. 15 credits of electives as listed in the major.

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Helpful links and resources:

Program related information

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- Program website
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Bachelor of Arts, Minor in Canadian Studies

Regulations effective Sep. 1, 2024.

30 credits in courses designated as Canadian Studies courses including a minimum of 15 senior (300 or 400) level courses:

1. A minimum of 6 credits per subarea from any four of the following five: Canadian History, Canadian Literature, Canadian Geography, Canadian Indigenous and Ethnic Studies, and Canadian Politics and Government.
2. Students must meet the language requirement by completing 3 junior (200 level) credits in French and/or one of Canada's Indigenous languages (for example, Cree or Inuktitut).

* Note for students seeking transfer credit: Within each elective area, courses that are not listed here but which are easily demonstrated to have mainly Canadian content may be counted towards the credit requirements for the elective area upon approval of the program director.

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Helpful links and resources:

Program related information

- **Faculty website**
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Bachelor of Arts, Minor in English

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30 credits in English with a minimum of 15 at the senior level:

1. 3 junior (200) level English credits in composition, for example ENGL 255.
2. 6 junior (200) level English credits in literary genres, for example ENGL 211 and ENGL 212.
3. 3 senior (300/400) level English credits in literary theory, for example ENGL 316 and ENGL 423.
4. 18 credits in English courses (except 100-level).

Note: Courses at the 100 level in English cannot be used toward the minor.

Recommendation

To the extent possible, within the required number of credits, students should attempt to achieve a balanced minor in English by selecting courses in British, Canadian, American, and Indigenous literature, within a range of genres and

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historical periods, as well as courses in topics that are global, non-canonical, or otherwise representative of marginalized or minoritized communities.

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Helpful links and resources:

Program related information

- **Program website**
- **Transfer credit services**
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Bachelor of Arts, Minor in French

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30 credits in courses designated FREN, excluding FREN 100 and FREN 101.

1. 15 of the 30 credits must be at the senior (300 and 400) level.

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Helpful links and resources:

Program related information

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Bachelor of Arts, Minor in Global Studies

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The Global Studies Minor at Athabasca University is designed to provide the tools to understand the processes of globalization with a historical and sociological angle (as opposed to history or sociology with a global angle). Its holistic perspective breaks through the confines of scholarly specialization, and raises human global self-awareness as it affects every day popular life, action, psyche, imagination and consciousness on a mass, global scale. The transdisciplinary approach is invaluable for both the beginning student as well as the professional who seek to comprehend the past and present views of the globalizing phenomena, which is critical to understand the fundamental aspects of our society and its development.

Minor (30 credits, of which at least 15 must be at the senior (300/400) level)

Required core courses

(3 credits)

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GLST 205 – Building Blocks of Global Studies: Overview of Approaches, Concepts, and Issues	(3)

Elective courses

(Select a minimum of 12 credits from this list)

ANTH 275 – Faces of Culture: An Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	(3)
CMNS 308 – Understanding Statistical Evidence	(3)
CLST 325 – Understanding Cultural Studies	(3)
ECON 248 – Macroeconomics	(3)
ENGL 341 – World Literature	(6)
GEOG 201 – Introductory Human Geography	(3)
GLST/ENVS 243 – Environmental Change in a Global Context	(3)
GLST/GEOG 200 – World Regional Geography	(3)
GLST/POEC 230 – Globalization and World Politics	(3)
GLST/INTR/POEC 395 – Political Economy of Development: People, Processes, and Policies	(3)

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PHIL 252 – Critical Thinking	(3)
SOSC 366 – Research Methods in the Social Sciences	(3)
WGST 201 – An Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies	(3)

Focus areas

(Select 15 credits in one of the following focus areas):

Global Studies at AU has the following five focus areas:

- Global Economy and Development
- Global Governance and Conflict
- Global Cultures and Societies
- Global Media and Communication
- Global Literatures and Languages

Focus area electives

1: Global Economy and Development

ECON 366 – Economic Development	(3)
ECON 401 – The Changing Global Economy	(3)
ECON 475 – International Trade	(3)

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ECON 476 – International Finance	(3)
ECON/LBST 330 – Workers and the Economy	(3)
ENVS 461 – The History and Politics of Ecology	(3)
GEOG 201 – Introductory Human Geography	(3)
GEOL 313 – Our Physical Resources	(3)
GOVN 450 – Public Budgeting and Financial Management in a Globalized World	(3)
GLST/INTR/POEC 395 – Political Economy of Development: People, Processes, and Policies	(3)
MKTG 414 – International Marketing and Exporting	(3)
POEC 302 – Theories and Approaches to Political Economy	(3)
POEC 393 – Canada and the Global Political Economy	(3)
SOCI 450 – Environmental Sociology	(3)

2: Global Governance and Conflict

CMNS 385/SOCI 378 – Rebel with a Cause: Social Movements in History and Popular Culture	(3)

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ENVS 200 – Introduction to Environmental Studies	(3)
ENVS 435 – Transformative Change in Building Sustainable Communities	(3)
GLST/GOVN/POLI 403 – Public Policy in a Global Era	(3)
GLST/GOVN/POLI 440 – Global Governance and Law	(3)
GLST/HIST 367 – The Second World War	(3)
GLST/INTR/POEC 483 – Political Economy of Globalization	(3)
GOVN/POLI 301 – Governance, the Public Sector and Corporate Power	(3)
INST 348 – Aboriginal Justice in Canada	(3)
INST 377 – Topics in Aboriginal Government	(3)
INST 420 – Indigenous Resistance	(3)
INST 426 – Aboriginal Government and Law	(3)
INST 430 – Indigenous Governance	(3)
INST 480 – Comparative Indigenous Models of Government: International Models	(3)

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LBST 332 – Women and Unions	(3)
PHIL 371 – Ethics, Science, Technology and the Environment	(3)
PHIL 375 – Philosophy of the Environment	(3)
POLI/INTR 330 – International and Global Politics	(3)
POLI 342 – Introduction to Comparative Politics	(3)
SOCI 300 – How Humans Organize: From Primary Groups to the World Wide Web	(3)
SOCI 381 – The Rich and the Rest: The Sociology of Wealth, Power, and Inequality	(3)
SOCI 435 – Theories of Social Change	(3)

3: Global Cultures and Societies

ANTH 277 – The Archaeology of Us: First Humans to First Civilizations	(3)
ANTH 320 – Ancient Cities and Civilizations	(3)
ANTH 384 – The Family in the World Perspective	(3)
ANTH 394 – Urban Anthropology	(3)

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ANTH 407 – Examining Cultures—Advanced Readings in Regional Ethnology	(3)
ANTH 434 – The History of Anthropological Thought	(3)
ANTH 491 – Ethnobiology: Traditional Biological Knowledge in Contemporary Global Context	(3)
CLAS/HIST/HUMN 309 – Ancient Greece	(3)
GLST 308 – Americas: An Introduction to Latin America and the Caribbean	(3)
GLST/HIST 209 – A History of the World in the Twentieth Century I	(3)
GLST/HIST 210 – A History of the World in the Twentieth Century II	(3)
GLST/HIST/WGST 460 – Famous Feminists and Their Times: Global History of Feminism	(3)
HIST 216 – Europe: 1618 – 1939: From the Thirty Years' War to the Age of Dictators	(3)
HIST 327 – Imperial Russia	(3)
HIST 330 – Social History of Canada: European Contact to Early Industrialization	(3)

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HIST 331 – Social History of Canada: Early Industrialization to Contemporary Canada	(3)
HIST/HUMN 201 – Western Thought and Culture I: Before the Reformation	(3)
HIST/HUMN 202 – The West from the Enlightenment to the 21st Century	(3)
HIST/INST 368 – Indigenous Peoples in Canada to 1830	(3)
HIST/INST 369 – Indigenous Peoples in Canada Since 1830	(3)
HIST/INST 370 – The Métis	(3)
INST 203 – Indigenous Studies I	(3)
INST 205 – Indigenous Studies II	(3)
INST 357 – Contemporary Aboriginal Issues in Canada	(3)
INST 358 – Aboriginal Women in Canada	(3)
PHIL 231 – Introduction to Philosophy: West and East	(3)
RELS 204 – Introduction to World Religions	(6)
SOCI 331 – Exposed! Sociology of Environment and Aging	(3)

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SOCI 337 – Modern Sociological Theory in the 20th Century: the Age of Grand Theory	(3)
SOCI 380 – Canadian Ethnic Relations	(3)
WGST 333 – Goddess Mythology, Spirituality and Eco-feminism	(3)
WGST 422 – Violence Against Women: A Global Perspective	(3)

4: Global Media and Communication

CMNS 201 – Introduction to Mass Media	(3)
CMNS 302 – Communication in History	(3)
CMNS 358 – Popular Culture and the Media	(3)
CMNS 402 – Global Communication	(3)
CMNS 423 – The Television Age	(3)
CMNS 202/POLI 291 – Media and Power in Canadian Society	(3)
HIST 404 – Historical Foundations of Modern Science	(3)
MKTG 420 – Advertising and Promotion	(3)
POLI 480 – Politics of Our Networked World in the Digital Era	(3)

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5: Global Literature and Languages

ANTH 354 – Language and Culture	(3)
ANTH 401 – Ethnography, the Writing of Culture	(3)
CMNS 425 – Film and Genre	(3)
ENGL 306 – The Literature of Work	(3)
ENGL 307 – Women in Literature	(3)
ENGL 308 – Indigenous Literature in Canada	(3)
ENGL 351 – Comparative Canadian Literature I	(3)
ENGL 433 – Post-Colonial Literatures	(6)
FREN 358 – Initiation à la littérature d'expression française I	(3)
FREN 374 – Introduction à la littérature canadienne-française	(6)

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Bachelor of Arts, Minor in Heritage Resources Management

Regulations effective Sep. 1, 2024.

The Minor in Heritage Resources Management is designed to provide the tools to understand contemporary heritage conservation as a theoretical and applied field. It offers an opportunity for students to add variety and depth to their studies and expand the scope of their BA Major fields.

Minor (30 credits distinct from the major in a related discipline)

Required core courses

(21 credits)

HERM 301 – Introduction to Heritage Resources Management	(3)

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HERM 312/HIST 316 – Heritage Research	(3)
HERM 322 – Heritage Collections	(3)
HERM 327 – Heritage Policy in Canada	(3)
HERM/PHIL 334 – Professional Ethics in Heritage Resources Management	(3)
HERM 342 – General Principles of Planning Historic Places	(3)
HERM 361 – Interpretive Programming	(3)
or	
HERM 339 – Conservation	

Elective courses

(9 credits)

A minimum of nine (9) credits is required. All nine (9) credits must be taken from one area of study as outlined below.

Area of study 1: Anthropology

Any **ANTH** courses 300 level or above

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Area of study 2: History

Any **HIST** courses 300 level or above

Area of study 3: Administration and Management

ACCT 250 – Accounting for Managers	(3)
ACCT 253 – Introductory Financial Accounting	(3)
ADMN 232 – Introduction to Management	(3)
HRMT 300 – Human Resources Planning	(3)
HRMT 441 – Strategic Human Resource Management	(3)
GOVN 380/HSRV 363 – Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Governance	(3)
LGST 331 – Administrative Law	(3)
MKTG 396 – Introduction to Marketing	(3)

Area of study 4: Visual Culture

ARHI 201 – A Survey of Western Art I: Looking at Art from Ancient Times to the Middle Ages	(3)

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ARHI 202 – A Survey of Western Art II: Looking at Art from the Renaissance to Present Day	(3)
ARHI 301 – Canadian Visual Culture	(3)
CMNS 425 – Film and Genre	(3)

Area of study 5: Culture and Society

CMNS 302 – Communications in History	(3)
CMNS 358 – Popular Culture and the Media	(3)
CMNS 401 – Cultural Policy in Canada	(3)
CMNS 423 – The Television Age	(3)
CLST 325 – Understanding Cultural Studies	(3)

Area of study 6: Second European Language

Any 200-level or above courses in **SPAN**
or

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Any 200-level or above courses in **FREN**

Area of study 7: Indigenous Studies

INST 203 – Indigenous Studies I	(3)
INST 205 – Indigenous Studies II	(3)
INST 358 – Aboriginal Women in Canada	(3)
INST 368 – Indigenous Peoples of Canada to 1830	(3)
INST 369 – Indigenous Peoples of Canada since 1830	(3)
INST 370 – The Métis	(3)

Area of study 8: Science and the Public

ENVS 200 – Introduction to Environmental Studies	(3)
ENVS/GLST 243 – Environmental Change in a Global Context	(3)
ENVS 435 – Transformative Change in Building Sustainable Communities	(3)
ENVS 461 – The History and Politics of Ecology	(3)

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GEOL 207 – Introduction to Environmental Geology	(3)
GEOG 265 – Introduction to Physical Geography I	(3)
GEOG 266 – Introduction to Physical Geography II: Lithosphere and Biosphere	(3)

Area of study 9: Architecture

ARCH 200 – History of Ideas in Architecture I	(3)
ARCH 300 – History of Ideas in Architecture II	(3)
ARCH 320 – History of Canadian Architecture	(3)
ARCH 330 – Architectural Design Theory Fundamentals	(3)
ARCH 340 – History and Theory of Modernism	(3)
ARCH 350 – Landscape	(3)
ARCH 400 – Urbanism	(3)
ARCH 420 – Contemporary Architectural Theory and Research	(3)

Transfer credit

For students seeking transfer credit, equivalent courses that are not listed here

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but which are easily demonstrated to have relevance to the required Core courses or the Elective courses, may be counted towards the credit requirement for the Minor in HRM on approval of the program director.

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Helpful links and resources:

Program related information

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Bachelor of Arts, Minor in History

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30 credits in designated History major courses including a minimum of 15 senior (300 or 400) level credits:

1. A minimum of 3 junior-level credits in North American history.
2. A minimum of 3 junior-level credits in European history.
3. A minimum of 3 junior-level credits in courses in history of areas of the world other than North America or Europe.
4. A minimum of 6 senior-level credits in each of two of the following: North American history, European history, history of areas of the world other than North America or Europe.

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Bachelor of Arts, Minor in Humanities

Regulations effective Sep. 1, 2024.

Total Number of Required Credits: 30, of which 15 must be at the senior (300 of 400) level.

Required courses

(the core, 15 credits to be selected from this list)

CMNS 358 – Popular Culture and the Media	(3)
ENGL 255 – Introductory Composition	(3)
HIST 407 – The Enlightenment	(3)
HUMN/HIST 201 – Western Thought and Culture I: Before the Reformation	(3)

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HUMN/HIST 202 – The West from the Enlightenment to the 21st Century	(3)
INFS 200 – Information Seeking and Society in the Information Age	(3)
PHIL 252 – Critical Thinking	(3)

Elective courses

(15 credits, to be selected from this list or from the above list of required courses)

ANTH 275 – Faces of Culture: An Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	(3)
ANTH 277 – The Archaeology of Ancient Peoples	(3)
ANTH 320 – Ancient Cities and Civilizations	(3)
ANTH 354 – Language and Culture	(3)
ARHI 201 – A Survey of Western Art I: Looking at Art from Ancient Times to the Middle Ages	(3)
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Renaissance to Present Day	(3)
CMNS 302 – Communication in History	(3)
CMNS 401 – Cultural Policy in Canada	(3)
CMNS 423 – The Television Age	(3)
ENGL 303 – A History of Drama Part I: Early Stages	(3)
ENGL 304 – A History of Drama Part II: Modernist Theatre	(3)
ENGL 373 – Film and Literature	(3)
ENGL 423 – Advanced Literary Theory	(3)
GLST 308 – Americas: An Introduction to Latin America and the Caribbean	(3)
HIST 216 – Europe: 1618 – 1939: From the Thirty Years' War to the Age of Dictators	(3)
HIST 371 – Early Medieval Europe, 400 – 1000	(3)
HIST 372 – High Medieval Europe, 1000 – 1350	(3)
HIST 373 – The Renaissance	(3)
HIST 404 – Historical Foundations of Modern Science	(3)

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HUMN/CLAS/HIST 309 – Ancient Greece	(3)
INST 203 – Indigenous Studies I	(3)
MUSI 267 – Sound and Sense: Listening to Music	(3)
PHIL 231 – Introduction to Philosophy: West and East	(3)
PHIL 342 – Seventeenth and Eighteenth Century Philosophy	(3)
PHIL 371 – Ethics, Science, Technology and the Environment	(3)
POLI 355 – Political Philosophy: Plato to Machiavelli	(3)
POLI 357 – Political Philosophy: Hobbes to Human Rights	(3)
RELS 204 – Introduction to World Religions	(6)
WGST 201 – An Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies	(3)
WGST 333 – Goddess Mythology, Women's Spirituality, and Ecofeminism	(3)

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Bachelor of Arts, Minor in Inclusive Education

Regulations effective September 1, 2023.

Educational Psychology Inclusive Education for Students with Diverse Needs Learning Disabilities: Issues and Interventions Assessment and Instruction for Students with Diverse Needs Behavior Modification Principles Consultation and Collaboration for Students with Special Needs Supporting Children and Youth with Emotional and Behavioral Challenges Technology for Students with Diverse Learning Needs Total Number of Required Credits: 30, of which 15 must be at the senior (300 or 400) level.

Required core courses

(24 credits)

EDPY 200 – Educational Psychology	(3)
EDPY 351 – Inclusive Education for Students with Diverse Needs	(3)

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EDPY/PSYC 389 – Learning Disabilities: Issues and Interventions	(3)
EDPY/PSYC 403 – Assessment and Instruction for Students with Diverse Needs	(3)
PSYC 365 – Behavior Modification Principles	(3)
EDPY/PSYC 470 – Consultation and Collaboration for Students with Special Needs	(3)
EDPY/PSYC 471 – Supporting Children and Youth with Emotional and Behavioral Challenges	(3)
EDPY/PSYC 476 – Technology for Students with Diverse Learning Needs	(3)

Elective courses

(6 credits, to be chosen from the following list)

EDPY/PSYC 389 – Learning Disabilities: Issues and Interventions	(3)
EDPY/PSYC 469 – Principles of Psychological Assessment	(3)

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EDPY/PSYC 478 – Autism Spectrum Disorder	(3)
EDPY 479 – Introduction to Computer Based Instruction	(3)
PSYC 323 – Developmental Psychology	(3)
PSYC 350 – Adolescent Psychology	(3)
PSYC 355 – Cognitive Psychology	(3)
PSYC 356 – Introduction to Personality Theories and Issues	(3)
PSYC 388 – Introduction to Counselling	(3)
PSYC 302 – Biological Psychology	(3)
PSYC 418 – Special Projects in Psychology	(3)
PSYC 435 – Abnormal Psychology	(3)
Note: A maximum of 18 credits in **Applied Studies** is allowed in the BA.	

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Bachelor of Arts, Minor in Labour Studies

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30 credits selected from courses listed in the major:

1. 15 of the 30 credits must be at the senior (300 and 400) level

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Bachelor of Arts, Minor in Philosophy

Regulations effective Sep. 1, 2024.

The Philosophy Minor is designed to introduce students to the great philosophical questions, such as, truth, justice, beauty and meaning, as well as help students develop critical reading and thinking skills to be better able to interpret texts, evaluate arguments, and write coherently and persuasively.

30 credits in Philosophy courses, except PHIL 152:

1. 15 credits in Philosophy at the senior (300/400) level.

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Helpful links and resources:

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Bachelor of Arts, Minor in Political Economy

Regulations effective Sep. 1, 2024.

The Political Economy Minor at Athabasca University is designed for both beginning students and professionals to understand and engage with Canadian and global political and economic issues. The course selection provides students the opportunity to develop a greater appreciation and understanding of diverse polities, economies, cultures, and regions of the world. Additionally, it offers to professionals the retooling skills and the academic credential necessary for successful employment in an era of globalization.

Minor (30 credits, of which at least 15 must be in senior courses)

Core courses

(12 credits)

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POEC/GLST/INTR 230 – Globalization and World Politics	(3)
POEC 302 – Theories and Approaches to Political Economy	(3)
POEC/GLST/INTR 395 – Political Economy of Development: People, Processes, and Policies	(3)
CMNS 308 – Understanding Statistical Evidence	(3)
or	
ECON 247 – Microeconomics	
or	
ECON 248 – Macroeconomics	
or	
MATH 215 – Introduction to Statistics	
or	
MGSC 301 – Statistics for Business and Economics I	

Focus areas

(12 credits in one of the two Political Economy focus areas):

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- Focus area 1: Global Political Economy
- Focus area 2: Canadian Political Economy

Focus area 1: Global Political Economy

ECON 366 – Economic Development	(3)
ECON 475 – International Trade	(3)
ECON 476 – International Finance	(3)
ECON/LBST 330 – Workers and the Economy	(3)
ENVS 435 – Transformative Change in Building Sustainable Communities	(3)
ENVS/GLST 243 – Environmental Change in a Global Context	(3)
FNCE 370 – Overview of Corporate Finance	(3)
GEOL 313 – Our Physical Resources	(3)
GOVN 450 – Public Budgeting and Financial Management in a Globalized World	(3)
GLST/GOVN/POLI 403 – Public Policy in a Global Era	(3)
LBST/SOCI/WGST 332 – Women and Unions	(3)

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MKTG 414 – International Marketing and Exporting	(3)
POEC/GLST/INTR 483 – Political Economy of Globalization	(3)
POLI 307 – Political Ideologies	(3)
POLI/INTR 330 – International and Global Politics	(3)
POLI 342 – Introduction to Comparative Politics	(3)
POLI 480 – Politics of Our Networked World in the Digital Era	(3)
SOCI 381 – The Rich and the Rest: The Sociology of Wealth, Power, and Inequality	(3)
SOCI 435 – Theories of Social Change	(3)

Focus area 2: Canadian Political Economy

CMNS 380 – Corporate Communication	(3)
CMNS 401 – Cultural Policy in Canada	(3)
CMNS 202/POLI 291 – Media and Power in Canadian Society	(3)
ECON 385 – Money, Banking and Canadian Financial Institutions	(3)
FNCE 322 – Personal Finance	(3)

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GEOG 311 – Canadian Urban Development	(3)
GOVN 301 – Governance, the Public Sector and Corporate Power	(3)
GOVN 450 – Public Budgeting and Financial Management in a Globalized World	(3)
HIST 326 – Contemporary Canada: Canada after 1945	(3)
HIST 330 – Social History of Canada: European Contact to Early Industrialization	(3)
HIST 331 – Social History of Canada: Early Industrialization to Contemporary Canada	(3)
HIST 336 – History of Canadian Labour	(3)
HIST/WGST 365 – Girls and Women in Urban Canada, 1880–1940	(3)
IDRL 320 – The Law of Work	(3)
IDRL 309/LGST 310 – Human Rights, the Charter and Labour Relations	(3)
POEC 393 – Canada and the Global Political Economy	(3)
POLI 309 – Canadian Government and Politics	(3)

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POLI 311 – Aboriginal Politics and Governments	(3)
POLI 325 – Canadian Environmental Policy and Politics	(3)
POLI 390 – Canadian Federalism	(3)
SOCI 291 – Canadian Society	(3)
SOCI 321 – Sociology of Work and Industry	(3)
TAXX 301 – Taxation I	(3)

Electives

(6 credits from any of the following Political Economy designated courses)

ANTH 277 – The Archaeology of Us: First Humans to First Civilizations	(3)
ANTH 320 – Ancient Cities and Civilizations	(3)
ANTH 384 – The Family in the World Perspective	(3)
ANTH 394 – Urban Anthropology	(3)
ANTH 407 – Examining Cultures—Advanced Readings in Regional Ethnology	(3)

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CMNS 201 – Introduction to Mass Media	(3)
CMNS 302 – Communication in History	(3)
CMNS 358 – Popular Culture and the Media	(3)
CMNS 402 – Global Communication	(3)
CMNS 423 – The Television Age	(3)
CMNS 385/ SOCI 378 – Rebel with a Cause: Social Movements in History and Popular Culture	(3)
ECON/HADM 321 – Health Care Economics	(3)
ECON 380 – Public Finance and Expenditure	(3)
ENVS 435 – Transformative Change in Building Sustainable Communities	(3)
GEOG 201 – Introductory Human Geography	(3)
GEOG/GLST 200 – World Regional Geography	(3)
GLST/HIST 209 – A History of the World in the Twentieth Century I	(3)

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GLST/HIST 210 – A History of the World in the Twentieth Century II	(3)
GLST/HIST 308 – Americas: An Introduction to Latin America and the Caribbean	(3)
HIST 404 – Historical Foundations of Modern Science	(3)
HIST 407 – The Enlightenment	(3)
HIST 486 – The Industrial Revolution	(3)
HIST/GLST/WGST 460 – Famous Feminists and Their Times: Global History of Feminism	(3)
HIST/INST 368 – History of Canada's First Nations to 1830	(3)
HIST/INST 369 – History of Canada's First Nations from 1830	(3)
HIST/INST 370 – The Métis	(3)
INST 203 – Indigenous Studies I	(3)
INST 205 – Indigenous Studies II	(3)
INST 357 – Contemporary Aboriginal Issues in Canada	(3)
INST 358 – Aboriginal Women in Canada	(3)

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INST 430 – Indigenous Governance	(3)
PHIL 371 – Ethics, Science, Technology, and the Environment	(3)
PHIL 375 – Philosophy of the Environment	(3)
SOCI 380 – Canadian Ethnic Relations	(3)
WGST 201 – An Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies	(3)
WGST 302 – Communication Skills – Feminist Practice	(3)

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Helpful links and resources:

Program related information

- Program website
- Transfer credit services
- Archived program regulations
- Estimated program fees

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30 credits in courses designated as Political Science:

1. 15 senior credits in courses designated Political Science.

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Helpful links and resources:

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- **Program website**
- **Transfer credit services**

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Archived program regulations

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Bachelor of Arts, Minor in Psychology

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The Psychology Minor is intended to meet the needs of students who recognize that an understanding and analysis of psychological processes is an important component of their education. The Psychology Minor is designed to provide undergraduate students with a broad overview of topics and domains in psychology, and knowledge and skills related to research methods within the field of psychology.

Program requirements for a Psychology Minor:

A minimum of 30 credits in designated Psychology courses including 15 senior-level (300 or 400 level) credits.

Required courses

(15 credits)

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An introductory statistics course selected from one of the following:	
MATH 215 – Introduction to Statistics	(3)
or	
MATH 216 – Computer-Oriented Approach to Statistics	
or	
SOCI 301 – Social Statistics	
NOTE: We strongly recommend that students consider taking MATH 216 for this requirement as most quantitative data analysis is completed using computer software and this is a valuable skill both for future study and work in various fields.	
PSYC 289 – Psychology as a Natural Science	(3)
PSYC 290 – General Psychology	(3)
PSYC 375 – History of Psychology	(3)
PSYC 304 – Research Methods in Psychology	(3)

Foundational courses

(A minimum of 9 credits selected from the following

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foundational courses)

PSYC 323 – Developmental Psychology Note: PSYC 228 and PSYC 323 are precluded courses, however, only PSYC 323 may be used for foundational course credit in the minor.	(3)
PSYC 355 – Cognitive Psychology	(3)
PSYC 356 – Introduction to Personality Theories and Issues	(3)
PSYC 379 – Social Psychology	(3)
PSYC 387 – Learning	(3)
PSYC 302 – Biological Psychology	(3)
PSYC 435 – Abnormal Psychology	(3)

Elective courses

The remaining 6 elective psychology credits may be completed by taking the following courses:

Any PSYC course, including those from the Foundational Courses listed above	
A maximum of one (1) course from the following list:	
CRJS 360 – The Psychology of Criminal Behaviour	(3)

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ORGB 327 – Leadership in Organizations	(3)
ORGB 364 – Organizational Behaviour	(3)

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Bachelor of Arts, Minor in Public Administration

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The Public Administration minor is designed for students who are seeking managerial careers at the municipal, provincial, and federal levels of government, as well as within non-profit and quasi-governmental organizations. Students can select a mix of Arts and Applied Studies courses in such areas as governance, political science, public policy, economics, public finance, budgeting, legal studies, human resources management, industrial relations, communications, health administration, and indigenous studies.

The role of public servants is becoming increasingly complex as the global economy becomes more integrated and the capacity of nation-states to act decisively is constrained by a multitude of factors. Public Administration professionals must possess strategic, analytic, and creative thinking skills. This minor prepares students to assume public sector managerial roles in the knowledge-based society; it provides them with exposure to administrative concepts, tools and practice, yet keeps them firmly grounded in the liberal arts education program.

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Public Administration Minor (optional) - 30 credits

Required courses

(24 credits)

GOVN 301 – Governance, the Public Sector and Corporate Power	(3)
GOVN 380/HSRV 363 – Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Governance	(3)
or	
GOVN/POLI 405 – Innovative Public Management	
or	
GOVN 450 – Public Budgeting and Financial Management in a Globalized World	
GOVN/LGST 377 – Issues in Access to Information and Privacy Protection	
or	
GLST/GOVN/POLI 440 – Global Governance and Law	

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or	(3)
LGST 331* – Administrative Law	
or	
INST 426* – Aboriginal Law and Government	
A Policy course, such as:	
GOVN 390/POLI 392 – Public Policy and Administrative Governance	(3)
or	
GOVN/POLI/GLST 403 – Public Policy in a Global Area	
A Statistics course, such as:	
CMNS 308 – Understanding Statistical Evidence	(3)
or	
SOCI 301 – Social Statistics	
A Professional Ethics course, such as:	
PHIL 333 – Professional Ethics**	

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or	(3)
Other PHIL professional ethics course	
Indigenous cultural competency course, such as:	
INST 203 – Indigenous Studies I	(3)
or	
INST 205 – Indigenous Studies II	
or	
POLI 311 – Aboriginal Politics and Governments	
or	
ANTH 362 – First Peoples of Canada	
Women-focused of gender studies course, such as:	
All **WGST** courses	
or	
ANTH 375 – The Anthropology of Gender	

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or	
HSRV 421 – Advocacy from the Margins	(3)
or	
POLI 350 – Women in Canadian Politics	
or	
LGST 390 – Women, Equality, and the Law *	

Electives

(6 credits)

All **GOVN** courses that are not required courses	
GLST 205 – Building Blocks of Global Studies: Overview of Approaches, Concepts, and Issues	(3)
GLST/ENVS 243 – Environmental Change in a Global Context	(3)
ENVS 305 – Environmental Impact Assessment	(3)
ENVS 435 – Transformative Change in Building Sustainable Communities	(3)

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ECON 247 – Microeconomics	(3)
or	
ECON 248 – Macroeconomics	
ADMN 232* – Introduction to Management	(3)
or	
SOCI 300 – How Humans Organize: From Primary Groups to the World Wide Web	
or	
ORGB 326* – Organizational Theory	
or	
ORGB 364* – Organizational Behavior	
SOCI 381 – The Rich and the Rest: The Sociology of Wealth, Power, and Inequality	(3)
All **IDRL*** courses	
All **HRMT*** courses	
All **LBST** courses	

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All **POEC** courses	
All **POLI** courses	

Notes:

All courses above are designated Social Science, unless otherwise indicated by asterisks.

*Applied Studies courses. Note that students are only allowed to take 18 credits of Applied Studies towards an Arts degree.

**Humanities.

Language proficiency

Students who wish to pursue employment in the federal civil service or foreign affairs are strongly encouraged to take French for their Option courses. Students interested in North American integration should take Spanish. Students interested in governance capacity building for First Nations communities should consider taking an Indigenous language course.

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Program related information

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Bachelor of Arts, Minor in Sociology

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Students who are enrolled in a major program other than Sociology, and who obtain at least 30 credits in sociology courses, with at least 18 of these credits in courses numbered 300 or above, qualify to graduate with a minor in Sociology.

Required core courses

(12 credits)

SOCI 287 – Introduction to Sociology I	(3)
SOCI 288 – Introduction to Sociology II – Social Movements	(3)
SOCI 335 – Classical Sociological Theory and Its Relevance Today	(3)
or	
SOCI 337 – Modern Sociological Theory in the 20th Century: the Age of Grand Theory	

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SOSC 366 – Research Methods in the Social Sciences	(3)

Elective courses

(18 credits)

All **SOCI** courses
Up to 6 credits from any **WGST** or **LBST** course

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Bachelor of Arts, Minor in Women's and Gender Studies

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30 credits in **WGST** courses:

1. 15 of the 30 credits must be at the senior (300 and 400) level.

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Commerce degrees

When you are ready to enrol in a program, complete and submit the **Undergraduate General Application Form** to Athabasca University.

- Bachelor of Commerce, General
- Bachelor of Commerce, Accounting Major
- Bachelor of Commerce, Business Technology Management Major
- Bachelor of Commerce, Finance Major
- Bachelor of Commerce, Human Resources Management Major
- Bachelor of Commerce, Indigenous Business Major
- Bachelor of Commerce, Marketing Major
- Bachelor of Commerce (Post Diploma) General
- Bachelor of Commerce (Post Diploma) Accounting Major
- Bachelor of Commerce (Post Diploma) Business Technology Management Major
- Bachelor of Commerce (Post Diploma) Finance Major
- Bachelor of Commerce (Post Diploma) Human Resources Management Major
- Bachelor of Commerce (Post Diploma) Indigenous Business Major

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Bachelor of Commerce (Post Diploma) Marketing Major

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Bachelor of Commerce, General

Regulations effective Sep. 1, 2024.

This program is designed for students seeking a rigorous, technically based business degree comparable in content to most Bachelor of Commerce degrees in Canada. Courses in all core business areas are required, including marketing, statistics, financial accounting, management accounting, finance, economics, information systems, strategic management, organization behaviour, and commercial law.

All students in the Bachelor of Commerce program will complete a common set of core courses in Years 1, 2, 3, and 4. The core courses are the same for the general Bachelor of Commerce degree and the six majors: Accounting, Business Technology Management, Finance, Human Resources Management, Indigenous Business, and Marketing.

The Bachelor of Commerce degree is offered by Athabasca University's **Faculty of Business** . For more information, phone 1-800-468-6531 or **email**.

Planning your program

Our online **program plans** can assist you in selecting the courses needed to fulfill your program requirements.

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Athabasca University has also developed **program learning outcomes** that describe the career options that may be available to you upon graduating.

Enrolment restriction

Students will not be accepted into the Bachelor of Commerce program if they have:

- a degree in administration, business, commerce or management;
- a degree with a major or concentration in administration, business, commerce, or management; or
- any equivalency programs from Athabasca University or another university.

Students are not permitted to obtain a second undergraduate degree in the same field or related field as their first undergraduate degree. Those students who hold an international undergraduate degree who wish to obtain a Canadian credential, or those students who wish to obtain another Bachelor's degree in a major different than their first undergraduate degree, will be permitted in consultation with the Program Director and reviewed by the Office of the Registrar.

Regulations governing all Bachelor of Commerce students

Students complete the program regulations in effect at the time of their enrolment.

Students must have a weighted average of at least 1.7 (C-) across all courses taken at Athabasca University towards a Bachelor of Commerce degree in order to graduate.

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Degree conversion provision

The degree conversion provision is available to Athabasca University students who have been awarded a three-year AU degree and wish to convert to a four-year degree. Students with a three-year AU degree may convert that degree into the four-year Bachelor of Commerce program. For more information about this regulation, please review the **Undergraduate Degree Conversion from Three- to Four-Year Program Policy.**

Transfer credit

Transfer credit will not be accepted if course(s) completed more than:

- 10 years ago in the Business and Administrative Studies area of study at the senior (300/400) level;
- 5 years ago in CMIS (all levels);
- 10 years ago in Statistics (all levels).

If you are currently working in the field and provide evidence of work being completed, this restriction may be waived. **Transfer credit** being used to satisfy options other than those in the Business and Administrative Studies area will not be restricted.

Second undergraduate degree

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Students who hold a recognized first degree in a field outside of business or management and who wish to obtain an AU undergraduate degree in a different subject area, must apply under the second undergraduate degree regulations. These students will receive up to 60 credits of block transfer award toward the first two years of the Bachelor of Commerce.

A passing grade is required in ACCT 250 or ACCT 253, CMIS 245, ADMN 233 or ENGL or COMM at the junior level or higher (3 credits), ECON 247, ECON 248, and MGSC 301 (or their equivalencies) in order to meet degree requirements. If no equivalents are found, the credits remaining to complete the degree may increase. View the **program plans** for help in planning your degree.

Applied and technology degrees are not considered to be a basis of admission for second undergraduate degree programs. Applicants presenting applied or technology degrees from recognized colleges or technical institutes will be considered for admission in the post-diploma regulations of the program.

Transfer credit awarded may be increased up to residency limits for additional course work taken outside the first credential that applies. Preparatory (100 level) credits cannot be used to fulfill the requirements of a second undergraduate degree.

Exceptions to these regulations may be permitted to allow a course-by-course assessment in consultation with the Program Director in order to maximize transfer credit so as to best advantage the student.

Residency requirement must still be maintained.

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Program structure

Total credits in the program	120
Required courses **(Years 1 and 2)**	39
Options	21
Required courses **(Years 3 and 4)**	30
Options	30
A minimum of 12 **Business and Administrative Studies** credits must be at the 400 level (including ADMN 405).	12
Residency requirement: A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in senior (300 or 400) level courses. These 30 credits must include **ADMN 405 (3 credits)** plus 12 credits from the list of required courses for Years 3 and 4.	
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition credits	21

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Bachelor of Commerce, years 1 and 2 (60 credits)

Required courses

(39 credits)

ACCT 250 – Accounting for Managers	(3)
or	
ACCT 253 – Introductory Financial Accounting*	
*Students who are planning to pursue a professional accounting designation or further courses in Finance are advised to take ACCT 253.	
ADMN 232 – Introduction to Management	(3)
or	
ADMN 201 – Introduction to Business Studies	
ADMN 233 – Writing in Organizations	(3)
COMM 243 – Interpersonal Communication	

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or	(3)
COMM 277 – Group Communication	
CMIS 245 – Microcomputer Applications in Business (Windows)	(3)
ECON 247 – Microeconomics	(3)
ECON 248 – Macroeconomics	(3)
LGST 369 – Commercial Law	(3)
MKTG 396 – Introduction to Marketing	(3)
MATH 244 – Business Mathematics	(3)
or	
MATH 260 – Calculus for Social Sciences and Economics **	
or	
MATH 265 – Introduction to Calculus I	
or	
MATH 270 – Linear Algebra I	

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**Recommended for students in the Finance major.	
MGSC 301 – Statistics for Business and Economics I	(3)
PHIL 252 – Critical Thinking	(3)
PHIL 333 – Professional Ethics	(3)
or	
PHIL 337 – Business Ethics	

Options*

(21 credits)

1. **Business and Administrative Studies** credits at the junior (200) or senior (300 or 400) level	(3)
2. **Non "Business and Administrative Studies"** credits at the junior (200) level (an English course is recommended)	(6)
*A maximum of 3 credits in any area of study at the preparatory (100) level can be taken in the above 9 credits.	

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3. **Non "Business and Administrative Studies"** credits at the senior (300 or 400) level)	(12)

Bachelor of Commerce, General, years 3 and 4 (60 credits)

Required courses

(30 credits)

ACCT 355 – Cost Analysis	(3)
ADMN 417 – International Business Management	(3)
or	
ECON 401 – The Changing Global Economy	
CMIS 351 – Management Information Systems	(3)
FNCE/ ECON 300 – Financial Economics	(3)
or	

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FNCE 370 – Overview of Corporate Finance*	
*** Must take FNCE 370 if pursuing further ACCT or FNCE courses.**	
HRMT 386 – Introduction to Human Resources Management	(3)
MGSC 312 – Statistics for Business and Economics II	(3)
MGSC 368 – Introduction to Production and Operations Management	(3)
or	
MGSC 369 – Service Operations Management	
ORGB 364 – Organizational Behaviour	(3)
ADMN 404 – Capstone I: Strategic Management	(3)
ADMN 405 – Capstone II: Application and Integration of Contemporary Business Topics*	(3)
*ADMN 405 must be taken with AU. Transfer credit will not be awarded. It should be taken as the last course in the program.	

Options

(30 credits)

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Senior (300 /400) level **Business and Administrative Studies** credits	(24)
Senior (300/400) level **Non "Business and Administrative Studies"** credits	(6)

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Bachelor of Commerce, General

Regulations effective Sep. 1, 2024.

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All students in the Bachelor of Commerce program will complete a common set of core courses in Years 1, 2, 3, and 4. The core courses are the same for the general Bachelor of Commerce degree and the six majors: Accounting, Business Technology Management, Finance, Human Resources Management, Indigenous Business, and Marketing.

The Bachelor of Commerce degree is offered by Athabasca University's **Faculty of Business** . For more information, phone 1-800-468-6531 or **email**.

Planning your program

Our online **program plans** can assist you in selecting the courses needed to fulfill your program requirements.

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Athabasca University has also developed **program learning outcomes** that describe the career options that may be available to you upon graduating.

Enrolment restriction

Students will not be accepted into the Bachelor of Commerce program if they have:

- a degree in administration, business, commerce or management;
- a degree with a major or concentration in administration, business, commerce, or management; or
- any equivalency programs from Athabasca University or another university.

Students are not permitted to obtain a second undergraduate degree in the same field or related field as their first undergraduate degree. Those students who hold an international undergraduate degree who wish to obtain a Canadian credential, or those students who wish to obtain another Bachelor's degree in a major different than their first undergraduate degree, will be permitted in consultation with the Program Director and reviewed by the Office of the Registrar.

Regulations governing all Bachelor of Commerce students

Students complete the program regulations in effect at the time of their enrolment.

Students must have a weighted average of at least 1.7 (C-) across all courses taken at Athabasca University towards a Bachelor of Commerce degree in order to graduate.

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Degree conversion provision

The degree conversion provision is available to Athabasca University students who have been awarded a three-year AU degree and wish to convert to a four-year degree. Students with a three-year AU degree may convert that degree into the four-year Bachelor of Commerce program. For more information about this regulation, please review the **Undergraduate Degree Conversion from Three- to Four-Year Program Policy.**

Transfer credit

Transfer credit will not be accepted if course(s) completed more than:

- 10 years ago in the Business and Administrative Studies area of study at the senior (300/400) level;
- 5 years ago in CMIS (all levels);
- 10 years ago in Statistics (all levels).

If you are currently working in the field and provide evidence of work being completed, this restriction may be waived. **Transfer credit** being used to satisfy options other than those in the Business and Administrative Studies area will not be restricted.

Second undergraduate degree

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Students who hold a recognized first degree in a field outside of business or management and who wish to obtain an AU undergraduate degree in a different subject area, must apply under the second undergraduate degree regulations. These students will receive up to 60 credits of block transfer award toward the first two years of the Bachelor of Commerce.

A passing grade is required in ACCT 250 or ACCT 253, CMIS 245, ADMN 233 or ENGL or COMM at the junior level or higher (3 credits), ECON 247, ECON 248, and MGSC 301 (or their equivalencies) in order to meet degree requirements. If no equivalents are found, the credits remaining to complete the degree may increase. View the **program plans** for help in planning your degree.

Applied and technology degrees are not considered to be a basis of admission for second undergraduate degree programs. Applicants presenting applied or technology degrees from recognized colleges or technical institutes will be considered for admission in the post-diploma regulations of the program.

Transfer credit awarded may be increased up to residency limits for additional course work taken outside the first credential that applies. Preparatory (100 level) credits cannot be used to fulfill the requirements of a second undergraduate degree.

Exceptions to these regulations may be permitted to allow a course-by-course assessment in consultation with the Program Director in order to maximize transfer credit so as to best advantage the student.

Residency requirement must still be maintained.

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Program structure

Total credits in the program	120
Required courses **(Years 1 and 2)**	39
Options	21
Required courses **(Years 3 and 4)**	30
Options	30
A minimum of 12 **Business and Administrative Studies** credits must be at the 400 level (including ADMN 405).	12
Residency requirement: A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in senior (300 or 400) level courses. These 30 credits must include **ADMN 405 (3 credits)** plus 12 credits from the list of required courses for Years 3 and 4.	
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition credits	21

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Bachelor of Commerce, years 1 and 2 (60 credits)

Required courses

(39 credits)

ACCT 250 – Accounting for Managers	(3)
or	
ACCT 253 – Introductory Financial Accounting*	
*Students who are planning to pursue a professional accounting designation or further courses in Finance are advised to take ACCT 253.	
ADMN 232 – Introduction to Management	(3)
or	
ADMN 201 – Introduction to Business Studies	
ADMN 233 – Writing in Organizations	(3)
COMM 243 – Interpersonal Communication	

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or	(3)
COMM 277 – Group Communication	
CMIS 245 – Microcomputer Applications in Business (Windows)	(3)
ECON 247 – Microeconomics	(3)
ECON 248 – Macroeconomics	(3)
LGST 369 – Commercial Law	(3)
MKTG 396 – Introduction to Marketing	(3)
MATH 244 – Business Mathematics	(3)
or	
MATH 260 – Calculus for Social Sciences and Economics **	
or	
MATH 265 – Introduction to Calculus I	
or	
MATH 270 – Linear Algebra I	

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**Recommended for students in the Finance major.	
MGSC 301 – Statistics for Business and Economics I	(3)
PHIL 252 – Critical Thinking	(3)
PHIL 333 – Professional Ethics	(3)
or	
PHIL 337 – Business Ethics	

Options*

(21 credits)

1. **Business and Administrative Studies** credits at the junior (200) or senior (300 or 400) level	(3)
2. **Non "Business and Administrative Studies"** credits at the junior (200) level (an English course is recommended)	(6)
*A maximum of 3 credits in any area of study at the preparatory (100) level can be taken in the above 9 credits.	

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3. **Non "Business and Administrative Studies"** credits at the senior (300 or 400) level)	(12)

Bachelor of Commerce, General, years 3 and 4 (60 credits)

Required courses

(30 credits)

ACCT 355 – Cost Analysis	(3)
ADMN 417 – International Business Management	(3)
or	
ECON 401 – The Changing Global Economy	
CMIS 351 – Management Information Systems	(3)
FNCE/ ECON 300 – Financial Economics	(3)
or	

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FNCE 370 – Overview of Corporate Finance*	
*** Must take FNCE 370 if pursuing further ACCT or FNCE courses.**	
HRMT 386 – Introduction to Human Resources Management	(3)
MGSC 312 – Statistics for Business and Economics II	(3)
MGSC 368 – Introduction to Production and Operations Management	(3)
or	
MGSC 369 – Service Operations Management	
ORGB 364 – Organizational Behaviour	(3)
ADMN 404 – Capstone I: Strategic Management	(3)
ADMN 405 – Capstone II: Application and Integration of Contemporary Business Topics*	(3)
*ADMN 405 must be taken with AU. Transfer credit will not be awarded. It should be taken as the last course in the program.	

Options

(30 credits)

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Senior (300 /400) level **Business and Administrative Studies** credits	(24)
Senior (300/400) level **Non "Business and Administrative Studies"** credits	(6)

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Bachelor of Commerce, Accounting Major

Regulations effective Sep. 1, 2024.

This program is designed for students seeking a rigorous, technically based business degree comparable in content to most Bachelor of Commerce degrees in Canada. Courses in all core business areas are required, including marketing, statistics, financial accounting, management accounting, finance, economics, information systems, strategic management, organization behaviour, and commercial law.

All students in the Bachelor of Commerce program will complete a common set of core courses in Years 1, 2, 3, and 4. The core courses are the same for the general Bachelor of Commerce degree and the six majors: Accounting, Business Technology Management, Finance, Human Resources Management, Indigenous Business, and Marketing.

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Accounting Major

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The Bachelor of Commerce, Accounting Major offers flexibility and generous transfer arrangements to meet professional accounting association requirements. Students focus on financial and management accounting, along with taxation, auditing, and accounting information systems.

For details about earning your CPA designation, visit the **Chartered Professional Accountant** page of the Faculty of Business website.

Planning your program

Our online **program plans** can assist you in selecting the courses needed to fulfill your program requirements.

Athabasca University has also developed **program learning outcomes** that describe the career options that may be available to you upon graduating.

Enrolment restriction

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- a degree in administration, business, commerce or management;
- a degree with a major or concentration in administration, business, commerce, or management; or
- any equivalency programs from Athabasca University or another university.

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Regulations governing all Bachelor of Commerce students

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Students must have a weighted average of at least 1.7 (C-) across all courses taken at Athabasca University towards a Bachelor of Commerce degree in order to graduate.

Degree conversion provision

The degree conversion provision is available to Athabasca University students who have been awarded a three-year AU degree and wish to convert to a four-year degree. Students with a three-year AU degree may convert that degree into the four-year Bachelor of Commerce program. For more information about this regulation, please review the **Undergraduate Degree Conversion from Three- to Four-Year Program Policy.**

Transfer credit

Transfer credit will not be accepted if course(s) completed more than:

- 10 years ago in the Business and Administrative Studies area of study at the senior (300/400) level;

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- 5 years ago in CMIS (all levels);
- 10 years ago in Statistics (all levels).

If you are currently working in the field and provide evidence of work being completed, this restriction may be waived. **Transfer credit** being used to satisfy options other than those in the Business and Administrative Studies area will not be restricted.

Second undergraduate degree

Students who hold a recognized first degree in a field outside of business or management and who wish to obtain an AU undergraduate degree in a different subject area, must apply under the second undergraduate degree regulations. These students will receive up to 60 credits of block transfer award toward the first two years of the Bachelor of Commerce.

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Transfer credit awarded may be increased up to residency limits

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for additional course work taken outside the first credential that applies. Preparatory (100 level) credits cannot be used to fulfill the requirements of a second undergraduate degree.

Exceptions to these regulations may be permitted to allow a course-by-course assessment in consultation with the Program Director in order to maximize transfer credit so as to best advantage the student.

Residency requirement must still be maintained.

Program structure

Total credits in the program	120
Required courses (Years 1 and 2)	39
Options	21
Required courses (Years 3 and 4)	30
Accounting Major core courses	15
Accounting Major electives	9
Other options	6

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Residency requirement: A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in senior (300 or 400) level courses. These 30 credits must include **ADMN 405 (3 credits)** plus 12 credits from the list of required courses for Years 3 and 4.	
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Maximum **Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition** credits	21

Bachelor of Commerce, years 1 and 2 (60 credits)

Required courses

(39 credits)

ACCT 250 – Accounting for Managers	
or	

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ACCT 253 – Introductory Financial Accounting*	(3)
*Students who are planning to pursue a professional accounting designation or further courses in Finance are advised to take ACCT 253.	
ADMN 232 – Introduction to Management	(3)
or	
ADMN 201 – Introduction to Business Studies	
ADMN 233 – Writing in Organizations	(3)
COMM 243 – Interpersonal Communication	(3)
or	
COMM 277 – Group Communication	
CMIS 245 – Microcomputer Applications in Business (Windows)	(3)
ECON 247 – Microeconomics	(3)
ECON 248 – Macroeconomics	(3)
LGST 369 – Commercial Law	(3)

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MKTG 396 – Introduction to Marketing	(3)
MATH 244 – Business Mathematics	(3)
or	
MATH 260 – Calculus for Social Sciences and Economics **	
or	
MATH 265 – Introduction to Calculus I	
or	
MATH 270 – Linear Algebra I	
**Recommended for students in the Finance major.	
MGSC 301 – Statistics for Business and Economics I	(3)
PHIL 252 – Critical Thinking	(3)
PHIL 333 – Professional Ethics	(3)
or	
PHIL 337 – Business Ethics	

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Options*

(21 credits)

1. **Business and Administrative Studies** credits at the junior (200) or senior (300 or 400) level	(3)
2. **Non "Business and Administrative Studies"** credits at the junior (200) level (an English course is recommended)	(6)
*A maximum of 3 credits in any area of study at the preparatory (100) level can be taken in the above 9 credits.	
3. **Non "Business and Administrative Studies"** credits at the senior (300 or 400) level)	(12)

Accounting Major, years 3 and 4 (60 credits)

Required courses

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(30 credits)

ACCT 355 Cost Analysis	(3)
ADMN 417 – International Business Management	(3)
or	
ECON 401 – The Changing Global Economy	
CMIS 351 – Management Information Systems	(3)
FNCE/ECON 300 – Financial Economics	(3)
or	
FNCE 370 – Overview of Corporate Finance*	
*** Must take FNCE 370 if pursuing CPA designation.**	
HRMT 386 – Introduction to Human Resource Management	(3)
MGSC 312 – Statistics for Business and Economics II	(3)
MGSC 368 – Introduction to Production and Operations Management	(3)
or	

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MGSC 369 – Service Operations Management	
ORGB 364 – Organizational Behaviour	(3)
ADMN 404 – Capstone I: Strategic Management	(3)
ADMN 405 – Capstone II: Application and Integration of Contemporary Business Topics*	(3)
*ADMN 405 must be taken with AU. Transfer credit will not be awarded. It should be taken as the last course in the program.	

Accounting Major core courses

(15 credits)

ACCT 351 – Intermediate Financial Accounting I	(3)
ACCT 352 – Intermediate Financial Accounting II	(3)
ACCT 460 – Principles of Auditing	(3)
TAXX 301 – Taxation I	(3)

And **one** of the following courses:

FNCE 371 – Applications in Corporate Financing	

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or	(3)
FNCE 401 – Investments	
or	
FNCE 403 – Derivatives and Risk Management	

Accounting Major electives

(9 credits selected from the following)

Any other senior (300 or 400) level Accounting **(ACCT)**, Taxation **(TAXX)**, Finance **(FNCE)** course, or **CMIS 455**.	(9)

Other options

(6 credits)

Senior (300 or 400) level **Non "Business and Administrative Studies"** credits	(3)
Senior (300 or 400) level **"Business and Administrative Studies"** credits	(3)

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Bachelor of Commerce, Business Technology Management Major

Regulations effective Sep. 1, 2024.

This program is designed for students seeking a rigorous, technically based business degree comparable in content to most Bachelor of Commerce degrees in Canada. Courses in all core business areas are required, including marketing, statistics, financial accounting, management accounting, finance, economics, information systems, strategic management, organization behaviour, and commercial law.

All students in the Bachelor of Commerce program will complete a common set of core courses in Years 1, 2, 3, and 4. The core courses are the same for the general Bachelor of Commerce degree and the six majors: Accounting, Business Technology Management, Finance, Human Resources Management, Indigenous Business, and Marketing.

The Bachelor of Commerce degree is offered by Athabasca University's **Faculty of Business**. For more information, phone 1-800-468-6531 or **email**.

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Business Technology Management Major

The Business Technology Management Major is intended for students with a career focus in the areas of business technology management and management information systems, and is delivered using online systems.

Planning your program

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Athabasca University has also developed **program learning outcomes** that describe the career options that may be available to you upon graduating.

Enrolment restriction

Students will not be accepted into the Bachelor of Commerce program if they have:

- a degree in administration, business, commerce or management;
- a degree with a major or concentration in administration, business, commerce, or management; or
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Regulations governing all Bachelor of Commerce students

Students complete the program regulations in effect at the time of their enrolment.

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Degree conversion provision

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Transfer credit

Transfer credit will not be accepted if course(s) completed more than:

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- 10 years ago in the Business and Administrative Studies area of study at the senior (300/400) level;
- 5 years ago in CMIS (all levels);
- 10 years ago in Statistics (all levels).

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Second undergraduate degree

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Exceptions to these regulations may be permitted to allow a course-by-course assessment in consultation with the Program Director in order to maximize transfer credit so as to best advantage the student.

Residency requirement must still be maintained.

Program structure

Total credits in the program	120
Required courses (Years 1 and 2)	39
Options	21
Required courses (Years 3 and 4)	30
Business Technology Management major core (Years 3 and 4)	21
Business Technology Management electives	6

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Options	3
A minimum of 12 **Business and Administrative Studies** credits must be at the 400 level (including ADMN 405).	12
Residency requirement: A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in senior (300 or 400) level courses. These 30 credits must include **ADMN 405** plus 12 credits from the list of required courses for Years 3 and 4.	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Maximum **Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition** credits	21

Bachelor of Commerce, years 1 and 2 (60 credits)

Required courses

(39 credits)

ACCT 250 – Accounting for Managers	

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or	
ACCT 253 – Introductory Financial Accounting*	(3)
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ADMN 232 – Introduction to Management	(3)
or	
ADMN 201 – Introduction to Business Studies	
ADMN 233 – Writing in Organizations	(3)
COMM 243 – Interpersonal Communication	(3)
or	
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CMIS 245 – Microcomputer Applications in Business (Windows)	(3)
ECON 247 – Microeconomics	(3)
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MKTG 396 – Introduction to Marketing	(3)
MATH 244 – Business Mathematics	(3)
or	
MATH 260 – Calculus for Social Sciences and Economics **	
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MATH 265 – Introduction to Calculus I	
or	
MATH 270 – Linear Algebra I	
**Recommended for students in the Finance major.	
MGSC 301 – Statistics for Business and Economics I	(3)
PHIL 252 – Critical Thinking	(3)
PHIL 333 – Professional Ethics	(3)
or	

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PHIL 337 – Business Ethics	

Options*

(21 credits)

1. Business and Administrative Studies credits at the junior (200) or senior (300 or 400) level	(3)
2. Non "Business and Administrative Studies" credits at the junior (200) level (an English course is recommended)	(6)
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3. Non "Business and Administrative Studies" credits at the senior (300 or 400) level)	(12)

Business Technology Management Major,

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years 3 and 4 (60 credits)

Required courses

(30 credits)

ACCT 355 – Cost Analysis	(3)
ADMN 417 – International Business Management	(3)
or	
ECON 401 – The Changing Global Economy	
CMIS 351 – Management Information Systems	(3)
FNCE/ECON 300 – Financial Economics	(3)
or	
FNCE 370 – Overview of Corporate Finance*	
*** Must take FNCE 370 if pursuing further ACCT or FNCE courses.**	
HRMT 386 – Introduction to Human Resource Management	(3)
MGSC 312 – Statistics for Business and Economics II	(3)

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MGSC 368 – Introduction to Production and Operations Management	(3)
or	
MGSC 369 – Service Operations Management	
ORGB 364 – Organizational Behaviour	(3)
ADMN 404 – Capstone I: Strategic Management	(3)
ADMN 405 – Capstone II: Application and Integration of Contemporary Business Topics*	(3)
*ADMN 405 must be taken with AU. Transfer credit will not be awarded. It should be taken as the last course in the program.	

Business Technology Management Major core courses

(21 credits)

ADMN 415 – Strategy and Technology Innovation	(3)
BTMA 444 – Business Intelligence and Analytics	(3)
BTMA 445 – Business Process Management	(3)

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CMIS 431 – Information Technology Leadership	(3)
BTMA 320 – Overview of e-Commerce	(3)
MGSC 419 – Information Technology Project Management	(3)
COMP 361 – Systems Analysis and Design	(3)

Business Technology Management Major electives

(select 6 credits from the following)

CMIS 214 – Custom Applications with Visual Basic	(3)
COMP 266 – Introduction to Web Programming	(3)
or	
COMP 268 – Introduction to Computer Programming (Java)	
MGSC 405 – Quantitative Approaches to Decision Making	(3)
MGSC 418 – Supply Chain Management	(3)
MKTG 410 – e-Marketing	(3)
Any senior (300/400) level **BTMA** course	

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Any senior (300/400) level **CMIS** course	
Any senior (300/400) level **COMP** course	
Any senior (300/400) level **ECOM** course	

Options

(3 credits)

Senior (300/400) level **Non "Business and Administrative Studies"** credits	(3)

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Bachelor of Commerce, Finance Major

Regulations effective Sep. 1, 2024.

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All students in the Bachelor of Commerce program will complete a common set of core courses in Years 1, 2, 3, and 4. The core courses are the same for the general Bachelor of Commerce degree and the six majors: Accounting, Business Technology Management, Finance, Human Resources Management, Indigenous Business, and Marketing.

The Bachelor of Commerce degree is offered by Athabasca University's **Faculty of Business** . For more information, phone 1-800-468-6531 or **email**.

Finance Major

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Finance is a contemporary major, integrating finance and economics courses to provide graduates with a broad exposure to this growing services sector. The field of financial services involves the study of financial markets, financial instruments and investment decision making, and analyzes alternative methods to obtain, manage, and use capital by institutions and individuals.

Planning your program

Our online **program plans** can assist you in selecting the courses needed to fulfill your program requirements.

Athabasca University has also developed **program learning outcomes** that describe the career options that may be available to you upon graduating.

Enrolment restriction

Students will not be accepted into the Bachelor of Commerce program if they have:

- a degree in administration, business, commerce or management;
- a degree with a major or concentration in administration, business, commerce, or management; or
- any equivalency programs from Athabasca University or another university.

Students are not permitted to obtain a second undergraduate degree in the same field or related field as their first undergraduate degree. Those students who hold an international undergraduate degree who wish to obtain a Canadian credential, or those students who wish to obtain another Bachelor's degree in a major different than their first undergraduate degree, will be permitted in consultation with the Program Director and reviewed by the Office of the Registrar.

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Regulations governing all Bachelor of Commerce students

Students complete the program regulations in effect at the time of their enrolment.

Students must have a weighted average of at least 1.7 (C-) across all courses taken at Athabasca University towards a Bachelor of Commerce degree in order to graduate.

Degree conversion provision

The degree conversion provision is available to Athabasca University students who have been awarded a three-year AU degree and wish to convert to a four-year degree. Students with a three-year AU degree may convert that degree into the four-year Bachelor of Commerce program. For more information about this regulation, please review the **Undergraduate Degree Conversion from Three- to Four-Year Program Policy.**

Transfer credit

Transfer credit will not be accepted if course(s) completed more than:

- 10 years ago in the Business and Administrative Studies area of study at the senior (300/400) level;

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- 5 years ago in CMIS (all levels);
- 10 years ago in Statistics (all levels).

If you are currently working in the field and provide evidence of work being completed, this restriction may be waived. **Transfer credit** being used to satisfy options other than those in the Business and Administrative Studies area will not be restricted.

Second undergraduate degree

Students who hold a recognized first degree in a field outside of business or management and who wish to obtain an AU undergraduate degree in a different subject area, must apply under the second undergraduate degree regulations. These students will receive up to 60 credits of block transfer award toward the first two years of the Bachelor of Commerce.

A passing grade is required in ACCT 250 or ACCT 253, CMIS 245, ADMN 233 or ENGL or COMM at the junior level or higher (3 credits), ECON 247, ECON 248, and MGSC 301 (or their equivalencies) in order to meet degree requirements. If no equivalents are found, the credits remaining to complete the degree may increase. View the **program plans** for help in planning your degree.

Applied and technology degrees are not considered to be a basis of admission for second undergraduate degree programs. Applicants presenting applied or technology degrees from recognized colleges or technical institutes will be considered for admission in the post-diploma regulations of the program.

Transfer credit awarded may be increased up to residency limits

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for additional course work taken outside the first credential that applies. Preparatory (100 level) credits cannot be used to fulfill the requirements of a second undergraduate degree.

Exceptions to these regulations may be permitted to allow a course-by-course assessment in consultation with the Program Director in order to maximize transfer credit so as to best advantage the student.

Residency requirement must still be maintained.

Program structure

Total credits in the program	120
Required courses (Years 1 and 2)	39
Options	21
Required courses (Years 3 and 4)	30
Finance major core courses	9
Finance major electives	12
Options	9

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A minimum of 12 **Business and Administrative Studies** credits must be at the 400 level (including ADMN 405).	12
Residency requirement: A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in senior (300 or 400) level courses. These 30 credits must include **ADMN 405 (3 credits)** plus 12 credits from the list of required courses for Years 3 and 4.	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Maximum **Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition** credits	21

Bachelor of Commerce, years 1 and 2 (60 credits)

Required courses

(39 credits)

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or	

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ADMN 232 – Introduction to Management	(3)
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ADMN 233 – Writing in Organizations	(3)
COMM 243 – Interpersonal Communication	(3)
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MATH 244 – Business Mathematics	(3)
or	
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or	
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or	
MATH 270 – Linear Algebra I	
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PHIL 252 – Critical Thinking	(3)
PHIL 333 – Professional Ethics	(3)
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Options*

(21 credits)

1. **Business and Administrative Studies** credits at the junior (200) or senior (300 or 400) level	(3)
2. **Non "Business and Administrative Studies"** credits at the junior (200) level (an English course is recommended)	(6)
*A maximum of 3 credits in any area of study at the preparatory (100) level can be taken in the above 9 credits.	
3. **Non "Business and Administrative Studies"** credits at the senior (300 or 400) level)	(12)

Finance Major, years 3 and 4 (60 credits)

Required Courses

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(30 credits)

ACCT 355 – Cost Analysis	(3)
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or	
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CMIS 351 – Management Information Systems	(3)
FNCE /ECON 300 – Financial Economics	(3)
or	
FNCE 370 – Overview of Corporate Finance	
HRMT 386 – Introduction to Human Resources Management	(3)
MGSC 312 – Statistics for Business and Economics II	(3)
MGSC 368 – Introduction to Production and Operations Management	(3)
or	
MGSC 369 – Service Operations Management	

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ADMN 405 – Capstone II: Application and Integration of Contemporary Business Topics*	(3)
*ADMN 405 must be taken with AU. Transfer credit will not be awarded. It should be taken as the last course in the program.	

Finance Major Core Courses

(9 credits)

ECON 385 – Money, Banking, and Canadian Financial Institutions	(3)
FNCE 401 – Investments	(3)
FNCE 470 – Portfolio Management	(3)

Finance Major Electives

(Select 12 credits from the following)

Any combination of Economics **(ECON)** or Finance **(FNCE)** courses (with a maximum of 3 credits at the junior (200) level, not obtained as a core course.	(12)

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** See recommendations below.	

Options

(9 credits)

Senior (300/400) level **Business and Administrative Studies** credits ** See recommendations below.	(3)
Senior (300/400) level **Non "Business and Administrative Studies"** credits	(6)

** Recommendations:

For students who want to pursue Certified Financial Planner (CFP) certification, the following courses are advised to be taken: **FNCE 249**, **FNCE 322**, **FNCE 323**, FNCE 350 (in development), **TAXX 301**.

For students who want to pursue a career in corporate finance, the following courses are advised to be taken: **ECON 358**, **ECON 476**, **FNCE 371**, **ACCT 356**, **MGSC 405**.

For students who want to pursue Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation, the following courses are advised to be taken: **ECON 358**, **ECON 476**, **FNCE 403**, **FNCE 405**, **MGSC 405**.

For students who want to pursue Financial Risk Manager (FRM) designation, the following courses are advised to be taken: **FNCE 403**, **FNCE 405**, FNCE 418 (in development), **MGSC 405**.

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Bachelor of Commerce, Human Resources Management Major

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Human Resources Management Major

The Human Resources Management Major will give you the broad-based business knowledge you need to become not only a successful HR professional, but a respected management professional who knows how to contribute to departmental and organizational goals.

Planning your program

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Enrolment restriction

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Degree conversion provision

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Second undergraduate degree

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for additional course work taken outside the first credential that applies. Preparatory (100 level) credits cannot be used to fulfill the requirements of a second undergraduate degree.

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Residency requirement must still be maintained.

Program structure

Total credits in the program	120
Required courses (Years 1 and 2)	39
Options	21
Required courses (Years 3 and 4)	30
Human Resources Management major required courses	21
Options	9
A minimum of 12 **Business and Administrative Studies** credits	12

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must be at the 400 level (including ADMN 405).	
Residency requirement: A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in senior (300 or 400) level courses. These 30 credits must include **ADMN 405 (3 credits)** plus 12 credits from the list of required courses for Years 3 and 4.	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Maximum **Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition** credits	21

Bachelor of Commerce, years 1 and 2 (60 credits)

Required courses

(39 credits)

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ACCT 253 – Introductory Financial Accounting*	

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ADMN 201 – Introduction to Business Studies	
ADMN 233 – Writing in Organizations	(3)
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CMIS 245 – Microcomputer Applications in Business (Windows)	(3)
ECON 247 – Microeconomics	(3)
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LGST 369 – Commercial Law	(3)
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MATH 270 – Linear Algebra I	
**Recommended for students in the Finance major.	
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PHIL 252 – Critical Thinking	(3)
PHIL 333 – Professional Ethics	(3)
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Options*

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(21 credits)

1. **Business and Administrative Studies** credits at the junior (200) or senior (300 or 400) level	(3)
2. **Non "Business and Administrative Studies"** credits at the junior (200) level (an English course is recommended)	(6)
*A maximum of 3 credits in any area of study at the preparatory (100) level can be taken in the above 9 credits.	
3. **Non "Business and Administrative Studies"** credits at the senior (300 or 400) level)	(12)

Human Resources Management, years 3 and 4 (60 credits)

Required courses

(30 credits)

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ACCT 355 – Cost Analysis	(3)
ADMN 417 – International Business Management*	(3)
or	
ECON 401 – The Changing Global Economy*	
*** Both of these courses should be taken if pursuing the CPHR designation. An alternative course should be planned in the Options area. Please consult with an advisor if you require assistance.**	
CMIS 351 – Management Information Systems	(3)
FNCE/ECON 300 – Financial Economics	(3)
or	
FNCE 370 – Overview of Corporate Finance	
HRMT 386 – Introduction to Human Resource Management	(3)
MGSC 312 – Statistics for Business and Economics II	(3)
MGSC 368 – Introduction to Production and Operations Management	(3)
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MGSC 369 – Service Operations Management	
ORGB 364 – Organizational Behavior	(3)
ADMN 404 – Capstone I: Strategic Management	(3)
ADMN 405 – Capstone II: Application and Integration of Contemporary Business Topics*	(3)
* ADMN 405 must be taken with AU. Transfer credit will not be awarded. It should be taken as the last course in the program.	

Human Resources Management Major required courses

(21 credits)

BTMA 320 – Overview of e-Commerce	(3)
HRMT 301 – Recruitment and Selection	(3)
HRMT 441 – Strategic Human Resource Management	(3)
IDRL 215 – Introduction to Labour Relations	(3)
IDRL 308 – Occupational Health and Safety	(3)
ORGB 319 – Motivation and Productivity	(3)

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SOCI 321 – Sociology of Work and Industry	(3)

Options

(9 credits)

Senior (300 or 400) level **Business and Administrative Studies** credits. Students are recommended to take **IDRL**, **HRMT**, and **ORGB** courses.	(3)
Senior (300 or 400) level **Non "Business and Administrative Studies"** credits.	(6)

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Bachelor of Commerce, Indigenous Business Major

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All students in the Bachelor of Commerce program will complete a common set of core courses in Years 1, 2, 3, and 4. The core courses are the same for the general Bachelor of Commerce degree and the six majors: Accounting, Business Technology Management, Finance, Human Resources Management, Indigenous Business, and Marketing.

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Indigenous Business Major

The Bachelor of Commerce, Indigenous Business Major is designed in response to a need for Indigenous business-related education.

This new and unique business program, offered only at Athabasca University, will enable you to focus on principles of Indigenous business and governance. This major blends cultural relevance into the core management curriculum.

The program also acknowledges and develops the role of traditional knowledge in academic institutions. It will prepare you to meet the needs of the kind of community that you may service when you graduate.

If you have career interests in Indigenous (Aboriginal) business, this program will provide you with the opportunity to concentrate your studies in areas such as leadership, management, community development, and negotiation.

Planning your program

Our online **program plans** can assist you in selecting the courses needed to fulfill your program requirements.

Athabasca University has also developed **program learning outcomes** that describe the career options that may be available to you upon graduating.

Enrolment restriction

Students will not be accepted into the Bachelor of Commerce program if they have:

- a degree in administration, business, commerce or management;
- a degree with a major or concentration in administration, business, commerce, or management; or

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- any equivalency programs from Athabasca University or another university.

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Regulations governing all Bachelor of Commerce students

Students complete the program regulations in effect at the time of their enrolment.

Students must have a weighted average of at least 1.7 (C-) across all courses taken at Athabasca University towards a Bachelor of Commerce degree in order to graduate.

Degree conversion provision

The degree conversion provision is available to Athabasca University students who have been awarded a three-year AU degree and wish to convert to a four-year degree. Students with a three-year AU degree may convert that degree into the four-year Bachelor of Commerce program. For more information about this regulation, please review the **Undergraduate Degree Conversion from Three- to Four-Year Program Policy.**

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Transfer credit

Transfer credit will not be accepted if course(s) completed more than:

- 10 years ago in the Business and Administrative Studies area of study at the senior (300/400) level;
- 5 years ago in CMIS (all levels);
- 10 years ago in Statistics (all levels).

If you are currently working in the field and provide evidence of work being completed, this restriction may be waived. **Transfer credit** being used to satisfy options other than those in the Business and Administrative Studies area will not be restricted.

Second undergraduate degree

Students who hold a recognized first degree in a field outside of business or management and who wish to obtain an AU undergraduate degree in a different subject area, must apply under the second undergraduate degree regulations. These students will receive up to 60 credits of block transfer award toward the first two years of the Bachelor of Commerce.

A passing grade is required in ACCT 250 or ACCT 253, CMIS 245, ADMN 233 or ENGL or COMM at the junior level or higher (3 credits), ECON 247, ECON 248, and MGSC 301 (or their equivalencies) in order to meet degree requirements. If no

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equivalents are found, the credits remaining to complete the degree may increase. View the **program plans** for help in planning your degree.

Applied and technology degrees are not considered to be a basis of admission for second undergraduate degree programs. Applicants presenting applied or technology degrees from recognized colleges or technical institutes will be considered for admission in the post-diploma regulations of the program.

Transfer credit awarded may be increased up to residency limits for additional course work taken outside the first credential that applies. Preparatory (100 level) credits cannot be used to fulfill the requirements of a second undergraduate degree.

Exceptions to these regulations may be permitted to allow a course-by-course assessment in consultation with the Program Director in order to maximize transfer credit so as to best advantage the student.

Residency requirement must still be maintained.

Program structure

Total credits in the program	120
Required courses (Years 1 and 2)	39
Options	21

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Required courses (Years 3 and 4)	30
Indigenous Business major core courses	24
Options	6
A minimum of 12 **Business and Administrative Studies** credits must be at the 400 level (including ADMN 405).	12
Residency requirement: A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in senior (300 or 400) level courses. These 30 credits must include **ADMN 405 (3 credits)** plus 12 credits from the list of required courses for Years 3 and 4.	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Maximum **Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition** credits	21

Bachelor of Commerce, years 1 and 2 (60 credits)

Required courses

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(39 credits)

ACCT 250 – Accounting for Managers	(3)
or	
ACCT 253 – Introductory Financial Accounting*	
*Students who are planning to pursue a professional accounting designation or further courses in Finance are advised to take ACCT 253.	
ADMN 232 – Introduction to Management	(3)
or	
ADMN 201 – Introduction to Business Studies	
ADMN 233 – Writing in Organizations	(3)
COMM 243 – Interpersonal Communication	(3)
or	
COMM 277 – Group Communication	
CMIS 245 – Microcomputer Applications in Business (Windows)	(3)

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ECON 247 – Microeconomics	(3)
ECON 248 – Macroeconomics	(3)
LGST 369 – Commercial Law	(3)
MKTG 396 – Introduction to Marketing	(3)
MATH 244 – Business Mathematics	(3)
or	
MATH 260 – Calculus for Social Sciences and Economics **	
or	
MATH 265 – Introduction to Calculus I	
or	
MATH 270 – Linear Algebra I	
**Recommended for students in the Finance major.	
MGSC 301 – Statistics for Business and Economics I	(3)
PHIL 252 – Critical Thinking	(3)

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PHIL 333 – Professional Ethics	(3)
or	
PHIL 337 – Business Ethics	

Options*

(21 credits)

1. **Business and Administrative Studies** credits at the junior (200) or senior (300 or 400) level	(3)
2. **Non "Business and Administrative Studies"** credits at the junior (200) level (an English course is recommended)	(6)
*A maximum of 3 credits in any area of study at the preparatory (100) level can be taken in the above 9 credits.	
3. **Non "Business and Administrative Studies"** credits at the senior (300 or 400) level)	(12)

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Indigenous Business Major, years 3 and 4 (60 credits)

Required courses

(30 credits)

ACCT 355 – Cost Analysis	(3)
ADMN 417 – International Business Management	(3)
or	
ECON 401 – The Changing Global Economy	
CMIS 351 – Management Information Systems	(3)
FNCE/ECON 300 – Financial Economics	(3)
or	
FNCE 370 – Overview of Corporate Finance	
MGSC 312 – Statistics for Business and Economics II	(3)
MGSC 368 – Introduction to Production and Operations Management	(3)

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or	
MGSC 369 – Service Operations Management	
ORGB 364 – Organizational Behaviour	(3)
HRMT 386 – Introduction to Human Resource Management	(3)
ADMN 404 – Capstone I: Strategic Management	(3)
ADMN 405 – Capstone II: Application and Integration of Contemporary Business Topics*	(3)
* ADMN 405 must be taken with AU. Transfer credit will not be awarded. It should be taken as the last course in the program.	

Indigenous Business Major core courses

(24 credits)†

INBU 201 – Introduction to Indigenous Business	(3)
INBU 250 – Financial & Management Accounting for Indigenous Institutions and Organizations	(3)
INBU 330 – Public Administration & Law in Indigenous Business	(3)
INBU 350 – Indigenous Marketing and Data Collection and Analysis	(3)

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INBU 386 – Introduction to Indigenous Human Relations	(3)
INBU 461 – Indigenous Community Planning & Economic Development I	(3)
INBU 462 – Indigenous Community Planning & Economic Development II	(3)
INBU 490 – Applied Research in Indigenous Business	(3)

Options

(6 credits)

Junior/Senior (200/300/400) level **Non "Business and Administrative Studies"** credits.	(3)
Senior (300/400) level **Non "Business and Administrative Studies"** credits.	(3)
† If you have completed a course that refers to Indigenous peoples' perspectives with learning outcomes similar to the learning outcomes of an Athabasca University course, you are encouraged to apply for a transfer credit.	

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Bachelor of Commerce, Marketing Major

Regulations effective Sep. 1, 2024.

This program is designed for students seeking a rigorous, technically based business degree comparable in content to most Bachelor of Commerce degrees in Canada. Courses in all core business areas are required, including marketing, statistics, financial accounting, management accounting, finance, economics, information systems, strategic management, organization behaviour, and commercial law.

All students in the Bachelor of Commerce program will complete a common set of core courses in Years 1, 2, 3, and 4. The core courses are the same for the general Bachelor of Commerce degree and the six majors: Accounting, Business Technology Management, Finance, Human Resources Management, Indigenous Business, and Marketing.

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Marketing Major

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The role of a marketing coordinator or manager can vary dramatically from organization to organization. Marketing in a large, product-driven company will differ greatly from marketing in a small knowledge-based start-up or not-for-profit organization. A well-rounded management education is critical to adapting to and succeeding in a wide variety of settings.

Your AU Bachelor of Commerce degree will prepare you to tackle the marketing challenges of any organization, as well as to take on associated management responsibilities in finance, operations and human resources for your unit or department.

Planning your program

Our online **program plans** can assist you in selecting the courses needed to fulfill your program requirements.

Athabasca University has also developed **program learning outcomes** that describe the career options that may be available to you upon graduating.

Enrolment restriction

Students will not be accepted into the Bachelor of Commerce program if they have:

- a degree in administration, business, commerce or management;
- a degree with a major or concentration in administration, business, commerce, or management; or
- any equivalency programs from Athabasca University or another university.

Students are not permitted to obtain a second undergraduate degree in the same field or related field as their first undergraduate degree. Those students who hold an international undergraduate degree who wish to obtain a Canadian credential, or those students who wish to obtain another Bachelor's

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degree in a major different than their first undergraduate degree, will be permitted in consultation with the Program Director and reviewed by the Office of the Registrar.

Regulations governing all Bachelor of Commerce students

Students complete the program regulations in effect at the time of their enrolment.

Students must have a weighted average of at least 1.7 (C-) across all courses taken at Athabasca University towards a Bachelor of Commerce degree in order to graduate.

Degree conversion provision

The degree conversion provision is available to Athabasca University students who have been awarded a three-year AU degree and wish to convert to a four-year degree. Students with a three-year AU degree may convert that degree into the four-year Bachelor of Commerce program. For more information about this regulation, please review the **Undergraduate Degree Conversion from Three- to Four-Year Program Policy.**

Transfer credit

Transfer credit will not be accepted if course(s) completed more

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than:

- 10 years ago in the Business and Administrative Studies area of study at the senior (300/400) level;
- 5 years ago in CMIS (all levels);
- 10 years ago in Statistics (all levels).

If you are currently working in the field and provide evidence of work being completed, this restriction may be waived. **Transfer credit** being used to satisfy options other than those in the Business and Administrative Studies area will not be restricted.

Second undergraduate degree

Students who hold a recognized first degree in a field outside of business or management and who wish to obtain an AU undergraduate degree in a different subject area, must apply under the second undergraduate degree regulations. These students will receive up to 60 credits of block transfer award toward the first two years of the Bachelor of Commerce.

A passing grade is required in ACCT 250 or ACCT 253, CMIS 245, ADMN 233 or ENGL or COMM at the junior level or higher (3 credits), ECON 247, ECON 248, and MGSC 301 (or their equivalencies) in order to meet degree requirements. If no equivalents are found, the credits remaining to complete the degree may increase. View the **program plans** for help in planning your degree.

Applied and technology degrees are not considered to be a basis of admission for second undergraduate degree programs.

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Applicants presenting applied or technology degrees from recognized colleges or technical institutes will be considered for admission in the post-diploma regulations of the program.

Transfer credit awarded may be increased up to residency limits for additional course work taken outside the first credential that applies. Preparatory (100 level) credits cannot be used to fulfill the requirements of a second undergraduate degree.

Exceptions to these regulations may be permitted to allow a course-by-course assessment in consultation with the Program Director in order to maximize transfer credit so as to best advantage the student.

Residency requirement must still be maintained.

Program structure

Total credits in the program	120
Required courses (Years 1 and 2)	39
Options	21
Required courses (Years 3 and 4)	30
Marketing major required courses	15

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Options	15
A minimum of 12 **Business and Administrative Studies** credits must be at the 400 level (including ADMN 405).	12
Residency requirement: A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in senior (300 or 400) level courses. These 30 credits must include **ADMN 405 (3 credits)** plus 12 credits from the list of required courses for Years 3 and 4.	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Maximum **Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition** credits	21

Bachelor of Commerce, years 1 and 2 (60 credits)

Required courses

(39 credits)

ACCT 250 – Accounting for Managers	

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or	
ACCT 253 – Introductory Financial Accounting*	(3)
*Students who are planning to pursue a professional accounting designation or further courses in Finance are advised to take ACCT 253.	
ADMN 232 – Introduction to Management	(3)
or	
ADMN 201 – Introduction to Business Studies	
ADMN 233 – Writing in Organizations	(3)
COMM 243 – Interpersonal Communication	(3)
or	
COMM 277 – Group Communication	
CMIS 245 – Microcomputer Applications in Business (Windows)	(3)
ECON 247 – Microeconomics	(3)
ECON 248 – Macroeconomics	(3)

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LGST 369 – Commercial Law	(3)
MKTG 396 – Introduction to Marketing	(3)
MATH 244 – Business Mathematics	(3)
or	
MATH 260 – Calculus for Social Sciences and Economics **	
or	
MATH 265 – Introduction to Calculus I	
or	
MATH 270 – Linear Algebra I	
**Recommended for students in the Finance major.	
MGSC 301 – Statistics for Business and Economics I	(3)
PHIL 252 – Critical Thinking	(3)
PHIL 333 – Professional Ethics	(3)
or	

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PHIL 337 – Business Ethics	

Options*

(21 credits)

1. **Business and Administrative Studies** credits at the junior (200) or senior (300 or 400) level	(3)
2. **Non "Business and Administrative Studies"** credits at the junior (200) level (an English course is recommended)	(6)
*A maximum of 3 credits in any area of study at the preparatory (100) level can be taken in the above 9 credits.	
3. **Non "Business and Administrative Studies"** credits at the senior (300 or 400) level)	(12)

Marketing Major, years 3 and 4 (60 credits)

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Required courses

(30 credits)

ACCT 355 – Cost Analysis	(3)
ADMN 417 – International Business Management	(3)
or	
ECON 401 – The Changing Global Economy	
CMIS 351 – Management Information Systems	(3)
FNCE/ECON 300 – Financial Economics	(3)
or	
FNCE 370 – Overview of Corporate Finance	
MGSC 312 – Statistics for Business and Economics II	(3)
MGSC 368 – Introduction to Production and Operations Management	(3)
or	
MGSC 369 – Service Operations Management	

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ORGB 364 – Organizational Behaviour	(3)
HRMT 386 – Introduction to Human Resource Management	(3)
ADMN 404 – Capstone I: Strategic Management	(3)
ADMN 405 – Capstone II: Application and Integration of Contemporary Business Topics* * ADMN 405 must be taken with AU. Transfer credit will not be awarded. It should be taken as the last course in the program.	(3)

Marketing Major required courses

(15 credits)

MKTG 406 – Consumer Behaviour	(3)
MKTG 440 – Marketing Strategy	(3)
MKTG 466 – Marketing Research	(3)
Two other senior **MKTG** courses	(6)

Options

(15 credits)

Senior (300 or 400) level **Business and Administrative Studies**	

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credits	(9)
Senior (300 or 400) level **Non "Business and Administrative Studies"** credits.	(6)

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Bachelor of Commerce (Post Diploma) General

Regulations effective Sep. 1, 2024.

This program is designed for students seeking a rigorous, technically based business degree comparable in content to most Bachelor of Commerce degrees in Canada. Courses in all core business areas are required, including marketing, statistics, financial accounting, management accounting, finance, economics, information systems, strategic management, organization behaviour, and commercial law.

All students in the Bachelor of Commerce program will complete a common set of core courses in Years 1, 2, 3, and 4. The core courses are the same for the general Bachelor of Commerce degree and the six majors: Accounting, Business Technology Management, Finance, Human Resources Management, Indigenous Business, and Marketing.

The Bachelor of Commerce degree is offered by Athabasca University's **Faculty of Business** . For more information, phone 1-800-468-6531 or **email**.

There are two routes to the Bachelor of Commerce (Post Diploma):

Business-Field Diploma-Holder Route

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Students presenting approved two-year college diplomas in business (or a closely related field) from an accredited college or technical institute will receive 60 credits of block transfer award toward the first two years of the Bachelor of Commerce (Post Diploma) General degree, except students from Ontario colleges, who will receive 45 credits. These students must complete additional credits in **non-Business and Administrative Studies** courses to reach the 60-credit requirement. Students with approved three-year diplomas in business (or a closely related field) will receive a block transfer award of up to 75 credits towards this degree program. All diplomas presented must be approved for credit by Athabasca University.

Non Business-Field Diploma-Holder Route

Students presenting two- or three-year professional diplomas in non-business fields from an accredited college or technical institute, will receive a block transfer award of 30 credits. All diplomas presented must be approved for credit by Athabasca University. Students must also complete the required courses (30 credits) and the required and options courses in the Business-Field Diploma-Holder Route.

The Bachelor of Commerce (Post Diploma) degree is offered by Athabasca University's **Faculty of Business** . For more information, phone 1-800-468-6531 or **email**.

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Athabasca University has also developed **program learning outcomes** that describe the career options that may be available to you upon graduating.

Enrolment restriction

Students will not be accepted into the Bachelor of Commerce program if they have:

- a degree in administration, business, commerce or management;
- a degree with a major or concentration in administration, business, commerce, or management; or
- any equivalency programs from Athabasca University or another university.

Students are not permitted to obtain a second undergraduate degree in the same field or related field as their first undergraduate degree. Those students who hold an international undergraduate degree who wish to obtain a Canadian credential, or those students who wish to obtain another Bachelor's degree in a major different than their first undergraduate degree, will be permitted in consultation with the Program Director and reviewed by the Office of the Registrar.

Regulations governing all Bachelor of Commerce students

Students complete the program regulations in effect at the time of their enrolment.

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Students must have a weighted average of at least 1.7 (C-) across all courses taken at Athabasca University towards a Bachelor of Commerce degree in order to graduate.

Transfer credit

Transfer credit will not be accepted if course(s) completed more than:

- 10 years ago in the Business and Administrative Studies area of study at the senior (300/400) level;
- 5 years ago in CMIS (all levels);
- 10 years ago in Statistics (all levels).

If you are currently working in the field and provide evidence of work being completed, this restriction may be waived. **Transfer credit** being used to satisfy options other than those in the Business and Administrative Studies area will not be restricted.

Program structure

Total credits in the program	120

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Block transfer credit for two-year business diploma (excluding Ontario)	60
Block transfer credit for Ontario two-year business diploma	45
Required credits (Years 3 and 4) for two-year diploma	30
A minimum of 12 **Business and Administrative Studies** credits must be at the 400 level (including ADMN 405).	12
Residency requirement: A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in senior (300 or 400) level courses, including ADMN 405.	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction: At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Maximum **Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)** credits	9

Block transfer credit for Ontario three-year business diploma	75
Required credits (Years 3 and 4) for three-year diploma	30

Options

Senior (300/400) level **Business and Administrative Studies** credits	24

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Three-year diploma	9
Senior (300/400) level **Non "Business and Administrative Studies"** credits	6
Three-year diploma	6

Years 1 and 2

AU-approved college diploma

Years 3 and 4

60 credits for two-year diploma

45 credits for three-year diploma

Business-Field Diploma-Holder Route

Required courses

(30 credits for 2-year diploma and 3-year diploma)

ACCT 355 – Cost Analysis	(3)
ADMN 417 – International Business Management	

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or	(3)
ECON 401 – The Changing Global Economy	
CMIS 351 – Management Information Systems	(3)
FNCE/ECON 300 – Financial Economics	(3)
or	
FNCE 370 – Overview of Corporate Finance*	
*Must take FNCE 370 if pursuing further ACCT or FNCE courses.	
HRMT 386 – Introduction to Human Resources Management	(3)
MGSC 312 – Statistics for Business and Economics II	(3)
MGSC 368 – Introduction to Production and Operations Management	(3)
or	
MGSC 369 – Service Operations Management	
ORGB 364 – Organizational Behavior	(3)
ADMN 404 – Capstone I: Strategic Management	(3)

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ADMN 405 – Capstone II: Application and Integration of Contemporary Business Topics**	(3)
**ADMN 405 must be taken with AU. Transfer credit will not be awarded. It should be taken as the last course in the program.	

Options

30 credits for two-year diploma

15 credits for three-year diploma

Senior (300/400) level **Business and Administrative Studies** credits Three-year diploma	24 9
Senior (300/400) level **Non "Business and Administrative Studies"** credits* Three-year diploma	6 6
*PHIL 333 **Professional Ethics** and PHIL 337 **Business Ethics** is strongly recommended if not already taken within diploma.	

Non Business-Field Diploma-Holder

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Route

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Required courses

(30 credits)

ACCT 250 – Accounting for Managers	(3)
or	
ACCT 253 – Introductory Financial Accounting *	
*Students who are planning to pursue a professional accounting designation or further courses in Finance are advised to take ACCT 253.	
ADMN 232 – Introduction to Management	(3)
or	
ADMN 201 – Introduction to Business Studies	

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ADMN 233 – Writing in Organizations	(3)
CMIS 245 – Microcomputer Applications in Business (Windows)	(3)
COMM 243 – Interpersonal Communication	(3)
or	
COMM 277 – Group Communication	
ECON 247 – Microeconomics	(3)
ECON 248 – Macroeconomics	(3)
LGST 369 – Commercial Law	(3)
MGSC 301 – Statistics for Business and Economics I	(3)
MATH 244 – Business Mathematics	(3)
or	
MATH 260 – Calculus for Social Sciences and Economics **	
or	
MATH 265 – Introduction to Calculus	

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or
MATH 270 – Linear Algebra I
**Recommended for students in the Finance major.

NOTE: And the required and options courses in the Business-Field Diploma-Holder Route list.

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Bachelor of Commerce (Post Diploma) Accounting Major

Regulations effective Sep. 1, 2024.

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All students in the Bachelor of Commerce program will complete a common set of core courses in Years 1, 2, 3, and 4. The core courses are the same for the general Bachelor of Commerce degree and the six majors: Accounting, Business Technology Management, Finance, Human Resources Management, Indigenous Business, and Marketing.

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Accounting Major

The Bachelor of Commerce Accounting Major offers flexibility and generous transfer arrangements to meet professional accounting association requirements. Students focus on financial and management accounting, along with taxation, auditing, and accounting information systems.

For details about earning your CPA designation, visit the **Chartered Professional Accountant** page of the Faculty of Business website.

There are two routes to the Bachelor of Commerce (Post Diploma):

Business-Field Diploma-Holder Route

Students presenting approved two-year college diplomas in business (or a closely related field) from an accredited college or technical institute will receive 60 credits of block transfer award toward the first two years of the Bachelor of Commerce (Post Diploma) General degree, except students from Ontario colleges, who will receive 45 credits. These students must complete additional credits in **non-Business and Administrative Studies** courses to reach the 60-credit requirement. Students with approved three-year diplomas in business (or a closely related field) will receive a block transfer award of up to 75 credits towards this degree program. All diplomas presented must be approved for credit by Athabasca University.

Non Business-Field Diploma-Holder Route

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Planning your program

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Regulations governing all Bachelor of Commerce students

Students complete the program regulations in effect at the time of their enrolment.

Students must have a weighted average of at least 1.7 (C-) across all courses taken at Athabasca University towards a Bachelor of Commerce degree in order to graduate.

Transfer credit

Transfer credit will not be accepted if course(s) completed more than:

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- 10 years ago in Statistics (all levels).

If you are currently working in the field and provide evidence of work being completed, this restriction may be waived. **Transfer credit** being used to satisfy options other than those in the Business and Administrative Studies area will not be restricted.

Program structure

Total credits in the program	120
Block transfer credit for two-year business diploma (excluding Ontario)	60
Block transfer credit for Ontario two-year business diploma	45
Required credits (Years 3 and 4) for two-year diploma	30
A minimum of 12 **Business and Administrative Studies** credits must be at the 400 level (including ADMN 405).	12
Residency requirement: A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in senior (300 or 400) level courses, including ADMN 405.	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction: At least 24 credits	

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must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Maximum **Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)** credits	9

Block transfer credit for three-year business diploma	up to 66
Accounting Major Core Course credits	15

Years 1 and 2

AU-approved college diploma

Years 3 and 4

60 credits

Business-Field Diploma-Holder Route

Required courses

(30 credits for 2-year diploma and 3-year diploma)

ACCT 355 – Cost Analysis	(3)
ADMN 417 – International Business Management	

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or	(3)
ECON 401 – The Changing Global Economy	
CMIS 351 – Management Information Systems	(3)
FNCE/ECON 300 – Financial Economics	(3)
or	
FNCE 370 – Overview of Corporate Finance*	
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HRMT 386 – Introduction to Human Resources Management	(3)
MGSC 312 – Statistics for Business and Economics II	(3)
MGSC 368 – Introduction to Production and Operations Management	(3)
or	
MGSC 369 – Service Operations Management	
ORGB 364 – Organizational Behavior	(3)
ADMN 404 – Capstone I: Strategic Management	(3)

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ADMN 405 – Capstone II: Application and Integration of Contemporary Business Topics**	(3)
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Accounting Major Core courses

(15 credits)

ACCT 351 – Intermediate Financial Accounting I	(3)
ACCT 352 – Intermediate Financial Accounting II	(3)
ACCT 460 – Principles of Auditing	(3)
TAXX 301 – Taxation I	(3)

And **one** of the following:

FNCE 371 – Applications in Corporate Finance	(3)
or	
FNCE 401 – Investments	
or	

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FNCE 403 – Derivatives and Risk Management	

Accounting Major electives

(9 credits selected from the following)

Any other senior (300/400) level Accounting **(ACCT)** , Taxation **(TAXX)** , or Finance **(FNCE)** courses, or **CMIS 455** .	(9)

Other options

(6 credits)

Senior (300/400) level **Non "Business and Administrative Studies"** credits* *PHIL 333 **Professional Ethics** or PHIL 337 **Business Ethics** is strongly recommended if not already taken within diploma.	(3)
or	
Senior (300/400) level **"Business and Administrative Studies"** credits	(3)

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(30 credits)

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or	
ACCT 253 – Introductory Financial Accounting *	
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ADMN 232 – Introduction to Management	(3)
or	
ADMN 201 – Introduction to Business Studies	

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CMIS 245 – Microcomputer Applications in Business (Windows)	(3)
COMM 243 – Interpersonal Communication	(3)
or	
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or
MATH 270 – Linear Algebra I
**Recommended for students in the Finance major.

NOTE: And the required and options courses in the Business-Field Diploma-Holder Route list.

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Bachelor of Commerce (Post Diploma) Business Technology Management Major

Regulations effective Sep. 1, 2024.

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Business Technology Management Major

The Business Technology Management Major is intended for students with a career focus in the areas of business technology management and management information systems. This program will use online enhancements to emulate the business technology management environment.

For more information about this program, contact **Athabasca University's Faculty of Business** at 800.468.6531, or **email**.

There are two routes to the Bachelor of Commerce (Post Diploma):

Business-Field Diploma-Holder Route

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commerce, or management; or

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Regulations governing all Bachelor of Commerce students

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- 5 years ago in CMIS (all levels);
- 10 years ago in Statistics (all levels).

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Program structure

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Block transfer credit for Ontario two-year business diploma	45
Required credits (Years 3 and 4) for two-year diploma	30
A minimum of 12 **Business and Administrative Studies** credits must be at the 400 level (including ADMN 405).	12
Residency requirement: A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in senior (300 or 400) level courses, including ADMN 405.	30

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Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction: At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Maximum **Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)** credits	9

Block transfer credit for Ontario three-year business diploma	up to 66
Business Technology Management Major Core Course credits	21

Years 1 and 2

AU-approved college diploma

Years 3 and 4

60 credits

Business-Field Diploma-Holder Route

Required courses

(30 credits for 2-year diploma and 3-year diploma)

ACCT 355 – Cost Analysis	(3)

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CMIS 351 – Management Information Systems	(3)
FNCE/ECON 300 – Financial Economics	(3)
or	
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HRMT 386 – Introduction to Human Resources Management	(3)
MGSC 312 – Statistics for Business and Economics II	(3)
MGSC 368 – Introduction to Production and Operations Management	(3)
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ADMN 404 – Capstone I: Strategic Management	(3)
ADMN 405 – Capstone II: Application and Integration of Contemporary Business Topics**	(3)
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Business Technology Management Major core courses

(21 credits)

ADMN 415 – Strategy and Technology Innovation	(3)
BTMA 444 – Business Intelligence and Analytics	(3)
BTMA 445 – Business Process Management	(3)
CMIS 431 – Information Technology Leadership	(3)
BTMA 320 – Overview of e-Commerce	(3)
MGSC 419 – Information Technology Project Management	(3)
COMP 361 – Systems Analysis and Design	(3)

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Business Technology Management Major electives

(6 credits selected from the following)

CMIS 214 – Custom Applications with Visual Basic	(3)
COMP 266 – Introduction to Web Programming	(3)
or	
COMP 268 – Introduction to Computer Programming (Java)	
MGSC 405 – Quantitative Approaches in Decision Making	(3)
MGSC 418 – Supply Chain Management	(3)
MKTG 410 – e-Marketing	(3)
Any senior (300/400) level **BTMA** course	
Any senior (300/400) level **CMIS** course	
Any senior (300/400) level **COMP** course	
Any senior (300/400) level **ECOM** course	

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(3 credits)

Senior (300/400) level **Non "Business and Administrative Studies"** credits* *PHIL 333 **Professional Ethics** or PHIL 337 **Business Ethics** is strongly recommended if not already taken within diploma.	(3)

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ACCT 250 – Accounting for Managers	
or	
	(3)

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ACCT 253 – Introductory Financial Accounting *	
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ADMN 232 – Introduction to Management	(3)
or	
ADMN 201 – Introduction to Business Studies	
ADMN 233 – Writing in Organizations	(3)
CMIS 245 – Microcomputer Applications in Business (Windows)	(3)
COMM 243 – Interpersonal Communication	(3)
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or	
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Bachelor of Commerce (Post Diploma) Finance Major

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Finance Major

Finance is a contemporary major, integrating finance and economics courses to provide graduates with a broad exposure to this growing services sector. The field of financial services involves the study of financial markets, financial instruments and investment decision making, and analyzes alternative methods to obtain, manage, and use capital by institutions and individuals.

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There are two routes to the Bachelor of Commerce (Post Diploma):

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Residency requirement: A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in senior (300 or 400) level courses, including ADMN 405.	30
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Maximum **Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)** credits	9

Block transfer credit for Ontario three-year business diploma	up to 66
Required Finance Major credits	19
Finance Major electives	12

Years 1 and 2

AU-approved college diploma

Years 3 and 4

60 credits

Business-Field Diploma-Holder Route

Required courses

(30 credits for 2-year diploma and 3-year diploma)

ACCT 355 – Cost Analysis	(3)
ADMN 417 – International Business Management	

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or	(3)
ECON 401 – The Changing Global Economy	
CMIS 351 – Management Information Systems	(3)
FNCE/ECON 300 – Financial Economics	(3)
or	
FNCE 370 – Overview of Corporate Finance*	
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HRMT 386 – Introduction to Human Resources Management	(3)
MGSC 312 – Statistics for Business and Economics II	(3)
MGSC 368 – Introduction to Production and Operations Management	(3)
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ADMN 405 – Capstone II: Application and Integration of Contemporary Business Topics**	(3)
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Finance Major core courses

(19 credits)

ECON 385 – Money, Banking, and Canadian Financial Institutions	(3)
FNCE 401 – Investments	(3)
FNCE 470 – Portfolio Management	(3)

Finance Major electives

(12 credits selected from the following)

Any combination of Economics **(ECON)** or Finance **(FNCE)** courses (with a maximum of 3 credits at the junior (200) level) not obtained as a core course. ** See recommendations below.	(12)

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Other options

(9 credits)

Senior (300/400) level **Business and Administrative Studies** credits ** See recommendations below.	(3)
Senior (300/400) level **Non "Business and Administrative Studies"** credits* *PHIL 333 **Professional Ethics** or PHIL 337 **Business Ethics** is strongly recommended if not already taken within diploma.	(6)

** Recommendations:

For students who want to pursue Certified Financial Planner (CFP) certification, the following courses are advised to be taken: **FNCE 249**, **FNCE 322**, **FNCE 323**, FNCE 350 (in development), **TAXX 301**, **LGST 369** (if not already taken).

For students who want to pursue a career in corporate finance, the following courses are advised to be taken: **ECON 358**, **ECON 476**, **FNCE 371**, **ACCT 356**, **MGSC 405**.

For students who want to pursue Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation, the following courses are advised to be taken: **ECON 358**, **ECON 476**, **FNCE 403**, **FNCE 405**, **MGSC 405**.

For students who want to pursue Financial Risk Manager (FRM) designation, the following courses are advised to be taken: **FNCE 403**, **FNCE 405**,

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FNCE 418 (in development), **MGSC 405** .

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Required courses

(30 credits)

ACCT 250 – Accounting for Managers	(3)
or	
ACCT 253 – Introductory Financial Accounting *	
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or	
ADMN 201 – Introduction to Business Studies	
ADMN 233 – Writing in Organizations	(3)
CMIS 245 – Microcomputer Applications in Business (Windows)	(3)
COMM 243 – Interpersonal Communication	(3)
or	
COMM 277 – Group Communication	
ECON 247 – Microeconomics	(3)
ECON 248 – Macroeconomics	(3)
LGST 369 – Commercial Law	(3)
MGSC 301 – Statistics for Business and Economics I	(3)
MATH 244 – Business Mathematics	
or	

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MATH 260 – Calculus for Social Sciences and Economics **	(3)
or	
MATH 265 – Introduction to Calculus	
or	
MATH 270 – Linear Algebra I	
**Recommended for students in the Finance major.	

NOTE: And the required and options courses in the Business-Field Diploma-Holder Route list.

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Bachelor of Commerce (Post Diploma) Human Resources Management Major

Regulations effective Sep. 1, 2024.

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All students in the Bachelor of Commerce program will complete a common set of core courses in Years 1, 2, 3, and 4. The core courses are the same for the general Bachelor of Commerce degree and the six majors: Accounting, Business Technology Management, Finance, Human Resources Management, Indigenous Business, and Marketing.

The Bachelor of Commerce degree is offered by Athabasca University's **Faculty of Business** . For more information, phone 1-800-468-6531 or **email**.

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Human Resources Management Major

The human resources (HR) function has evolved from a mainly administrative role to a far more strategic one that contributes to an organization's business planning and long-term strategy. A management career in human resources demands integrity, confidentiality, and excellent interpersonal skills, but also requires knowledge of accounting, finance, and strategic management.

Your Bachelor of Commerce degree will give you the broad-based business knowledge you need to become not only a successful HR professional, but a respected management professional who knows how to contribute to departmental and organizational goals.

For more information about this program, contact **Athabasca University's Faculty of Business** at 800.468.6531, or **email**.

There are two routes to the Bachelor of Commerce (Post Diploma):

Business-Field Diploma-Holder Route

Students presenting approved two-year college diplomas in business (or a closely related field) from an accredited college or technical institute will receive 60 credits of block transfer award toward the first two years of the Bachelor of Commerce (Post Diploma) General degree, except students from Ontario colleges, who will receive 45 credits. These students must complete additional credits in **non-Business and Administrative Studies** courses to reach the 60-credit requirement. Students with approved three-year diplomas in business (or a closely related

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field) will receive a block transfer award of up to 75 credits towards this degree program. All diplomas presented must be approved for credit by Athabasca University.

Non Business-Field Diploma-Holder Route

Students presenting two- or three-year professional diplomas in non-business fields from an accredited college or technical institute, will receive a block transfer award of 30 credits. All diplomas presented must be approved for credit by Athabasca University. Students must also complete the required courses (30 credits) and the required and options courses in the Business-Field Diploma-Holder Route.

The Bachelor of Commerce (Post Diploma) degree is offered by Athabasca University's **Faculty of Business**. For more information, phone 1-800-468-6531 or **email**.

Planning your program

Our online **program plans** can assist you in selecting the courses needed to fulfill your program requirements.

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Enrolment restriction

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have:

- a degree in administration, business, commerce or management;
- a degree with a major or concentration in administration, business, commerce, or management; or
- any equivalency programs from Athabasca University or another university.

Students are not permitted to obtain a second undergraduate degree in the same field or related field as their first undergraduate degree. Those students who hold an international undergraduate degree who wish to obtain a Canadian credential, or those students who wish to obtain another Bachelor's degree in a major different than their first undergraduate degree, will be permitted in consultation with the Program Director and reviewed by the Office of the Registrar.

Regulations governing all Bachelor of Commerce students

Students complete the program regulations in effect at the time of their enrolment.

Students must have a weighted average of at least 1.7 (C-) across all courses taken at Athabasca University towards a Bachelor of Commerce degree in order to graduate.

Transfer credit

Transfer credit will not be accepted if course(s) completed more

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than:

- 10 years ago in the Business and Administrative Studies area of study at the senior (300/400) level;
- 5 years ago in CMIS (all levels);
- 10 years ago in Statistics (all levels).

If you are currently working in the field and provide evidence of work being completed, this restriction may be waived. **Transfer credit** being used to satisfy options other than those in the Business and Administrative Studies area will not be restricted.

Program structure

Total credits in the program	120
Block transfer credit for two-year business diploma (excluding Ontario)	60
Block transfer credit for Ontario two-year business diploma	45
Required credits (Years 3 and 4) for two-year diploma	30
A minimum of 12 **Business and Administrative Studies** credits must be at the 400 level (including ADMN 405).	12

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Residency requirement: A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in senior (300 or 400) level courses, including ADMN 405.	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction: At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Maximum **Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)** credits	9

Block transfer credit for three-year business diploma	up to 66
Human Resources Management Major Core Course credits	21

Years 1 and 2

AU-approved college diploma

Years 3 and 4

60 credits

Business-Field Diploma-Holder Route

Required courses

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ADMN 417 – International Business Management	(3)
or	
ECON 401 – The Changing Global Economy	
CMIS 351 – Management Information Systems	(3)
FNCE/ECON 300 – Financial Economics	(3)
or	
FNCE 370 – Overview of Corporate Finance*	
*Must take FNCE 370 if pursuing further ACCT or FNCE courses.	
HRMT 386 – Introduction to Human Resources Management	(3)
MGSC 312 – Statistics for Business and Economics II	(3)
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or	

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MGSC 369 – Service Operations Management	
ORGB 364 – Organizational Behavior	(3)
ADMN 404 – Capstone I: Strategic Management	(3)
ADMN 405 – Capstone II: Application and Integration of Contemporary Business Topics**	(3)
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Human Resources Management Major core courses

(21 credits)

BTMA 320 – Overview of e-Commerce	(3)
HRMT 301 – Recruitment and Selection	(3)
HRMT 441 – Strategic Human Resource Management	(3)
IDRL 215 – Introduction to Labour Relations	(3)
IDRL 308 – Occupational Health and Safety	(3)
ORGB 319 – Motivation and Productivity	(3)

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SOCI 321 – Sociology of Work and Industry	(3)

Options

(9 credits)

1.	Senior (300 or 400) level **Business and Administrative Studies** credits. Students are recommended to take **IDRL** , **HRMT** , and **ORGB** courses.	(3)
2.	Senior (300 or 400) level **Non "Business and Administrative Studies"** credits.	(6)

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Bachelor of Commerce (Post Diploma) Indigenous Business Major

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Indigenous Business Major

This new and unique business program, offered only at Athabasca University, will enable you to focus on principles of Indigenous business and governance. This major blends cultural relevance into the core management curriculum in order to overcome many of the social barriers that discourage the full participation of Indigenous students in educational settings.

The program also acknowledges and develops the role of traditional knowledge in academic institutions. It will prepare you to meet the needs of the kind of community that you may serve when you graduate. If you have career interests in Aboriginal business, this program will provide you with the opportunity to concentrate your studies in areas such as leadership, management, community development and negotiation.

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There are two routes to the Bachelor of Commerce (Post Diploma):

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Maximum **Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)** credits	9

Block transfer credit for three-year business diploma	up to 66
Indigenous Business Major Core Course credits	24

Years 1 and 2

AU-approved college diploma

Years 3 and 4

60 credits

Business-Field Diploma-Holder Route

Required courses

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Indigenous Business Major core courses

(24 credits)*

INBU 201 – Introduction to Indigenous Business	(3)
INBU 250 – Financial & Management Accounting for Indigenous Institutions and Organizations	(3)
INBU 330 – Public Administration & Law in Indigenous Business	(3)
INBU 350 – Indigenous Marketing and Data Collection and Analysis	(3)
INBU 386 – Introduction to Indigenous Human Relations	(3)

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INBU 461 – Indigenous Community Planning & Economic Development I	(3)
INBU 462 – Indigenous Community Planning & Economic Development II	(3)
INBU 490 – Applied Research in Indigenous Business	(3)

* If you have completed a course that refers to Indigenous peoples' perspectives with learning outcomes similar to the learning outcomes of an Athabasca University course, you are encouraged to apply for a transfer credit.

Options

(3 credits)

Junior (200/300/400) level **Non "Business and Administrative Studies"** credits.	(3)
Senior (300 or 400) level **Non "Business and Administrative Studies"** credits.	(3)

Non Business-Field Diploma-Holder Route

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Required courses

(30 credits)

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MGSC 301 – Statistics for Business and Economics I	(3)
MATH 244 – Business Mathematics	(3)
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**Recommended for students in the Finance major.

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Bachelor of Commerce (Post Diploma) Marketing Major

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Marketing Major

The role of a marketing coordinator or manager can vary dramatically from organization to organization. Marketing in a large, product-driven company will differ greatly from marketing in a small knowledge-based start-up or not-for-profit organization. A well-rounded management education is critical to adapting to and succeeding in a wide variety of settings.

Your AU Bachelor of Commerce degree will prepare you to tackle the marketing challenges of any organization, as well as to take on associated management responsibilities in finance, operations and human resources for your unit or department.

For more information about this program, contact **Athabasca University's Faculty of Business** at 800.468.6531, or **email**.

There are two routes to the Bachelor of Commerce (Post Diploma):

Business-Field Diploma-Holder Route

Students presenting approved two-year college diplomas in business (or a closely related field) from an accredited college or technical institute will receive 60 credits of block transfer award toward the first two years of the Bachelor of Commerce (Post Diploma) General degree, except students from Ontario colleges, who will receive 45 credits. These students must complete additional credits in **non-Business and Administrative Studies** courses to reach the 60-credit requirement. Students with approved three-year diplomas in business (or a closely related field) will receive a block transfer award of up to 75 credits towards this degree program. All diplomas presented must be approved

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for credit by Athabasca University.

Non Business-Field Diploma-Holder Route

Students presenting two- or three-year professional diplomas in non-business fields from an accredited college or technical institute, will receive a block transfer award of 30 credits. All diplomas presented must be approved for credit by Athabasca University. Students must also complete the required courses (30 credits) and the required and options courses in the Business-Field Diploma-Holder Route.

The Bachelor of Commerce (Post Diploma) degree is offered by Athabasca University's **Faculty of Business** . For more information, phone 1-800-468-6531 or **email**.

Planning your program

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Enrolment restriction

Students will not be accepted into the Bachelor of Commerce program if they have:

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- a degree in administration, business, commerce or management;
- a degree with a major or concentration in administration, business, commerce, or management; or
- any equivalency programs from Athabasca University or another university.

Students are not permitted to obtain a second undergraduate degree in the same field or related field as their first undergraduate degree. Those students who hold an international undergraduate degree who wish to obtain a Canadian credential, or those students who wish to obtain another Bachelor's degree in a major different than their first undergraduate degree, will be permitted in consultation with the Program Director and reviewed by the Office of the Registrar.

Regulations governing all Bachelor of Commerce students

Students complete the program regulations in effect at the time of their enrolment.

Students must have a weighted average of at least 1.7 (C-) across all courses taken at Athabasca University towards a Bachelor of Commerce degree in order to graduate.

Transfer credit

Transfer credit will not be accepted if course(s) completed more than:

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- 10 years ago in the Business and Administrative Studies area of study at the senior (300/400) level;
- 5 years ago in CMIS (all levels);
- 10 years ago in Statistics (all levels).

If you are currently working in the field and provide evidence of work being completed, this restriction may be waived. **Transfer credit** being used to satisfy options other than those in the Business and Administrative Studies area will not be restricted.

Program structure

Total credits in the program	120
Block transfer credit for two-year business diploma (excluding Ontario)	60
Block transfer credit for Ontario two-year business diploma	45
Required credits (Years 3 and 4) for two-year diploma	30
A minimum of 12 **Business and Administrative Studies** credits must be at the 400 level (including ADMN 405).	12
Residency requirement: A minimum of 30 credits must be	

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obtained through Athabasca University in senior (300 or 400) level courses, including ADMN 405.	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction: At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Maximum **Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)** credits	9

Block transfer credit for three-year business diploma	up to 66
Marketing Major Core Course credits	15

Years 1 and 2

AU-approved college diploma

Years 3 and 4

60 credits

Business-Field Diploma-Holder Route

Required courses

(30 credits for 2-year diploma and 3-year diploma)

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ACCT 355 – Cost Analysis	(3)
ADMN 417 – International Business Management	(3)
or	
ECON 401 – The Changing Global Economy	
CMIS 351 – Management Information Systems	(3)
FNCE/ECON 300 – Financial Economics	(3)
or	
FNCE 370 – Overview of Corporate Finance*	
*Must take FNCE 370 if pursuing further ACCT or FNCE courses.	
HRMT 386 – Introduction to Human Resources Management	(3)
MGSC 312 – Statistics for Business and Economics II	(3)
MGSC 368 – Introduction to Production and Operations Management	(3)
or	
MGSC 369 – Service Operations Management	

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ORGB 364 – Organizational Behavior	(3)
ADMN 404 – Capstone I: Strategic Management	(3)
ADMN 405 – Capstone II: Application and Integration of Contemporary Business Topics**	(3)
**ADMN 405 must be taken with AU. Transfer credit will not be awarded. It should be taken as the last course in the program.	

Marketing Major core courses

(15 credits)

MKTG 406 – Consumer Behaviour	(3)
MKTG 440 – Marketing Strategy	(3)
MKTG 466 – Marketing Research	(3)
Two other senior MKTG courses	(6)

Options

(15 credits)

1.	Senior (300 or 400) level Business and Administrative Studies credits	(9)

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2.	Senior (300 or 400) level **Non "Business and Administrative Studies"** credits.	(6)

Non Business-Field Diploma-Holder Route

The block transfer award for a diploma approved by AU is 30 credits. If you present courses equivalent to the following list, or another required course within the Bachelor of Commerce program with the diploma, the block transfer award may increase up to 60 credits. All diplomas presented must be approved for credit by Athabasca University. Students complete the following courses (30 credits) and the required and options courses in the Business-Field Diploma-Holder Route list.

Required courses

(30 credits)

ACCT 250 – Accounting for Managers	(3)
or	
ACCT 253 – Introductory Financial Accounting *	
*Students who are planning to pursue a professional accounting designation or further courses in Finance are advised to	

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take ACCT 253.	
ADMN 232 – Introduction to Management	(3)
or	
ADMN 201 – Introduction to Business Studies	
ADMN 233 – Writing in Organizations	(3)
CMIS 245 – Microcomputer Applications in Business (Windows)	(3)
COMM 243 – Interpersonal Communication	(3)
or	
COMM 277 – Group Communication	
ECON 247 – Microeconomics	(3)
ECON 248 – Macroeconomics	(3)
LGST 369 – Commercial Law	(3)
MGSC 301 – Statistics for Business and Economics I	(3)
MATH 244 – Business Mathematics	

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or	(3)
MATH 260 – Calculus for Social Sciences and Economics **	
or	
MATH 265 – Introduction to Calculus	
or	
MATH 270 – Linear Algebra I	
**Recommended for students in the Finance major.	

NOTE: And the required and options courses in the Business-Field Diploma-Holder Route list.

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Bachelor of General Studies

Regulations effective Sep. 1, 2024.

The Bachelor of General Studies degree is one of the most popular programs at Athabasca University. It provides a framework of individualized study within an Arts and Science or Applied Studies designation that offers students the freedom to choose courses to meet career or educational goals. Unlike the other degrees offered by Athabasca University, the Bachelor of General Studies does not have a residency requirement, and degree requirements may be completed at institutions other than Athabasca University.

The Bachelor of General Studies degree requires the completion of 90 credits and is comparable to a three-year program. Students may specialize or diversify their course selection, subject to the following requirements. This degree allows students the freedom to develop their own intellectual and academic interests. This does not mean that course selection should be casual. Students are expected to ensure their vocational or personal needs are well defined. All courses transferred to this degree must be university-level credit as determined by Athabasca University faculty.

Students are strongly encouraged to register in **ENGL 255** early in their program. The English writing skills requirement is waived for students enrolling in the second undergraduate degree.

Prior Learning and Assessment Recognition (PLAR) offers you the opportunity

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to demonstrate your prior learning and receive credit toward your program. For more information, visit the **PLAR website**.

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Program requirements

Students must choose either an Arts and Science or an Applied Studies designation.

Students complete the program regulations in effect at the time of their enrolment.

English writing skills requirement

Students must meet the following English writing skills requirement:

- hold credit in ENGL 255 (Students are strongly encouraged to register in **ENGL 255** early in their program.);
  or

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- have a grade of B- (70 per cent) or better in an Athabasca University English course above the **preparatory (100) level;**

  or

- receive credit for an English course in which a grade of B- or better was achieved.

Program structure

Total credits in the program	90
Residency requirement	None
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition Credits	
Arts and **Science**	9
Applied Studies	21

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Minimum credits required

Credits in the area of designation	45
Senior (300 or 400) level credits in the area of designation	30
Total senior-level credits (including above 30)	45
Humanities area of study* *The 100-level ENGL courses will not satisfy the Humanities area of study requirement in this program. These courses may, however, count as part of the total number of credits required for the degree.	6
Social Science area of study	6
Science area of study	6

Maximum credits allowed

At the preparatory (100) level	6
At the junior (200) level in any one discipline	15

Arts and Science designation

To satisfy the 90-credit requirement to complete the BGS degree, students must complete 45 credits in courses with an **Arts** (Humanities and/or Social Science) or **Science** designation (30 of these credits must be taken at the senior

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(300 or 400) level). Refer to Minimum Credits Required above.

Applied Studies designation

The **Applied Studies** designation includes courses in **Business and Administrative Studies**. Transfer courses in engineering, education, physical education, etc. are also applicable to the Applied Studies designation.

To satisfy the 90-credit requirement to complete the BGS degree, students must complete 45 credits in courses with an Applied Studies designation (30 of these credits must be taken at the senior (300 or 400) level). Refer to Minimum Credits Required above.

Students in the Applied Studies designation in the Bachelor of General Studies degree must also complete **ADMN 233** or **ENGL 255**. ADMN 233 will partially satisfy the Applied Studies area of study requirement in this program.

Bachelor of General Studies second undergraduate degree regulations

Minimum credits required

Minimum credits not applied to a previous degree	48
Credits in the area of designation	30
Senior (300 or 400) level credits in the area of designation	30
Total senior-level credits (including above 30)	36

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In the **Humanities** area of study	6
In the **Social Science** area of study	6
In the **Science** area of study	6
Residency requirement	None
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24

Maximum credits allowed

At the preparatory (100) level	0
At the junior (200) level in any one discipline	12
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition credits	None permitted

Students must choose either an Arts and Science or an Applied Studies designation and complete at least 30 senior credits in the chosen designation.

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Teaching credential

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For purposes of upgrading towards an Alberta professional teaching certificate, Alberta Education has specific requirements for the certification of teachers. Students planning to obtain a Bachelor of General Studies degree in order to meet certification requirements are advised to have completed a basic teacher preparation program acceptable to the Alberta minister of education.

To obtain information regarding an assessment of the basic teacher preparation program towards the minimum requirements for certification in Alberta, and regarding the Bachelor of General Studies degree as a possible means to fulfilling the academic degree requirements, contact:

The Registrar
Alberta Education
Professional Standards Branch
2nd floor, 44 Capital Boulevard Building
10044-108 St.
Edmonton, AB
T5J 5E6
780.427.2045

Alberta teachers wishing to have Athabasca University courses or programs considered for salary purposes are recommended to contact:

Alberta Teachers' Association
Teacher Qualifications Service
Barnett House
11010 - 142 Street
Edmonton, AB T5N 2R1
780.447.9400 (in Edmonton)
800.232.7208 (toll-free in Alberta)
tqs@teachers.ab.ca

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Health Administration degrees

This program is closed to new students as of October 17, 2022, and will be closed to in-progress students on June 30, 2028.

- Bachelor of Health Administration
- Bachelor of Health Administration (Post Diploma)

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Bachelor of Health Administration

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Canada's health care system is faced with challenges from all directions; rising costs, shortage of human resources, and an aging population. Athabasca University's Bachelor of Health Administration program is designed to help health care administrators and managers meet these challenges. By developing organizational, analytical, and managerial skills, the program enables graduate students to seek innovative ways of meeting the increasing demands on Canada's health care system. To receive more information about this program, please contact Athabasca University's **Faculty of Health Disciplines** .

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Program requirements

Students complete the program regulations in effect at the time of their enrolment.

English writing skills requirement

Students must meet the following English writing skills requirement:

- hold credit in **ADMN 233** or **ENGL 255** (Students are strongly encouraged to register in either course early in their program.);
  or
- have a grade of B- (70 per cent) or better in an Athabasca University English course above the **preparatory (100) level** ;
  or
- receive transfer credit for an English course in which a grade of B- or better was achieved.

Second undergraduate degree

Students who hold a recognized first degree and who wish to obtain an AU undergraduate degree in a different subject area,

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must apply under the second undergraduate degree regulations. These students may transfer in up to 50 per cent (45 credits) into the three-year degree program, based on course work in the first degree that is applicable. Preparatory (100 level) credits cannot be used to fulfill the requirements of a second undergraduate degree.

Program structure

Total credits in the program	90
Required credits	57
Elective credits	15
Options	18
Minimum credits at the senior (300 and 400) level	54
Maximum credits at the junior level	36
(maximum allowed at the preparatory [100] level)	6
Residency requirement. A minimum of 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	24
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits	

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must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Maximum **Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)** credits	21

Required core courses

(57 credits)

ACCT 250 – Accounting for Managers	(3)
ADMN 232 – Introduction to Management	(3)
ADMN 233 – Writing in Organizations*	(3)
or	
ENGL 255 – Introductory Composition*	
* **See English Writing Skills Requirement**	
COMM 243 – Interpersonal Communication	(3)
ECON/HADM 321 – Health Care Economics	(3)
HADM 235 – Introduction to Health Administration	(3)

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HADM 336 – Community Health Planning	(3)
HADM 339 – Organization of the Canadian Health Care System	(3)
HADM 369 – Health Policy in Canada	(3)
HADM 379 – Introduction to Epidemiology	(3)
HADM 400 – Health Care Law	(3)
HADM 435 – Practicum – Senior Field Placement in Health Administration	(6)
HADM 488 – Risk Management and Safety in Health Services	(3)
HLST 200 – Introduction to Human Health I	(3)
or	
HLST 201 – Introduction to Human Health II	
HADM 326 – Health Issues: Health and Healing	(3)
PHIL 252 – Critical Thinking (PHIL 252 will be waived if students have completed a university-level course in indigenous philosophy.)	(3)
PHIL 333 – Professional Ethics	(3)
HADM 399 – Evaluating Health Research Evidence	(3)

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Electives

(Select 15 credits from the following)

CMIS 245 – Microcomputer Applications in Business (Windows)
COMM 277 – Group Communication
HADM 315 – Health and Community Development (Students are strongly recommended to take HADM 315)
HLST 320 – Teaching and Learning for Health Professionals
HRMT 386 – Introduction to Human Resource Management
LGST 331 – Administrative Law
ORGB 364 – Organizational Behaviour
WGST 303 – Gender, Women, and Health

Options

(18 credits)

In any discipline	(18)

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Bachelor of Health Administration (Post Diploma)

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Admission requirements

The Bachelor of Health Administration (Post Diploma) is open to holders of approved two- or three-year diplomas from an accredited college or technical institute. All diplomas presented must be approved for credit by Athabasca University.

Program requirements

Students complete the program regulations in effect at the time of their enrolment.

English writing skills requirement

Students must meet the following English writing skills requirement:

- hold credit in **ADMN 233** or **ENGL 255** (Students are strongly encouraged to register in either course early in their program.);
  or
- have a grade of B- (70 per cent) or better in an Athabasca University English course above the **preparatory (100) level** ;
  or

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- receive transfer credit for an English course in which a grade of B- or better was achieved.

Program structure

Total credits in the program	90
Maximum block credit transfer from college	66
Senior (300/400 level) credits	30
Residency requirement. A minimum of 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	24
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition **(PLAR)** credits	6

Enrolment requirement for business diplomas

Students presenting AU-approved two-year diplomas in any health-related field or in business administration may be awarded up to 60 credits towards this 90-

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credit degree. Students presenting AU-approved three-year diplomas in business administration may be awarded up to 66 credits towards this degree.

In order to be awarded a block transfer of 60 credits, students must have completed the following courses (24 credits) or their equivalent.

ACCT 250 – Accounting for Managers	(3)
ADMN 232 – Introduction to Management	(3)
ADMN 233 – Writing in Organizations*	(3)
or	
ENGL 255 – Introductory Composition*	
* see **English Writing Skills Requirement**	
COMM 243 – Interpersonal Communication	(3)
HADM 488 – Risk Management and Safety in Health Services	(3)
PHIL 252 – Critical Thinking* * PHIL 252 will be waived if students have completed a university-level course in indigenous philosophy.	(3)
HADM 435 – Practicum – Senior Field Placement in Health Administration	(6)

Required courses

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(24 credits)

HADM/ECON 321 – Health Care Economics	(3)
HADM 336 – Community Health Planning	(3)
HADM 339 – Organization of the Canadian Health Care System	(3)
HADM 369 – Health Policy in Canada	(3)
HADM 379 – Introduction to Epidemiology	(3)
HADM 400 – Health Care Law	(3)
PHIL 333 – Professional Ethics	(3)
HADM 399 – Evaluating Health Research Evidence	(3)

Options

(6 credits)

Six credits in any **discipline** at the senior (300 or 400) level	(6)
Students who have work experience in Health and Human Services are strongly encouraged to take **HADM 326** and **HADM 315** to fulfill this option.	

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Human Resources and Labour Relations degrees

When you are ready to enrol in a program, complete and submit the **Undergraduate General Application Form** to Athabasca University.

- **Bachelor of Human Resources and Labour Relations**
- **Bachelor of Human Resources and Labour Relations (Post Diploma)**

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Bachelor of Human Resources and Labour Relations

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The Bachelor of Human Resources and Labour Relations is an integrated, multidisciplinary program of courses that examines employment relations within their social, legal, political, and economic contexts. The program will be of interest to trade unionists, managers, human resource specialists, and individuals interested in better understanding the employment relations of their own workplace.

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Program requirements

Students complete the program regulations in effect at the time of their enrolment.

Students are strongly encouraged to register in **ENGL 255** early in their program.

Second undergraduate degree

Students who hold a recognized first degree and who wish to obtain an AU undergraduate degree in a different subject area, must apply under the second undergraduate degree regulations. These students may transfer in up to 50 per cent (45 credits) into the three-year degree program, based on course work in the first degree that is applicable. Preparatory (100 level) credits cannot be used to fulfill the requirements of a second undergraduate degree.

Program structure

Total credits in the program	90
Required core courses	30

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Electives and option courses	60
Maximum transfer credit	66
Minimum at senior (300/400) level	54
Residency requirement. A minimum of 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	24
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Maximum Prior Learning and Assessment **(PLAR)** credits	30
No preparatory (100-level) courses will count towards this program	

Required core courses

(30 credits)

ENGL 255 – Introductory Composition	(3)
EDUC 317 – Training and Development in Organizations	(3)
HRMT 386 – Introduction to Human Resource Management	(3)
IDRL 316 – The Practice of Labour Relations	(3)

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IDRL 309/LGST 310 – Human Rights, the Charter and Labour Relations	(3)
or	
LBST 330 – Workers and the Economy	
IDRL 215 – Introduction to Labour Relations	(3)
IDRL 308 – Occupational Health and Safety	(3)
IDRL 320 – The Law of Work	(3)
SOCI 321 – Sociology of Work and Industry	(3)
SOSC 366 – Research Methods in the Social Sciences	(3)

Electives

(45 credits)

Note: A minimum of 9 credits must be selected from the courses in **HRMT** and/or **IDRL** .	
ACCT 253 – Introductory Financial Accounting	(3)
ACCT 355 – Cost Analysis	(3)

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All ADMN courses	
ANTH 275 – Faces of Culture: An Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	(3)
CMIS 245 – Microcomputer Applications in Business (Windows)	(3)
CMIS 351 – Management Information Systems	(3)
COMM 243 – Interpersonal Communication	(3)
COMM 277 – Group Communication	(3)
COMP 361 – Systems Analysis and Design	(3)
All ECON courses	
All EDUC courses	
All GOVN courses	
HIST 336 – History of Canadian Labour	(6)
All HRMT courses	
All IDRL courses	
All LBST courses	

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All LGST courses	
All ORGB courses	
PHIL 252 –Critical Thinking	(3)
PHIL 333 – Professional Ethics	(3)
All POEC courses	
PSYC 200 – Introduction to Career Development	(3)
PSYC 300 – Theories of Career Development	(3)
PSYC 310 – Learning and Instruction	(3)
PSYC 387 – Learning	(3)
PSYC 401 – Learning Through Life	(3)
PSYC 405 – Creating a Working Alliance	(3)
SOCI 300 – How Humans Organize: From Primary Groups to the World Wide Web	(3)
SOCI 301 – Social Statistics	(3)
SOCI 332 – Women and Unions	(3)

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SOCI 345 – Women, Gender and Work in Canada	(3)
SOCI 381 – The Rich and the Rest: The Sociology of Wealth, Power, and Inequality	(3)

Options

(15 credits)

Junior- or senior-level credits from **any area** , including from the electives above (provided they haven't been used to satisfy the elective requirement). Students who wish to substitute another course(s) for the electives may do so with the permission of the program director.	(15)

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Bachelor of Human Resources and Labour Relations (Post Diploma)

Regulations effective Sep. 1, 2024.

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Program requirements

Students complete the program regulations in effect at the time of their enrolment.

The Bachelor of Human Resources and Labour Relations (Post Diploma) offers a number of admission routes for business and non-business diploma-holders. All diplomas presented must be approved by Athabasca University. Please review **Transfer Credit Services** for further information.

Program structure

Total credits in the program	90
Maximum block transfer credit for Ontario two-year business administration diploma	45
Maximum block transfer credit for Ontario three-year business administration diploma* *60 block credits with the possibility of up to six additional credits if the student holds an approved three-year diploma with direct equivalents to the remaining core courses.	60
Maximum block transfer credit for approved non-business administration diploma	30
Minimum credits at senior (300/400) level	27
Required core courses	30

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Elective courses	15 to 30
Residency requirement. A minimum of 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	24
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Maximum Prior Learning and Assessment **(PLAR)** credits	6
No preparatory (100-level) courses will count towards this program	

Following are the remaining courses to complete the credential for AU-approved two-year business administration diplomas (excluding Ontario) and Ontario three-year business administration diplomas:

Required core courses

(30 credits)

Elective at the 300/400 level**Choose from **HRMT** or **IDRL** courses listed in the **Bachelor of Human Resources and Labour Relations** program.	(3)
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Elective courses

(15 to 30 credits)

Select course work from the **elective list** in the Bachelor of Human Resources and Labour Relations program. Note that at least 9 credits must be chosen

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from **HRMT** and/or **IDRL** courses. Students wishing to substitute another course(s) for the electives may do so with the permission of the program director.

- Electives for Ontario two-year business administration diplomas (15)
- Electives for non-business administration diplomas (30)

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Program structure

Total credits in the program	90
Maximum block transfer credit for Ontario two-year business administration diploma	45
Maximum block transfer credit for Ontario three-year business administration diploma* *60 block credits with the possibility of up to six additional credits if the student holds an approved three-year diploma with direct equivalents to the remaining core courses.	60
Maximum block transfer credit for approved non-business administration diploma	30
Minimum credits at senior (300/400) level	27
Required core courses	30

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Residency requirement. A minimum of 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	24
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Maximum Prior Learning and Assessment **(PLAR)** credits	6
No preparatory (100-level) courses will count towards this program	

Following are the remaining courses to complete the credential for AU-approved two-year business administration diplomas (excluding Ontario) and Ontario three-year business administration diplomas:

Required core courses

(30 credits)

Elective at the 300/400 level**Choose from **HRMT** or **IDRL** courses listed in the **Bachelor of Human Resources and Labour Relations** program.	(3)
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IDRL 320 – The Law of Work	(3)
SOCI 321 – Sociology of Work and Industry	(3)
SOSC 366 – Research Methods in the Social Sciences	(3)

Following are the remaining courses to complete the credential for AU-approved Ontario two-year business administration diplomas and non-business administration diplomas.

Elective courses

(15 to 30 credits)

Select course work from the **elective list** in the Bachelor of Human Resources and Labour Relations program. Note that at least 9 credits must be chosen

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from **HRMT** and/or **IDRL** courses. Students wishing to substitute another course(s) for the electives may do so with the permission of the program director.

- Electives for Ontario two-year business administration diplomas (15)
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Management degrees

When you are ready to enrol in a program, complete and submit the **Undergraduate General Application Form** to Athabasca University.

- **Bachelor of Management**
- **Bachelor of Management (Post Diploma)**

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Bachelor of Management

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The Bachelor of Management program features a strong international perspective. A degree in management will better prepare graduates for the changing business world of today. Graduates will possess the critical thinking, communications, and management skills needed to excel in a variety of work environments. Graduates will gain an important competitive advantage by completing this program.

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Planning your program

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Students will not be accepted into the Bachelor of Management program if they have

- a degree in administration, business, commerce, or management
- a degree with a major or concentration in administration, business, commerce, or management
- any equivalent program from Athabasca University or another university.

Regulations governing all Bachelor of Management students

Students complete the program regulations in effect at the time of their enrolment.

Students must have a weighted average of at least 1.7 (C-) across all courses taken at Athabasca University towards a Bachelor of Management degree in order to graduate.

Degree conversion provision

The degree conversion provision is available to Athabasca University students who have been awarded a three-year AU degree and wish to convert to a four-year degree. For more information about this regulation, please review the **Undergraduate Degree Conversion from Three- to Four-Year Program Policy.**

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Second undergraduate degree

Students who hold a previous undergraduate degree must enrol in the Bachelor of Commerce four-year program and follow the second undergraduate degree requirements. This degree requires a minimum of 60 credits.

Transfer credit

Transfer credit will not be accepted if course(s) completed more than:

- 10 years ago in the Business and Administrative Studies area of study at the senior (300/400) level;
- 5 years ago in CMIS (all levels);
- 10 years ago in Statistics (all levels).

If you are currently working in the field and provide evidence of work being completed, this restriction may be waived. **Transfer credit** being used to satisfy options other than those in the Business and Administrative Studies area will not be restricted.

Program structure

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Total credits in the program	90
Required courses (Years 1 and 2)	39
Options	21
Required courses (Years 3 and 4)	21
Options	9
Residency requirement. A minimum of 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in senior (300 or 400 level) courses.	24
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Maximum **Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)** credits	15

Years 1 and 2 (60 credits)

Required courses

(39 credits)

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ACCT 250 – Accounting for Managers	(3)
or	
ACCT 253 – Introductory Financial Accounting*	
*** Students who are planning to pursue a professional accounting designation or ladder to a four-year degree are advised to take ACCT 253.**	
ADMN 232 – Introduction to Management* * Students are strongly encouraged to register in ADMN 232 early in their program.	(3)
or	
ADMN 201 – Introduction to Business Studies	
ADMN 233 – Writing in Organizations* * Students are strongly encouraged to register in ADMN 233 early in their program.	(3)
COMM 243 – Interpersonal Communication	(3)
or	
COMM 277 – Group Communication	
CMIS 245 – Microcomputer Applications in Business (Windows)	(3)
ECON 247 – Microeconomics	(3)

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ECON 248 – Macroeconomics	(3)
LGST 369 – Commercial Law	(3)
MGSC 301 – Statistics for Business and Economics I	(3)
MKTG 396 – Introduction to Marketing	(3)
MATH 244 – Business Mathematics	(3)
or	
MATH 260 – Calculus for Social Sciences and Economics	
or	
MATH 265 – Introduction to Calculus I	
or	
MATH 270 – Linear Algebra I	
PHIL 252 – Critical Thinking	(3)
PHIL 333 – Professional Ethics	(3)
or	

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PHIL 337 – Business Ethics	

Options*

(21 credits)

Business and Administrative Studies credits at the junior (200) or senior (300/400) level	(3)
Non "Business and Administrative Studies" credits with a minimum of 12 credits at senior (300/400) level (an **ENGL** course is recommended)	(18)
* A maximum of 3 credits allowed in any area of study at the preparatory (100) level.	

Year 3 (30 credits)

Required courses

(21 credits)

ADMN 417 – International Business Management	(3)
or	

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CMIS 351 – Management Information Systems	(3)
FNCE/ECON 300 – Financial Economics	(3)
or	
FNCE 370 – Overview of Corporate Finance*	
*** Students planning to ladder to a four-year degree in ACCT or FNCE should take FNCE 370.**	
MGSC 368 – Introduction to Production and Operations Management	(3)
or	
MGSC 369 – Service Operations Management	
ORGB 364 – Organizational Behavior	(3)
HRMT 386 – Introduction to Human Resource Management	(3)
ADMN 404 – Capstone I: Strategic Management* *ADMN 404 should be taken as the last course in the program.	(3)

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(9 credits)

Business and Administrative Studies credits at the senior (300/400 level)	(3)
Non "Business and Administrative Studies" credits at the senior (300/400) level	(6)

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A degree in management will better prepare graduates for the changing business world of today. Graduates will possess the critical thinking, communications, and management skills needed to excel in a variety of work environments. Graduates will gain an important competitive advantage by completing this program. Students complete the program regulations in effect at the time of their enrolment.

The Bachelor of Management program is offered by Athabasca University's **Faculty of Business**. For additional information, phone 1.800.468.6531 or **email**.

There are two routes to the Bachelor of Management (Post Diploma):

Business-Field Diploma-Holder Route

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Students presenting approved two-year college diplomas in business (or a closely related field) from an accredited college or technical institute will receive 60 credits of block transfer award toward the first two years of the Bachelor of Management (Post Diploma) General degree, except students from Ontario colleges, who will receive 45 credits. These students must complete additional credits in **non-Business and Administrative Studies** courses to reach the 60-credit requirement. All diplomas presented must be approved for credit by Athabasca University.

Non Business-Field Diploma-Holder Route

Students presenting two- or three-year professional diplomas in non-business fields from an accredited college or technical institute, will receive a block transfer award of 30 credits. All diplomas presented must be approved for credit by Athabasca University. Students must also complete the required courses (30 credits) and the required and options courses in the Business-Field Diploma-Holder Route. All diplomas presented must be approved for credit by Athabasca University.

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Regulations governing all Bachelor of Management students

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Transfer credit

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- 5 years ago in CMIS (all levels);
- 10 years ago in Statistics (all levels).

If you are currently working in the field and provide evidence of work being completed, this restriction may be waived. **Transfer credit** being used to satisfy options other than those in the Business and Administrative Studies area will not be restricted.

Program structure

Total credits in the program	90
Block transfer credit for two-year business diploma into Years 1 and 2 (excluding Ontario)	60
Block transfer credit for three-year business diploma	up to 66

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Block transfer credit for Ontario two-year business diploma	45
Required credits: Year 3	21
Residency requirement. A minimum of 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in senior (300/400) level courses.	24
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition **(PLAR)** credit	6

Business-Field Diploma-Holder Route

Years 1 and 2 (60 credits)

AU-approved college diploma

Year 3 (30 credits)

Required courses

(21 credits)

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or	
FNCE 370 – Overview of Corporate Finance* *** Students planning to ladder to a four-year degree in ACCT or FNCE should take FNCE 370.**	
ORGB 364 – Organizational Behavior	(3)
HRMT 386 – Introduction to Human Resource Management	(3)
MGSC 368 – Introduction to Production and Operations Management	(3)
or	
MGSC 369 – Service Operations Management	

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ADMN 404 – Capstone I: Strategic Management* *ADMN 404 should be taken as the last course in the program.	(3)

Options

(9 credits)

Senior (300/400) level **Business and Administrative Studies** credits	(6)
Senior (300/400) level **Non "Business and Administrative Studies"** credits	(3)

Non-Business-Field Diploma-Holder Route

The maximum block transfer for a diploma approved by AU is 30 credits. You must also complete the following required courses (30 credits). If you present courses equivalent to the following list, or another required course within the Bachelor of Management program, the block transfer award may increase up to 60 credits. All diplomas presented must be approved for credit by Athabasca University.

Required courses

(30 credits)

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or	
ADMN 201 – Introduction to Business Studies	
ADMN 233 – Writing in Organizations	(3)
CMIS 245 – Microcomputer Applications in Business (Windows)	(3)
COMM 243 – Interpersonal Communication	(3)
or	
COMM 277 – Group Communication	
ECON 247 – Microeconomics	(3)
ECON 248 – Macroeconomics	(3)

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LGST 369 – Commercial Law	(3)
MGSC 301 – Statistics for Business and Economics I	(3)
MATH 244 – Business Mathematics or MATH 260 – Calculus for Social Sciences and Economics or MATH 265 – Introduction to Calculus I or MATH 270 – Linear Algebra I	(3)

And the Required Course and Options under the Business-Field Diploma-Holder Route list above.

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Nursing degrees

When you are ready to enrol in a program, complete and submit the **Undergraduate General Application Form** to Athabasca University.

- **Bachelor of Nursing, Post-RN**
- **Bachelor of Nursing, Post-LPN**

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Post-RN, Bachelor of Nursing

Regulations effective Sep. 1, 2024.

Post-RN Bachelor of Nursing program is offered through the **Faculty of Health Disciplines**. This program is designed to provide the Registered Nurse with the opportunity to acquire a broad liberal university education with particular emphasis on advanced theoretical and practical knowledge related to nursing informatics, nursing research, primary health care, leadership, management, family, and community health promotion. All AU nursing courses are mapped to the most current **entry to practice competencies**, as determined by the College of Registered Nurses of Alberta (CRNA).

Planning your program

Our **online program plans** can assist you in selecting the courses needed to fulfill your program requirements.

Athabasca University has also developed **program learning outcomes** that describe the career options that may be available to you upon graduating.

For additional program information, please email **bnadvisor@athabascau.ca**.

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Enrolment requirements

To enrol in the Post-RN Bachelor of Nursing program, the following is required:

1. Graduation from an approved RN diploma program.
2. Regulated (Practicing) RN registration/licensure with a Canadian province or territory. Proof of registration must be submitted at time of application and maintained while completing the program.

Students with non-Canadian/non-United States education

Students presenting non-Canadian/non-United States (US) Nursing diplomas who have completed a Canadian RN bridging program are eligible for admission.

Students presenting non-Canadian/non-United States (US) degrees for admission and/or possible transfer credit, must obtain one of the following:

- a basic assessment* that compares the credential completed to education in Canada from an international assessment agency, for example, the **International Qualifications Assessment Service** (IQAS); or
- if seeking additional transfer credits, a specialized or course-by-course evaluation of post-secondary course work from an international assessment agency, for example, the **International Qualifications Assessment Service** (IQAS).

Official transcripts for any completed Canadian or US courses or programs in Nursing, taken to obtain licensure in Canada, must be submitted.

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* Students who leave the Post-RN Bachelor of Nursing program for another program at AU will be required to provide a specialized or course-by-course assessment.

For more information, see the Evaluations and Transfer Credit section of the Calendar which explains the **foreign transcript evaluation process** for international students.

Program requirements

Learners are required to complete the degree regulations that are in effect at the time of enrollment. Students are responsible for ensuring that pre-requisites (including specified program GPA requirements) and co-requisite course requirements are met throughout their program. Students who are inactive (have not registered for a course within 12 months from their last contract date) must re-enrol and will follow the regulations in effect at the time of re-enrolment. Students are strongly encouraged to register in their English course early in their program.

Program structure

Total credits required to complete the Post-RN Bachelor of Nursing degree* * Transfer credit may be awarded for non-nursing university transfer credit taken as part of an RN diploma program. Non-nursing transfer credit will not be awarded, however, for anatomy and physiology, pathophysiology, pharmacology, microbiology, or health	

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assessment courses included in the RN diploma program. Credit will not be awarded for non-nursing required, support and option courses that are more than 10 years old at the time of the request. Additional credit may also be awarded for university-level courses completed before admission to the Post-RN Bachelor of Nursing program on the basis of Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR).	45
The 45 credits required to complete a Post-RN Bachelor of Nursing degree are distributed as follows:	
Required nursing credits	27
Required non-nursing credits	6
Non-nursing option credits	12
Residency requirement. A minimum of 15 nursing credits* must be obtained through Athabasca University. *Note: HLST 320 is a non-nursing course and does not qualify for the residency requirement and is subject to the 10-year stale-dating rule.	15
In order to be considered for Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through AU.	24
Maximum **PLAR** credits	9

Course requirements

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Students may register in Post-RN Bachelor of Nursing courses as unclassified students. Before registering in a course, students should determine whether they may be eligible for transfer credit for the course. Please review the syllabus for each course for details. Students should also ensure that they have completed all prerequisite and corequisite course requirements in accordance with the prerequisite declaration form.

NOTE: 300-level nursing courses should be completed before 400-level nursing courses.

Required nursing courses

(27 credits)

NURS 322 – Nursing Informatics	(3)
NURS 324 – Concepts and Theories in Nursing Practice	(3)
NURS 328 – Understanding Research	(3)
NURS 432 – Management and Leadership in Nursing Practice	(4)
NURS 434 – Community Health Promotion	(4)
NURS 436 – Family Health Promotion	(4)

Plus 6 credits selected from the following list:

HLST 320 – Teaching and Learning for Health Professionals* (See note above in Residency Requirement.)	(3)

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NURS 326 – Health Assessment	(3)
NURS 438 – Trends and Issues in Nursing and Health Systems	(3)
NURS 442 – Gerontological Nursing	(3)
NURS 604 – Leadership Roles in Health**	(3)
NURS 618 – Community Development for Health Care Leaders**	(3)
NURS 621 – Coaching and Leading: The Human Side of Organizational Change**	(3)
NURS 622 - Understanding Organizations: Theory, Analysis and Application**	(3)
Transfer credit for senior university-level nursing courses taken elsewhere	(3 to 6)

** A paced (within a specific 4-month time frame) nursing graduate course that is open for registration by June 10 (Fall start), October 10 (Winter start), and February 10 (Spring start). Credit for NURS 604, 618, 621, or 622 if taken to fulfill the Bachelor of Nursing elective requirement, cannot be applied for credit toward another undergraduate or graduate degree. Please note the fee for this graduate course differs from that of an undergraduate course. Please fill out the **Graduate Programs: Course Registration Form** to register for NURS 604, 618, 621, or 622.

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Required non-nursing courses

(6 credits)

Any junior or senior university-level or equivalent **English course.**	(3)
MATH 215 – Introduction to Statistics	(3)
or	
MATH 216 – Computer-oriented Approach to Statistics	

Non-nursing option courses

(12 credits)

May be selected from **Humanities**, **Science** or **Social Science**, and **Applied Studies** other than nursing (NURS); at least 6 credits must be at the 300/400 level)	(12)

Computer requirements

Access to a computer with basic word processing, and internet access, is required. Refer to the **glossary.**

Clinical placement

FHD students in a clinical placement are bound by the **Clinical Placement Misconduct Policy.** Any actions or behaviours that fall under the scope of the

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university's Academic Misconduct Policy, Non-Academic Misconduct Policy, or Academic Integrity Policy will continue to be dealt with under those policies.

Specific regulations

Given the unique and professional nature of the Post-RN Bachelor of Nursing program, some of the general policies governing academic studies at AU are superseded by the regulations below.

1. RN diplomas from approved institutions will be accepted regardless of the year of graduation.
2. AU will not normally award additional transfer credit for nursing courses/certificates that are more than 7 years old at the time of the request. If evidence of current practice in the content area is submitted, this regulation may be waived. Credit will not be awarded for non-nursing required, support and option courses that are more than 10 years old at the time of the request.
3. Students will be permitted a maximum of 5 years to complete all degree requirements from date of enrolment.
4. Students who have been awarded 2 failing grades in 1 or more nursing courses will be automatically withdrawn from the post-RN Bachelor of Nursing program, with no opportunity for re-admission.

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Post-LPN, Bachelor of Nursing

Regulations amended, effective Sep. 1, 2024.

NOTE: Admission to this program is paused due to high enrolments. Please refer to the Future Post-LPN BN Program for further information.

This program is designed to provide the Regulated (Practicing) Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) with the opportunity to continue their education in nursing in a baccalaureate program that offers flexible modes of course delivery and opportunities to develop a clinical focus. Graduates are eligible to write the National Council Licensure Examination – Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN) and to apply for registration with the College of Registered Nurses of Alberta. If you plan to practice in a jurisdiction other than Alberta following completion of this program, please contact the regulatory body in that jurisdiction, before applying to this program, to determine acceptance of the program when seeking a temporary practice permit and active registration as a registered nurse. All Athabasca University (AU) nursing courses are mapped to the most current **entry to practice competencies**, as determined by the College of Registered Nurses of Alberta (CRNA).

The **Faculty of Health Disciplines** offers the Post-LPN Bachelor of Nursing program. For additional program information, please email **bnadvisor@athabascau.ca**.

Planning your program

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Athabasca University has also developed **program learning outcomes** that describe the career options that may be available to you upon graduating.

Enrolment requirements

1. Graduation from an approved practical nurse (LPN; RPN) certificate/diploma program.
2. Regulated (Practicing) LPN with the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta. Proof of active registration/licensure must be submitted at time of application and maintained while completing the program.
3. Equivalent of 1-year full-time work experience (1,700 hours) as a LPN (submit letter(s) from employers to substantiate).

Students with non-Canadian/non-United States education

Students presenting non-Canadian/non-United States (US) diplomas must present one of the following for admission and/or possible transfer credit:

- official transcript showing completion of a recognized Canadian Practical Nurse Diploma, or bridging program; or
- a basic assessment* that compare the credential completed to Practical Nurse education in Canada from an international assessment agency, for example, the **International Qualifications Assessment Service** (IQAS); or

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- if seeking additional transfer credits, a specialized or course-by-course evaluation of post-secondary course work from an international assessment agency, for example, the **International Qualifications Assessment Service** (IQAS).

Official transcripts for any completed Canadian or US courses or programs in nursing, taken to obtain licensure in Canada, must be submitted.

* Students who leave the post-LPN Bachelor of Nursing program for another program at AU will be required to provide a specialized or course-by-course assessment.

For more information, see the Evaluations and Transfer Credit section of the Calendar that explains the **foreign transcript evaluation process** for international students.

Program requirements

Students are required to follow the degree regulations in effect at the time they enrolled in their program. Students are responsible for ensuring that prerequisites (including specified program GPA requirements) and co-requisite course requirements are met throughout their program. Students who are inactive (have not registered for a course within 12 months from their last course contract end date) must re-enrol and will complete the regulations in effect at the time of re-enrolment.

Second undergraduate degree

LPN Students who hold a recognized first degree in a discipline

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outside of nursing who wish to obtain an AU Bachelor of Nursing degree must apply under the Second Undergraduate degree regulations. These students may transfer applicable coursework from the previously completed degree to satisfy up to 50 per cent of the total credits required to complete the post LPN BN program. Preparatory (100 level) credits cannot be used to fulfill the requirements of a second undergraduate degree. Those students who hold an international credential in the same discipline who wish to obtain a Canadian credential may be permitted, in consultation with the Program Director and reviewed by the Office of the Registrar.

Program structure

Bachelor of Nursing degree credit requirements	120
Credits awarded for successful completion of practical nurse certificate or diploma program	30*
Total credits required to complete the Post-LPN Bachelor of Nursing degree	90
Residency requirement. A minimum of 51 nursing credits (NURS) must be obtained through Athabasca University. Transfer credit will not be awarded for BIOL 235, NURS 316, NURS 316 in Cluster A, and NURS 250 in Cluster B—these courses must be completed through AU.	51

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Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits (excluding courses using a pass/fail grading scheme) must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition **(PLAR)** (for non-nursing) credits	9
The 90 credits required to complete a post-LPN Bachelor of Nursing degree shall be distributed as follows:	
• required and option nursing credits	60
• required Cluster A credits	30
* Additional credit may be awarded for university-level courses completed before enrolment to the Post-LPN Bachelor of Nursing program. **PLAR** may be awarded for non-nursing University-level courses. University-level nursing courses taken prior to enrolment in the Post-LPN BN program will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. Transfer credit will not be granted for nursing clinical courses that are more than 5 years old and nursing theory courses that are more than 7 years old and non-nursing required, support and option courses that are more than 10 years old at the time of the request.	

Course requirements

Courses listed in Cluster A are prerequisite to those listed in Cluster B, and courses listed in Cluster B are prerequisite to those listed in Cluster C. Pre/co-requisite course requirements are also present within both Cluster A and B.

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Students are responsible for ensuring that prerequisites (including the specified Program GPA) and co-requisite course requirements are met throughout the program in accordance with the Prerequisite Declaration Form. Please review the Syllabus for each course for details.

NOTE: Clinical courses will only be offered within Alberta. Please see **BN Clinical Preparation Guide** and **NURS 441 Placement Suggestion Process** for more information.

Cluster A courses

(30 credits)

ENGL 255 – Introductory Composition (recommended)*	(3)
or	
junior/senior level university or equivalent **ENGL course**	
PHIL 335 – Biomedical Ethics	(3)
BIOL 235 – Human Anatomy and Physiology**	(6)
PSYC 290 – General Psychology	(3)
MATH 215 – Introduction to Statistics	(3)
or	
MATH 216 – Computer-Oriented Approach to Statistics	

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HLST 320 – Teaching and Learning for Health Professionals	(3)
INST 203 – Indigenous Studies I	(3)
or	
INST 205 – Indigenous Studies II	
or	
INST 301 – Indigenous Education	
NURS 316 – Review of Pathophysiology and Pharmacology for BN Practice I**	(3)
NURS 317 – Review of Pathophysiology and Pharmacology for BN Practice II**	(3)
** BIOL 235, NURS 316, and NURS 317 must be taken with Athabasca University. Transfer Credit will not be awarded.	

- Students are strongly encouraged to register in their English course early in their program.

Cluster B nursing required and elective courses

(51 credits)

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NURS 250 – Exploration of Professional Nursing Practice	(3)
NURS 324 – Concepts and Theories in Nursing Practice	(3)
NURS 328 – Understanding Research	(3)
NURS 350 – Maternal Child and Pediatric Nursing	(3)
NURS 400 – Adult Health and Health Alterations	(3)
NURS 401 – Professional Practice with Adults Experiencing Health Alterations	(6)
NURS 432 – Management and Leadership in Nursing Practice	(4)
NURS 434 – Community Health Promotion	(4)
NURS 435 – Mental Health Nursing	(6)
NURS 436 – Family Health Promotion	(4)
NURS 437 – Professional Practice in Family and Community Health Promotion	(6)
NURS 438 – Trends and Issues in Nursing and Health Systems	(3)
And 3 credits from the following nursing elective list:	
NURS 326 – Health Assessment	(3)

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NURS 442 – Gerontological Nursing	(3)
NURS 604 – Leadership Roles in Health**	(3)
NURS 618 – Community Development for Health Care Leaders **	(3)
NURS 621 – Coaching and Leading: The Human Side of Organizational Change**	(3)
NURS 622 – Understanding Organizations: Theory, Analysis and Organization**	(3)
** A paced (within a specific 4-month time frame) nursing graduate course that is open for registration by June 10 (fall start), October 10 (winter start), and February 10 (spring start). Credit for NURS 604, 618, 621, or 622 if taken to fulfill the Bachelor of Nursing elective requirements, cannot be applied for credit toward another undergraduate or graduate degree. Please note the fee for this graduate course differs from that of an undergraduate course. Please fill out the **Graduate Programs: Course Registration Form** to register for NURS 604, 618, 621, or 622.	

Cluster C courses

(9 credits)

NURS 441 – Consolidated Professional Practice	(9)

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Computer requirements

Access to a computer with basic word processing and Internet access is required. Refer to the **online glossary.**

Clinical placement

Faculty of Health Disciplines students in a clinical placement are bound by the **Clinical Placement Misconduct Policy.** Any actions or behaviours that fall under the scope of the university's Academic Misconduct Policy, Non-Academic Misconduct Policy, or Academic Integrity Policy will continue to be dealt with under those policies.

Specific regulations

Given the unique and professional nature of the Post-LPN Bachelor of Nursing program, some of the general policies governing academic studies at Athabasca University are superseded by the following regulations.

1. In order to register in a nursing course with a practicum component, students must present proof of the following:
    - regulated (Practicing) LPN with the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Alberta. Proof of active registration/licensure must be maintained while completing the program.
    - compliance with all requirements listed in the **BN Clinical Preparation Guide** .
2. Students in the Post-LPN Bachelor of Nursing program are not permitted to challenge required or optional nursing theory or clinical courses.
3. Students seeking re-enrolment to the Post-LPN Bachelor of Nursing program will not receive credit for nursing clinical courses that are more than 5 years old and nursing theory courses that are more than 7 years old.

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Credit will not be awarded for non-nursing required, support and option courses that are more than 10 years old at the time of the request.

4. Students who have been awarded 2 failing grades in one or more nursing courses will be automatically withdrawn from the post-LPN BN program, with no opportunity for re-admission.
5. Students will be permitted a maximum of 7 years to complete all degree program requirements from date of enrolment.

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Professional arts degrees

When you are ready to enrol in a program, complete and submit the **Undergraduate General Application Form** to Athabasca University.

- **Bachelor of Professional Arts, Communication Studies Major**
- **Bachelor of Professional Arts, Criminal Justice Major**
- **Bachelor of Professional Arts, Governance, Law, and Management Major**
- **Bachelor of Professional Arts, Human Services Major**

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Bachelor of Professional Arts, Communication Studies Major

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The Bachelor of Professional Arts program is a four-year program designed for students who have completed a two- or three-year diploma or 60-credit equivalent from an Athabasca University approved university, college, institute of technology, or other organization approved for transfer credit. Some students may qualify to earn additional credits through prior learning assessment.

If you have any questions, please contact **Advising Services** .

Communication Studies Major

The Bachelor of Professional Arts, Communication Studies Major (BPA-CMNS) is offered by AU's Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. The program encourages students to apply their professional knowledge within a national and international context of mass media and communication.

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Planning your program

Online program plans assist students in selecting the courses needed to fulfill their program requirements.

AU has also developed **program learning outcomes** that describe the career options that may be available to you upon graduating.

Enrolment route

- Post-Diploma (PD) Transfer
- University Transfer
- Prior Learning

Enrolment requirements

Full enrolment into the Communication Studies Major requires 60 credits. The BPA Communication Studies Major is available to:

- graduates of a two- or three-year diploma (60-90 credits), two 30-credit certificate programs, or one 30-credit certificate and 30 transferable credits;
- graduates of an undergraduate university degree in a non-related field;
- applicants with a minimum of 60 credits of university-level coursework;
- applicants with a minimum of 60 AU Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) credits; or,

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- applicants with a combination of PLAR credits combined with university-level course credits to reach at least 60 credits.

Coursework and credentials must have been obtained from a university, college, institute of technology, or other organization, approved by Athabasca University. Individuals who have questions about the eligibility of their previous education for enrolment are strongly encouraged to contact **Advising Services** .

Pre-enrolment status

Applicants are granted pre-enrolment status if they have 6 or more credits, but less than the 60 credits required for enrolment. They can complete the remaining credits at AU for full enrolment.

Note: Those in the pre-enrolment category might consider completing an AU certificate or diploma credential that serves as a building block toward the degree, such as the 30-credit certificates or a diploma such as the 60-credit **University Diploma in Arts**. The courses within the 30-credit **University Certificate in Public Administration** (UC-PADM), for example, can be applied to both enrolment and to satisfy BPA major requirements, however, credits can only be used once. Contact **Advising Services** for more information about how you can earn the UC-PADM credential to fulfill major requirements, or to satisfy both entry and major requirements.

English language assessment

In addition to meeting the stated enrolment requirements, applicants must also complete AU's **English Language Assessment** (ELA) prior to being enrolled in the program. Based upon the applicant's ELA results, a recommendation will be made as to which writing skills' course is appropriate. Those applicants whose ELA suggests they would benefit from skill building courses at the 100-level will be allowed to register in **ENGL 155** : Developing Writing Skills; **ENGL 177** : English for Academic Purposes; or **PHIL 152** :

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Basics in Critical Thinking, Reading and Writing. The 100-level skill building course can be counted as a Junior Option in the Major.

Program requirements

Students must complete the regulations that are in effect at the time they enrol in the program.

Students are strongly encouraged to register in their English courses early in their program.

Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition

Some students may qualify for:

1. a maximum of 60 credits of **Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)** towards entry to this program;
2. a maximum of 30 credits towards senior credit once they are accepted into the program; or,
3. a combination of PLAR credits applied to entry and the remaining credits in the program.

Applicants with less than 30 credits who wish to use PLAR for program entry must first receive approval from the BPA-CMNS program coordinator. These applicants then will be conditionally enrolled after completion of **CMNS 201**: Introduction to Mass Media and **CMNS 302**: Communication in History.

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To learn more about PLAR opportunities within the Communication Studies program, please contact the CMNS **program coordinator** or the **Centre for Learning Accreditation**.

Program structure

Total credits in the program	120
Enrolment requirement	60

Minimum credits required beyond the college diploma

Common Core credits	12
Major and elective and/or option credits	48
Total	60
Residency requirement: A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24

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Within the degree students are required to earn for degree completion

Minimum credits required at the senior (300/400) level	48
Minimum credits required at the 400 level	18
Maximum credits allowed at junior (200) level*	12
*see English Language Assessment section; this could include an ELA recommended 100-level writing skills course.	

Common core

(12 credits)

All BPA programs require students to take a common core of courses which can be taken at any time. Students are encouraged, however, to complete the common core courses early in their program. The common core addresses skills and knowledge that will help students succeed with the remaining degree requirements. When choosing courses in the common core please consult **Advising Services** .

1. Take one of the following writing skills courses:	
ENGL 255 **Introductory Composition** **or**	(3)

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PHIL 252 **Critical Thinking**	
NOTE: Students who have taken a course deemed equivalent to one of these courses must take the other course. All students are strongly encouraged to complete their writing skills course(s) early in their programs.	
2. Take one of the following Indigenous cultural competency courses:	
INST 203 **Indigenous Studies I** **or** INST 205 **Indigenous Studies II**	(3)
NOTE: Students who have taken a course deemed equivalent to one of these courses must take the other course.	
3. A senior (300/400) level professional ethics course, such as:	
CMNS 455 **Media Ethics** **or** PHIL 333 **Professional Ethics** **or** PHIL 334 **Professional Ethics in Heritage Resources Management** **or** PHIL 335 **Biomedical Ethics** **or** PHIL 337 **Business Ethics** **or** PHIL 371 **Ethics, Science, Technology, and the Environment**	(3)

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4. A research methods course, such as:	
SOSC 366 **Research Methods in the Social Sciences** **or** ANTH 390 **Community-Based Research Methods**	(3)

Communication Studies – specific requirements

Common Core credits	12
Major Courses credits (made up of Required Major Courses and Electives)	30
Required Major Course credits	12
Elective credits	18
Options credits	18
Minimum CMNS credits allowed	18
Minimum credits required at the 400 level, 12 credits of which must be CMNS courses	18

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Maximum credits allowed at the 200 level (which may include 3 credits at the 100 level if recommended by the ELA. See English Language Assessment section above).	12
Residency requirement. A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Maximum **Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition** (PLAR) credits	***see Prior Learning above**

Major courses (30 credits)

Required major courses

(12 credits)

CMNS 301 – Communication Theory and Analysis	(3)
CMNS 302 – Communication in History	(3)
CMNS 401 – Cultural Policy in Canada	(3)
ANTH 362 – First Peoples of Canada	(3)

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or	
INST 369 – Indigenous Peoples in Canada Since 1830	

Elective courses

Select 18 credits from the following list:

*Note: Students may use any **CMNS** course to meet the 18 credits required in this area.

All CMNS courses	
POEC 302 – Theories and Approaches to Political Economy	(3)
POEC 393 – Canada and the Global Political Economy	(3)
POLI 309 – Canadian Government and Politics	(3)
SOCI 435 – Theories of Social Change	(3)
GOVN/LGST/CRJS 377 – Issues in Access to Information and Privacy Protection	(3)

Options

(18 credits)

18 credits from any **discipline***

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* Students whose ELA results recommend preparatory skill development via ENGL 155, ENGL 177, or PHIL 152, may count one of these 3-credit 100-level courses towards the Option requirement.

Note: Courses that are cross-listed with courses on the major or elective list will meet the requirements. Students are advised to plan their program of study carefully using a program planner, and to consult with **Advising Services** to ensure that they meet all of the degree requirements.

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Bachelor of Professional Arts, Criminal Justice Major

Regulations effective Sep. 1, 2024.

The Bachelor of Professional Arts program is a four-year program designed for students who have completed a two- or three-year diploma or 60-credit equivalent from an Athabasca University approved university, college, institute of technology, or other organization approved for transfer credit. Some students may qualify to earn additional credits through prior learning assessment.

If you have any questions, please contact **Advising Services** .

Criminal Justice Major

The Bachelor of Professional Arts, Criminal Justice Major (BPA-CRJS) is offered by Athabasca University's **Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences** . Sixty credits are required for degree completion beyond the Athabasca University (AU) approved two-year college diploma (or 60 credit equivalent) that students

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enter the program with. The BPA-CRJS provides students with broad-based learning within the social sciences through emphasis on the legal, political, and social factors shaping criminal justice in Canada.

Planning your program

Online program plans assist students in selecting the courses needed to fulfill their program requirements.

AU has also developed **program learning outcomes** that describe the career options that may be available to you upon graduating.

Enrolment routes

- Post-Diploma (PD) Transfer
- University Transfer
- Prior Learning

Enrolment requirements

Full enrolment into the Criminal Justice major requires 60 credits. The BPA, Criminal Justice Major is available to:

- graduates of a two- or three-year diploma (60-90 credits), two 30-credit certificate programs, or one 30-credit certificate and 30 transferable credits;
- graduates of an undergraduate university degree in a non-related field;

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- applicants with a minimum of 60 credits of university-level coursework;
- applicants with a minimum of 60 AU Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) credits; or,
- applicants with a combination of AU PLAR credits combined with university-level course credits to reach at least 60 credits.

Coursework and credentials must have been obtained from a university, college, institute of technology, or other organization, approved by Athabasca University. Individuals who have questions about the eligibility of their previous education for enrolment are strongly encouraged to contact **Advising Services** .

Pre-enrolment status

Applicants are granted pre-enrolment status if they have 6 or more credits, but less than the 60 credits required for enrolment. They can complete the remaining credits at AU for full enrolment.

Note: Those in the pre-enrolment category might consider completing an AU certificate or diploma credential that serves as a building block toward the degree, such as the 30-credit certificates or a diploma such as the 60-credit **University Diploma in Arts**. The courses within the 30-credit **University Certificate in Public Administration** (UC-PADM), for example, can be applied to both enrolment and to satisfy BPA major requirements, however, credits can only be used once. Contact **Advising Services** for more information about how you can earn the UC-PADM credential to fulfill major requirements, or to satisfy both entry and major requirements.

English language assessment

In addition to meeting the stated enrolment requirements, applicants must also complete AU's **English Language Assessment** (ELA) prior to being enrolled in the program. Based upon the applicant's ELA results, a

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recommendation will be made as to which writing skills' course is appropriate. Those applicants whose ELA suggests they would benefit from skill building courses at the 100-level will be allowed to register in **ENGL 155** : Developing Writing Skills; **ENGL 177** : English for Academic Purposes; or **PHIL 152** : Basics in Critical Thinking, Reading and Writing. The 100-level skill building course can be counted as a Junior Option in the Major.

Program requirements

Students must complete the regulations that are in effect at the time they enrol in the program.

Students are strongly encouraged to register in their English courses early in their program.

Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition

Some students may qualify for:

1. a maximum of 60 credits of **Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)** towards entry to this program;
2. a maximum of 30 credits towards senior credit once they are accepted into the program; or,
3. a combination of PLAR credits applied to entry and the remaining credits in the program.

Applicants with less than 30 credits who wish to use PLAR for

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program entry must first receive approval from the BPA-CRJS program coordinator. These applicants then will be conditionally enrolled after completion of **LGST 230**: The Canadian Legal System and **GOVN 390**: Public Policy and Administrative Governance. Applicants who seek PLAR credits for enrolment who already have 6 or more transferable credits can also be conditionally enrolled in the BPA-CRJS. However, they can only commence the PLAR process after they have completed LGST 230 and GOVN 390.

To learn more about PLAR opportunities within the Criminal Justice program, please contact the CRJS **program coordinator** or the **Centre for Learning Accreditation**.

Program structure

Total credits in the program	120
Enrolment requirement	60

Minimum credits required beyond the college diploma

Common Core credits	12
Major and elective and/or option credits	48

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Total	60
Residency requirement: A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24

Within the degree students are required to earn for degree completion

Minimum credits required at the senior (300/400) level	48
Minimum credits required at the 400 level	18
Maximum credits allowed at junior (200) level*	12
*see English Language Assessment section; this could include an ELA recommended 100-level writing skills course.	

Common core

(12 credits)

All BPA programs require students to take a common core of courses which

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can be taken at any time. Students are encouraged, however, to complete the common core courses early in their program. The common core addresses skills and knowledge that will help students succeed with the remaining degree requirements. When choosing courses in the common core please consult **Advising Services** .

1. Take one of the following writing skills courses:	
ENGL 255 **Introductory Composition** **or** PHIL 252 **Critical Thinking**	(3)
NOTE: Students who have taken a course deemed equivalent to one of these courses must take the other course. All students are strongly encouraged to complete their writing skills course(s) early in their programs.	
2. Take one of the following Indigenous cultural competency courses:	
INST 203 **Indigenous Studies I** **or** INST 205 **Indigenous Studies II**	(3)
NOTE: Students who have taken a course deemed equivalent to one of these courses must take the other course.	
3. A senior (300/400) level professional ethics course, such as:	
CMNS 455 **Media Ethics** **or**	

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PHIL 333 **Professional Ethics** **or** PHIL 334 **Professional Ethics in Heritage Resources Management** **or** PHIL 335 **Biomedical Ethics** **or** PHIL 337 **Business Ethics** **or** PHIL 371 **Ethics, Science, Technology, and the Environment**	(3)
4. A research methods course, such as:	
SOSC 366 **Research Methods in the Social Sciences** **or** ANTH 390 **Community-Based Research Methods**	(3)

Criminal Justice Major – specific requirements

Common Core credits	12
Major Courses credits	39
Options credits	9

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Minimum CRJS credits allowed	18
Minimum credits required at the 400 level	18
Maximum credits allowed at the 200 level (which may include 3 credits at the 100 level if recommended by the ELA. See English Language Assessment section above).	12
Residency requirement. A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Maximum **Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition** (PLAR) credits	***see Prior Learning above**

Major courses

(39 credits)

All **CRJS** courses	24 credits
Any Statistics course, such as:	

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CMNS 308 – Understanding Statistical Evidence	(3)
or	
SOCI 301 – Social Statistics	
SOCI 305 – Sociology and Crime	(3)
or	
SOCI 365 – Sociology of Deviance	
Any Indigenous justice course, such as:	
INST 348 – Aboriginal Justice in Canada	(3)
WGST 422 – Violence Against Women in a Global Perspective	(3)
or	
LBST 415 – Sex Work and Sex Workers	
or	
WGST 322 – Sexuality in Society	
or	

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LGST 390 – Women, Equality, and the Law	
LGST 482 – Jurisprudence	(3)
or	
GOVN 390 – Public Policy and Administrative Governance	
or	
HSRV 322 – Ideology and Policy Evolution	

Options

(9 credits)

9 credits from any **discipline***

* Students whose ELA results recommend preparatory skill development via ENGL 155, ENGL 177, or PHIL 152, may count one of these 3-credit 100-level courses towards the Option requirement.

Note: Courses that are cross-listed with courses on the major or elective list will meet the requirements. Students are advised to plan their program of study carefully using a program planner, and to consult with **Advising Services** to ensure that they meet all of the degree requirements.

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Bachelor of Professional Arts, Governance, Law, and Management Major

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The Bachelor of Professional Arts program is a four-year program designed for students who have completed a two- or three-year diploma or 60-credit equivalent from an Athabasca University approved university, college, institute of technology, or other organization approved for transfer credit. Some students may qualify to earn additional credits through prior learning assessment.

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Governance, Law, and Management Major

The Bachelor of Professional Arts, Governance, Law, and Management (BPA-GLM) major is offered by Athabasca University's **Faculty of Humanities and**

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Social Sciences . Sixty credits are required for degree completion beyond the Athabasca University (AU) approved two-year college diploma (or 60 credit equivalent) that students enter the program with. The BPA-GLM provides students with the requisite knowledge and practical know-how needed by professional for good governance and the successful management or organizational change, particularly the increasing shift of knowledge-based society to e-governance in a globalized world.

Planning your program

Online program plans assist students in selecting the courses needed to fulfill their program requirements.

AU has also developed **program learning outcomes** that describe the career options that may be available to you upon graduating.

Enrolment routes

- Post-Diploma (PD) Transfer
- University Transfer
- Prior Learning

Enrolment requirements

Full enrolment into the Governance, Law, and Management major requires 60 credits. The BPA, Governance, Law, and Management major is available to:

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- graduates of a two- or three-year diploma (60-90 credits), two 30-credit certificate programs, or one 30-credit certificate and 30 transferable credits;
- graduates of an undergraduate university degree in a non-related field;
- applicants with a minimum of 60 credits of university-level coursework;
- applicants with a minimum of 60 AU Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) credits; or,
- applicants with a combination of AU PLAR credits combined with university-level course credits to reach at least 60 credits.

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Pre-enrolment status

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English language assessment

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Program requirements

Students must complete the regulations that are in effect at the time they enrol in the program.

Students are strongly encouraged to register in their English courses early in their program.

Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition

Some students may qualify for:

1. a maximum of 60 credits of **Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)** towards entry to this program;
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remaining credits in the program.

Applicants with less than 30 credits who wish to use PLAR for program entry must first receive approval from the BPA-GLM program coordinator. These applicants then will be conditionally enrolled after completion of **ADMN 232** : Introduction to Management and **GOVN 301** : Governance, Public Sector, and Corporate Power. Applicants who seek PLAR credits for enrolment who already have 6 or more transferable credits can also be conditionally enrolled in the BPA-GLM. However, they can only commence the PLAR process after they have completed ADMN 232 and GOVN 301.

To learn more about PLAR opportunities within the Governance, Law, and Management program, please contact the GLM **program coordinator** or the **Centre for Learning Accreditation** .

Program structure

Total credits in the program	120
Enrolment requirement	60

Minimum credits required beyond the college diploma

Common Core credits	12

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Major and elective and/or option credits	48
Total	60
Residency requirement: A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24

Within the degree students are required to earn for degree completion

Minimum credits required at the senior (300/400) level	48
Minimum credits required at the 400 level	18
Maximum credits allowed at junior (200) level*	12
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Common core

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(12 credits)

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1. Take one of the following writing skills courses:	
ENGL 255 **Introductory Composition** **or** PHIL 252 **Critical Thinking**	(3)
NOTE: Students who have taken a course deemed equivalent to one of these courses must take the other course. All students are strongly encouraged to complete their writing skills course(s) early in their programs.	
2. Take one of the following Indigenous cultural competency courses:	
INST 203 **Indigenous Studies I** **or** INST 205 **Indigenous Studies II**	(3)
NOTE: Students who have taken a course deemed equivalent to one of these courses must take the other course.	
3. A senior (300/400) level professional ethics course, such as:	

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CMNS 455 **Media Ethics** **or** PHIL 333 **Professional Ethics** **or** PHIL 334 **Professional Ethics in Heritage Resources Management** **or** PHIL 335 **Biomedical Ethics** **or** PHIL 337 **Business Ethics** **or** PHIL 371 **Ethics, Science, Technology, and the Environment**	(3)
4. A research methods course, such as:	
SOSC 366 **Research Methods in the Social Sciences** **or** ANTH 390 **Community-Based Research Methods**	(3)

Governance, Law, and Management – specific requirements

Common Core credits	12
Major Courses credits	36

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Minimum Governance (GOVN) credits	18
Options credits	12
Minimum credits required at the 400 level	18
Maximum credits allowed at the 200 level (which may include 3 credits at the 100 level if recommended by the ELA. See English Language Assessment section above).	12
Residency requirement. A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Maximum **Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition** (PLAR) credits	***see Prior Learning above**

Major courses

(36 credits)

A total of 36 credits must be taken as noted in the following seven groups of major required courses (a course cannot be used to fill more than one group requirement):

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Group 1: Governance

(6 credits)

Must include:	
GOVN/POLI 301 – Governance, the Public Sector, and Corporate Power	(3)
And one of:	
All **GOVN** courses	

Group 2: Indigenous Cultural Competency

(3 credits from the following list)

ANTH 362 – First Peoples of Canada	(3)
POLI 311 – Aboriginal Politics and Governance	(3)
All **INST** courses	

Group 3: Women-Focused or Gender Studies

(3 credits from the following list)

ANTH 375 – The Anthropology of Gender	(3)

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HSRV 470 – Advocacy from the Margins	(3)
LGST 390 – Women, Equality, and the Law	(3)
POLI 350 – Women in Politics	(3)
All **WGST** courses	

Group 4: Political Studies

(6 credits from the following list)

GLST 205 – Building Blocks of Global Studies: Overview of Approaches, Concepts, and Issues	(3)
GLST/ENVS 243 – Environmental Change in a Global Context	(3)
All **PHIL** courses	
All **POEC** courses	
All **POLI** courses	
SOCI 381 – The Rich and the Rest: The Sociology of Wealth, Power, and Inequality	(3)

Group 5: Legal Studies

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(6 credits from the following list)

CMNS 311 – Mass Media and the Law	(3)
CRJS 370 – Youth Justice	(3)
ENVS 305 – Environmental Impact Assessment	(3)
GOVN/LGST/CJRS 377 – Issues in Access to Information and Privacy Protection	(3)
GOVN/GLST/POLI 440 – Global Governance and Law	(3)
All **LGST** courses	

Group 6: Policy and Management

(6 credits from the following list)

CMNS 308 – Understanding Statistical Evidence	(3)
or	
SOCI 301 – Social Statistics	
GOVN 380/HSRV 363 – Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Governance	(3)

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GOVN 390/POLI 392 – Public Policy and Administrative Governance	(3)
GOVN/POLI 403 – Public Policy in a Global Era	
GOVN/POLI 405 – Innovative Public Management	(3)
GOVN/GLST 450 – Public Budgeting and Financial Management in a Globalized World	(3)
HSRV 322 – Ideology and Policy Evolution	(3)

Group 7: People and Management

(6 credits from the following list)

ENVS 435 – Transformative Change in Building Sustainable Communities	(3)
GOVN/HSRV/POLI 400 – Governance and Leadership	(3)
All **HRMT** courses	
All **IDRL** courses	
All **LBST** courses	

Options

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(12 credits)

12 credits from any **discipline** *

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Students who wish to pursue employment in the federal civil service or foreign affairs are strongly encouraged to take French for their Option courses. Students interested in North American integration should take Spanish. Students interested in governance capacity building for First Nations communities should consider taking an Indigenous language course.

Note: Courses that are cross-listed with courses on the major or elective list will meet the requirements. Students are advised to plan their program of study carefully using a program planner, and to consult with **Advising Services** to ensure that they meet all of the degree requirements.

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Bachelor of Professional Arts, Human Services Major

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The Bachelor of Professional Arts program is a four-year program designed for students who have completed a two- or three-year diploma or 60-credit equivalent from an Athabasca University approved university, college, institute of technology, or other organization approved for transfer credit. Some students may qualify to earn additional credits through prior learning assessment.

If you have any questions, please contact **Advising Services** .

Human Services Major

Bachelor of Professional Arts, Human Services Major (BPA-HSRV) is offered by AU's Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. The program responds to the career and professional needs of practitioners in the human services sector, including: community development, counselling, education, child care services,

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health care services, intercultural relations, and social services. It provides students with broad-based and in-depth learning within the social sciences, emphasizing intercultural, legal, political and social factors shaping human services in Canada. The program complements the diploma programs offered at accredited colleges in Alberta and across Canada.

Planning your program

Online program plans assist students in selecting the courses needed to fulfill their program requirements.

AU has also developed **program learning outcomes** that describe the career options that may be available to you upon graduating.

Enrolment route

- Post-Diploma (PD) Transfer
- University Transfer
- Prior Learning

Enrolment requirements

Full enrolment into the Human Services Major requires 60 credits. The BPA Human Services Major is available to:

- graduates of a two- or three-year diploma (60-90 credits), two 30-credit certificate programs, or one 30-credit certificate and 30 transferable credits;

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- graduates of an undergraduate university degree in a non-related field;
- applicants with a minimum of 60 credits of university-level coursework;
- applicants with a minimum of 60 AU Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) credits; or,
- applicants with a combination of PLAR credits combined with university-level course credits to reach at least 60 credits.

Coursework and credentials must have been obtained from a university, college, institute of technology, or other organization, approved by Athabasca University. Individuals who have questions about the eligibility of their previous education for enrolment are strongly encouraged to contact **Advising Services** .

Pre-enrolment status

Applicants are granted pre-enrolment status if they have 6 or more credits, but less than the 60 credits required for enrolment. They can complete the remaining credits at AU for full enrolment.

Note: Those in the pre-enrolment category might consider completing an AU certificate or diploma credential that serves as a building block toward the degree, such as the 30-credit certificates or a diploma such as the 60-credit **University Diploma in Arts**. The courses within the 30-credit **University Certificate in Public Administration** (UC-PADM), for example, can be applied to both enrolment and to satisfy BPA major requirements, however, credits can only be used once. Contact **Advising Services** for more information about how you can earn the UC-PADM credential to fulfill major requirements, or to satisfy both entry and major requirements.

English language assessment

In addition to meeting the stated enrolment requirements, applicants must

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also complete AU's **English Language Assessment** (ELA) prior to being enrolled in the program. Based upon the applicant's ELA results, a recommendation will be made as to which writing skills' course is appropriate. Those applicants whose ELA suggests they would benefit from skill building courses at the 100-level will be allowed to register in **ENGL 155**: Developing Writing Skills; **ENGL 177**: English for Academic Purposes; or **PHIL 152**: Basics in Critical Thinking, Reading and Writing. The 100-level skill building course can be counted as a Junior Option in the Major.

Program requirements

Students must complete the regulations that are in effect at the time they enrol in the program.

Students are strongly encouraged to register in their English courses early in their program.

Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition

Some students may qualify for:

1. a maximum of 60 credits of **Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)** towards entry to this program;
2. a maximum of 30 credits towards senior credit once they are accepted into the program; or,
3. a combination of PLAR credits applied to entry and the remaining credits in the program.

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Applicants with less than 30 credits who wish to use PLAR for program entry must first receive approval from the BPA-HSRV program coordinator. These applicants then will be conditionally enrolled after completion of **HSRV 201** : Social Work and Human Services and **HSRV 306** : Critical Reflection for Practice. Applicants who seek PLAR credits for enrolment who already have 6 or more transferable credits also can be conditionally enrolled to the BPA-HSRV. However, they can only commence the PLAR process after they have completed HSRV 201 and HSRV 306.

To learn more about PLAR opportunities within the Human Services program, please contact the HSRV **program coordinator** or the **Centre for Learning Accreditation** .

Program structure

Total credits in the program	120
Enrolment requirement	60

Minimum credits required beyond the college diploma

Common Core credits	12
Major and elective and/or option credits	48

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Total	60
Residency requirement: A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24

Within the degree students are required to earn for degree completion

Minimum credits required at the senior (300/400) level	48
Minimum credits required at the 400 level	18
Maximum credits allowed at junior (200) level*	12
*see English Language Assessment section; this could include an ELA recommended 100-level writing skills course.	

Common core

(12 credits)

All BPA programs require students to take a common core of courses which can be taken at any time. Students are encouraged, however, to complete the

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common core courses early in their program. The common core addresses skills and knowledge that will help students succeed with the remaining degree requirements. When choosing courses in the common core please consult **Advising Services** .

1. Take one of the following writing skills courses:	
ENGL 255 **Introductory Composition** **or** PHIL 252 **Critical Thinking**	(3)
NOTE: Students who have taken a course deemed equivalent to one of these courses must take the other course. All students are strongly encouraged to complete their writing skills course(s) early in their programs.	
2. Take one of the following Indigenous cultural competency courses:	
INST 203 **Indigenous Studies I** **or** INST 205 **Indigenous Studies II**	(3)
NOTE: Students who have taken a course deemed equivalent to one of these courses must take the other course.	
3. A senior (300/400) level professional ethics course, such as:	
CMNS 455 **Media Ethics** **or** PHIL 333 **Professional Ethics**	

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or PHIL 334 **Professional Ethics in Heritage Resources Management** **or** PHIL 335 **Biomedical Ethics** **or** PHIL 337 **Business Ethics** **or** PHIL 371 **Ethics, Science, Technology, and the Environment**	(3)
4. A research methods course, such as:	
SOSC 366 **Research Methods in the Social Sciences** **or** ANTH 390 **Community-Based Research Methods**	(3)

Human Services – specific requirements

Note that **HSRV 489** : Capstone: A Synthesis of Program Learning Outcomes may only be taken at the end of the program. All HSRV major required courses are prerequisites, therefore may not be taken concurrently with HSRV 489. A maximum of three, 3-credit option/elective courses may be taken concurrently with HRSV 489 (12 credits in total) as the final courses to complete the degree.

Common Core credits	12
Major Courses credits (made up of Required Major Courses	

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and Electives)	33
Required Major Course credits	18
Elective credits	15
Options credits	15
Minimum HSRV credits allowed, of which 9 must be at the 400 level (HSRV 489 fulfills 3 of these credits)	18
Minimum credits required at the 400 level	18
Maximum credits allowed at the 200 level (which may include 3 credits at the 100 level if recommended by the ELA. See English Language Assessment section above).	12
Maximum credits allowed in Business and Administrative Studies courses	15
Residency requirement. A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24
Maximum **Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition** (PLAR) credits	***see Prior Learning**

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Major courses (33 credits)

Required major courses

(18 credits)

HSRV 201 – Social Work and Human Services	(3)
HSRV 306 – Critical Reflection for Practice	(3)
HSRV 311 – Social Justice in Action	(3)
HSRV 322 – Ideology and Policy Evolution	(3)
All **INST** courses	
HSRV 489* – Capstone: A Synthesis of Program Learning Outcomes Taken at the end of the HSRV degree studies, after all other courses in the BPA-HSRV major degree have been completed. All HSRV major required courses are prerequisites, therefore may not be taken concurrently with HSRV 489. A maximum of three other 3-credit option/elective courses may be taken concurrently with HSRV 489 as the final courses to complete the degree.*Professor approval required.	(3)

Elective courses

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Select 15 credits from the following list:

Note: Courses that are cross-listed with courses on this list will meet the elective requirements.

All **ANTH** courses	
All **CMNS** courses	
All **CRJS** courses	
All **EDPY** courses	
All **EDUC** courses	
All **GLST** courses	
All **GOVN** courses	
All **HADM** courses	
All **HSRV** courses	
All **INST** courses	
All **IDRL** * courses	
All **LGST** courses	

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All **ORGB** * courses	
All **POEC** courses	
All **POLI** courses	
All **PSYC** courses	
All **SOSC** courses	
All **SOCI** courses	
All **WGST** courses	
* Courses in Industrial Relations and Organizational Behaviour may not exceed 15 credits in this degree. (See Program Structure, maximum in Business and Administrative Studies)	

Options

(15 credits)

15 credits from any **discipline** *

* Students whose ELA results recommend preparatory skill development via ENGL 155, ENGL 177, or PHIL 152, may count these 3-credit 100-level courses towards the Option requirement.

Note: Please ensure your course selection meets the general degree requirements, especially the requirements of completing 18 credits at the 400 level and 18 credits in Human Services.

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Students are advised to plan their program of study carefully using a program planner, and to consult with **Advising Services** to ensure that they meet all of the degree requirements.

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Science degrees

When you are ready to enrol in a program, complete and submit the **Undergraduate General Application Form** to Athabasca University.

- Bachelor of Science in Architecture
- Bachelor of Science (Post Diploma) in Architecture
- Bachelor of Science, General Degree
- Bachelor of Science (Post Diploma) General

Science majors

- Bachelor of Science, Applied Mathematics Major
- Bachelor of Science, Computing and Information Systems Major
- Bachelor of Science, Biological Sciences Major
- Bachelor of Science (Post Diploma) Applied Mathematics Major
- Bachelor of Science (Post Diploma) Computing and Information Systems Major
- Bachelor of Science (Post Diploma) Biological Sciences Major

Science minors (can only be taken with a science major)

- Bachelor of Science, Minor in Applied Math

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- Bachelor of Science, Minor in Architecture
- Bachelor of Science, Minor in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning
- Bachelor of Science, Minor in Biology
- Bachelor of Science, Minor in Business Administration
- Bachelor of Science, Minor in Computing
- Bachelor of Science, Minor in Finance Management
- Bachelor of Science, Minor in Game Design and Development
- Bachelor of Science, Minor in Game Programming
- Bachelor of Science, Minor in Geoscience
- Bachelor of Science, Minor in Human Science
- Bachelor of Science, Minor in Information Systems Management
- Bachelor of Science, Minor in Information Systems
- Bachelor of Science, Minor in Learning Technology
- Bachelor of Science, Minor in Physical Sciences
- Bachelor of Science, Minor in Psychology
- Bachelor of Science, Minor in Web Development

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Bachelor of Science in Architecture

Regulations effective Sep. 1, 2024.

Athabasca University and Architecture Canada, Royal Architecture Institute of Canada (RAIC), have formed a partnership dedicated to offering a high quality online architecture program. This is Canada's first online architecture program and it is a component of the renewal of the RAIC Syllabus which constitutes an alternative path to professional licensure as an architect in Canada. The RAIC Syllabus consists of studio, work experience and academic components taken while working under the supervision of a licensed Canadian architect.

The academic components of the Syllabus program are shared between first, a Bachelor of Science in Architecture (BSc Arch) and second, a Graduate Diploma in Architecture (GDA). Together, the studio and work experience (offered by RAIC) and the academic components (offered by Athabasca University) fulfill the requirements of the RAIC Syllabus Professional Diploma in Architecture.

The BSc Arch program, which has a strong focus on environmental and community sustainability, will also be beneficial for public and private careers in urban and construction planning and design, as well as studies of the built environment.

The BSc Arch program has open admission, however students who have an approved diploma or credentials in architecture may apply for the **Post**

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Diploma route and will be awarded 30 credits towards the Bachelor of Science (Post Diploma) Architecture Major. Students may receive additional credits pending review of course content completed through the diploma program.

The Bachelor of Science in Architecture (BSc Arch) program at Athabasca University provides a new way to study architecture and it is designed for the adult learner who wishes to earn a quality university education regardless of age, gender, culture, ability or disability, geographic location, career and family commitments.

Planning your program

Our **online program plans** can assist you in selecting the courses needed to fulfill your program requirements.

Athabasca University has also developed **program learning outcomes** that describe the career options that may be available to you upon graduating.

Students with a recognized degree

Students who hold a recognized first degree, outside of the field of Architecture, and who are interested on the BSc Arch program and/or courses, have two options:

1. Register as a non-program student and take courses of interest to them.
2. Enrol in the BSc Arch program at which time those students with an existing undergraduate degree will be admitted to the second undergraduate degree. These students' previous courses can be considered for credit up to 50 per cent of their AU degree requirements. The second degree must include 60 credits that were not part of the first degree, at least 30 of which must be completed at AU. Preparatory (100

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level) courses cannot be used to fulfill the requirements of a second undergraduate degree.

Program requirements

Students complete the program regulations in effect at the time of their enrolment.

Students are strongly encouraged to register in ENGL 255 early in their program.

English writing skills requirement

The English Writing Skills Requirement (ENGL 255) will be waived (students must replace the three credits to satisfy the credit requirement) if you satisfy one of the following:

- have a grade of B- (70 per cent) or better in an AU English course above the preparatory (100) level;
- or received transfer credit for a university-level English course in which a grade of B- or better was achieved.

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Program structure

Total credits in the program	120
Minimum Senior level (300/400) credits required	75
Science and Arts breadth and senior-level requirements are fulfilled by a combination of specific Science, Arts, and Architecture courses (many of which are disciplinary in nature and cover both requirements). As a result, the BSc Arch requirements replace the breadth and depth of the BSc requirement.	
Residency Requirement. A minimum of 30 credits at the senior (300/400) level must be obtained through AU.	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through AU in order to be considered.	24
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition **(PLAR)** credits	30

Core course requirements

(39 credits)

Note: To better meet Architecture needs, a few requirements vary from the general BSc requirements and are replaced with similar, discipline-related courses.

Students in the BSc, Architecture Major must complete the following core

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course requirements as they are specific to this major.

A total of 18 credits from:

APST 230 – Materials, Properties and Applications	(3)
PHYS 200 – Introductory Physics I	(3)
PHYS 201 – Introductory Physics II	(3)
or	
PHYS 202 – Introductory Physics III	
APST 240 – Introduction to Structures	(3)
APST 340 – Advanced Structures	(3)
APST 350 – Applied Architectural Sciences	(3)

6 credits in mathematics from:

MATH 209 – Finite Math	(3)
MATH 215 – Introduction to Statistics	(3)
or	

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MATH 216 – Computer-Orientated Approach to Statistics	

Computing course:

COMP 210 – Introduction to Information Systems and Computer Applications	(3)

The following courses:

PHIL 252 – Critical Thinking	(3)
PHIL 333 – Professional Ethics	(3)
or	
PHIL 371 – Ethics in Science and Technology	
PSYC 432 – Psychology and the Built Environment	(3)
ENGL 255 – Introductory Composition (see English Writing Skills Requirement above)	(3)

Architectural Major courses (75 credits)

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Design Workshop courses

(36 credits)

Note The courses below with "RAIC" course codes are offered to Syllabus students through RAIC.

ADST 200 – Foundations of Design I and ADST 205 – Foundations of Design II	(6)
or	
RAIC 200 – Foundations of Design (6 credit course)	
ADST 300 – Foundations of Architectural Design: Elements	(6)
or	
RAIC 300 – Foundations of Architectural Design – Elements	
ADST 350 – Foundations of Architectural Design: Simple Habitat	(6)
or	
RAIC 350 – Foundations of Architectural Design – Simple Habitat	
ADST 400 – Foundations of Architectural Design – Collective Habitat	

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or	(6)
RAIC 400 – Foundations of Architectural Design – Collective Habitat	
ADST 450 – Architectural Design: Cultural, Recreational and Institutional	(6)
or	
RAIC 450 – Architectural Design – Cultural, Recreational and Institutional	
ADST 490 – Architectural Design, Workplace	(6)
or	
RAIC 490 – Architectural Design, Workplace	

Applied Communication courses

(9 credits)

APST 215 – Introduction to Graphic Representation	(3)
APST 220 – 3D Modelling, Digital Representation and Presentation	(3)

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APST 255 – Computer Aided Design	(3)

Architectural Theory

(15 credits)

ARCH 330 – Architectural Design Theory Fundamentals	(3)
ARCH 340 – History and Theory of Modernism	(3)
ARCH 350 – Landscape	(3)
ARCH 400 – Urbanism	(3)
ARCH 420 – Contemporary Architectural Theory and Research	(3)

Architectural History

(9 credits)

ARCH 200 – History of Ideas in Architecture I	(3)
ARCH 300 – History of Ideas in Architecture II	(3)
ARCH 320 – History of Canadian Architecture	(3)

Advanced Architectural Technologies

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(6 credits)

APST 470 – Building Envelope and Assemblies	(3)
APST 480 – Mechanical Equipment of Buildings	(3)

Architectural elective courses

(6 credits)

Any 300 or 400 level **Science** courses	(3)
Any 300 or 400 level courses in: **ORGB** **and/or** **MKTG**	(3)

Specific program regulations

Given the professional nature of the BSc Architecture program, the following regulations supersede some of the general policies governing academic studies at Athabasca University:

1. Athabasca University will not grant transfer credit for science courses that were completed more than 10 years ago. Computer Science (**COMP**) and Computer Management Information Systems (**CMIS**) courses older than 5 years will be staledated if students are not currently working in the

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field of Architecture.

2. To be awarded a BSc Architecture degree, a minimum grade point average of 2.3 is required in all Athabasca University courses used towards the degree.
3. Upon graduation in the BSc Architecture degree students may subsequently complete the Graduate Diploma in Architecture in order to apply for the RAIC Professional Diploma in Architecture.

There are two ways to complete this degree:

General interest students

General interest students may complete the BSc Arch program. This approach does not involve a work/study component and can lead to licensing through the more traditional route of a Masters of Architecture (from another university) and internship.

Both the academic courses and the studios within this route will be completed online although there may be some face-to-face immersive studios as well.

The BSc Arch by itself can also lead to a variety of design careers.

RAIC Syllabus program

Students may also complete the BSc Arch as part of the RAIC Syllabus program which is a work/study program that can provide an alternative pathway to licensing as an architect in Canada.

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Students who are interested in this route of the BSc Arch program should first register with the RAIC to ensure they qualify for professional certification at the end of the program. In the Syllabus, students will complete 9800 hours of work experience while taking academic courses and design studios. The design studios are run by the RAIC in major cities across Canada and are face-to-face rather than virtual. The academic courses are run by Athabasca University and are online. The RAIC also supervises the work experience component.

The terminal credential in this program is the RAIC Syllabus Diploma. There are two routes to this diploma.

1. **The Degree Route:** Beginning in July 2014, students may choose to complete the BSc Arch, the Graduate Diploma in Architecture (GDA) and 9800 hours of work experience under the supervision of a licensed Canadian architect.
2. **The Existing Route:** Students may also choose to only complete the courses and studios required by Part I, II and III and 9800 hours of work experience under the supervision of a licensed Canadian architect. There are fewer courses in this route but students do not earn the BSc Arch or GDA.

In both cases successful students will receive the RAIC Syllabus Diploma and may then apply for individual certification by the Canadian Architectural Certification Board (CACB). This, in turn, will make a student eligible to apply for membership with a provincial architectural association – although students may be required to complete exams and additional internship hours.

You will find the Syllabus Diploma application steps listed at the following link: **https://www.raic-syllabus.ca/application**

For further information pertaining to the Syllabus Diploma

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registrations please contact the Syllabus Assistant Registrar at 613-241-3600, ext. 204

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Bachelor of Science in Architecture (Post Diploma)

Regulations effective Sep. 1, 2024.

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The academic components of the Syllabus program are shared between first, a Bachelor of Science in Architecture (BSc Arch) and second, a Graduate Diploma in Architecture (GDA). Together, the studio and work experience (offered by RAIC) and the academic components (offered by Athabasca University) fulfill the requirements of the RAIC Syllabus Professional Diploma in Architecture.

The BSc Arch program, which has a strong focus on environmental and community sustainability, will also be beneficial for public and private careers in urban and construction planning and design, as well as studies of the built environment.

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The BSc Arch program has open admission, however students who have an approved diploma or credentials in architecture may apply for the Post Diploma route and will be awarded 30 credits towards the BSc Architecture (PD). Students may receive additional credits pending review of course content completed through the diploma program.

The Bachelor of Science in Architecture (BSc Arch) program at Athabasca University provides a new way to study architecture and it is designed for the adult learner who wishes to earn a quality university education regardless of age, gender, culture, ability or disability, geographic location, career and family commitments.

Planning your program

Our **online program plans** can assist you in selecting the courses needed to fulfill your program requirements.

Athabasca University has also developed **program learning outcomes** that describe the career options that may be available to you upon graduating.

Program requirements

Students complete the program regulations in effect at the time of their enrolment.

Students are strongly encouraged to register in **APST 215: Introduction to Graphic Representation** early in their program.

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Program structure

Total credits in the program	120
College diploma receives	30
Residency Requirement. A minimum of 30 credits at the senior (300/400) level must be obtained through AU.	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through AU in order to be considered.	24
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition **(PLAR)** credits	30

Minimum credits required beyond the college diploma

(90 credits)

Core course requirements	30
Science and Arts breadth and senior-level requirements are fulfilled by a combination of specific Science, Arts, and Architecture courses (many of which are disciplinary in nature and cover both requirements). As a result, the BSc Arch requirements replace the breadth and depth of the BSc requirement.	

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Required Core Credits	30
Architecture Major Credits	60
Within those 90 credits:	
Required senior (300/400) level credits	60

Maximum credits allowed

In junior (200) level credit courses	30
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition **(PLAR)** credits	30

Core course requirements

(30 credits)

Note: To better meet Architecture needs, a few requirements vary from the general BSc requirements and are replaced with similar, discipline-related courses.

A total of 18 credits from:

APST 215 – Introduction to Graphic Representation	(3)
APST 220 – 3D Modelling, Digital Representation and Presentation	(3)

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APST 230 – Materials, Properties and Applications	(3)
PHYS 200 – Introductory Physics I	(3)
PHYS 201 – Introductory Physics II	(3)
or	
PHYS 202 – Introductory Physics III	
APST 340 – Advanced Structures	(3)

3 credits in mathematics from:

MATH 215 – Introduction to Statistics	(3)
or	
MATH 216 – Computer-Orientated Approach to Statistics	

The following courses:

PHIL 252 – Critical Thinking	(3)
PHIL 333 – Professional Ethics	(3)
or	

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PHIL 371 – Ethics in Science and Technology	
PSYC 432 – Psychology and the Built Environment	(3)

Architectural Major courses (60 credits)

Design Workshop courses

(30 credits)

Note: the courses below with "RAIC" course codes are offered to syllabus students through RAIC.

ADST 200 – Foundations of Design I **and** **ADST 205 – Foundations of Design II**	(6)
or	
RAIC 200 – Foundations of Design (6 credits)	
ADST 350 – Foundations of Architectural Design: Simple Habitat	(6)
or	

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RAIC 350 – Foundations of Architectural Design – Simple Habitat	
ADST 400 – Foundations of Architectural Design – Collective Habitat	(6)
or	
RAIC 400 – Foundations of Architectural Design – Collective Habitat	
ADST 450 – Architectural Design – Cultural, Recreational and Institutional	(6)
or	
RAIC 450 – Architectural Design – Cultural, Recreational and Institutional	
ADST 490 – Architectural Design, Workplace	(6)
or	
RAIC 490 – Architectural Design, Workplace	

Architectural Theory

(15 credits)

ARCH 330 – Architectural Design Theory Fundamentals	(3)

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ARCH 340 – History and Theory of Modernism	(3)
ARCH 350 – Landscape	(3)
ARCH 400 – Urbanism	(3)
ARCH 420 – Contemporary Architectural Theory and Research	(3)

Architectural History

(9 credits)

ARCH 200 – History of Ideas in Architecture I	(3)
ARCH 300 – History of Ideas in Architecture II	(3)
ARCH 320 – History of Canadian Architecture	(3)

Advanced Architectural Technologies

(6 credits)

APST 470 – Building Envelope and Assemblies	(3)
APST 480 – Mechanical Equipment of Buildings	(3)

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Specific program regulations

Given the professional nature of the BSc in Architecture program, the following regulations supersede some of the general policies governing academic studies at Athabasca University:

1. Athabasca University will not grant transfer credit for science courses that were completed more than 10 years ago. Computer Science (**COMP**) and Computer Management Information Systems (**CMIS**) courses older than 5 years will be staledated if students are not currently working in the field of Architecture.
2. Student who hold an approved college or technical institute architecture diploma that is more than five years old, but who can supply evidence of employment indicating that they are currently in architecture, will gain admission to this degree program. A letter of reference from an immediate supervisor may be submitted as proof of employment.
3. To be awarded a BSc in Architecture degree, a minimum grade point average of 2.3 is required in all Athabasca University courses used towards the degree. Students unable to obtain the required GPA will be requested to re-register in courses.
4. Upon graduation in the BSc in Architecture degree students may subsequently complete the Graduate Diploma in Architecture in order to apply for the RAIC Professional Diploma in Architecture.

There are two ways to complete this degree:

General interest students

General interest students may complete the BSc Arch program.

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This approach does not involve a work/study component and can lead to licensing through the more traditional route of a Masters of Architecture (from another university) and internship.

Both the academic courses and the studios within this route will be completed online although there may be some face-to-face immersive studios as well.

The BSc Arch by itself can also lead to a variety of design careers.

RAIC Syllabus program

Students may also complete the BSc Arch as part of the RAIC Syllabus program which is a work/study program that can provide an alternative pathway to licensing as an architect in Canada.

Students who are interested in this route of the BSc Arch program should first register with the RAIC to ensure they qualify for professional certification at the end of the program. In the Syllabus, students will complete 9800 hours of work experience while taking academic courses and design studios. The design studios are run by the RAIC in major cities across Canada and are face-to-face rather than virtual. The academic courses are run by Athabasca University and are online. The RAIC also supervises the work experience component.

The terminal credential in this program is the RAIC Syllabus Diploma. There are two routes to this diploma.

1. **The Degree Route:** Beginning in July 2014, students may choose to complete the BSc Arch, the Graduate Diploma in Architecture (GDA) and 9800 hours of work experience under the supervision of a licensed Canadian architect.

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2. **The Existing Route:** Students may also choose to only complete the courses and studios required by Part I, II and III and 9800 hours of work experience under the supervision of a licensed Canadian architect. There are fewer courses in this route but students do not earn the BSc Arch or GDA.

In both cases successful students will receive the RAIC Syllabus Diploma and may then apply for individual certification by the Canadian Architectural Certification Board (CACB). This, in turn, will make a student eligible to apply for membership with a provincial architectural association – although students may be required to complete exams and additional internship hours.

You will find the Syllabus Diploma application steps listed at the following link: **https://www.raic-syllabus.ca/application**

For further information pertaining to the Syllabus Diploma registrations please contact the Syllabus Assistant Registrar at 613-241-3600, ext. 204

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Bachelor of Science, General

Regulations amended, effective Sep. 1, 2024.

Athabasca University's Faculty of Science and Technology (FST) Bachelor of Science (BSc) degree allows students to take the general program or select a major in Human Science, Computing and Information Systems, or Applied Mathematics. A selection of minors is also offered for students to enhance their knowledge on a specific area of study. Given the importance of science and technology, this degree will prepare student to excel in the science-based world of today and meet the increasing technological demands of the future.

Graduate of the BSc program will have gained the technical, analytical, and critical thinking skills to be able to further their education. The four-year BSc is transferable towards medicine, dentistry, and veterinary programs at other Canadian and international institutions. Student intending to go onto graduate studies should contact the institution they would like to attend to ensure all entrance requirements are met.

Planning your program

Online program plans assist students in selecting the courses needed to fulfill their program requirements.

AU has also developed **program learning outcomes** that describe the career

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options that may be available to you upon graduating.

Majors and minors

Students have the choice to enrol in a BSc General (without a specific area of focus), to select a major, or to select a major and a minor, at the time of enrolment in the BSc program. It is highly recommended that students consult an AU program advisor before changing majors or minors. BSc majors and minors are available in:

Majors

- **Applied Mathematics**
- **Computing and Information Systems**
- **Biological Sciences**

Minors

- **Applied Mathematics Minor**
- **Architecture Minor**
- **Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Minor**

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- Biology Minor
- Business Administration Minor
- Computing Minor
- Finance Management Minor
- Game Design and Development Minor
- Game Programming Minor
- Geoscience Minor
- Human Science Minor
- Information Systems Minor
- Information Systems Management Minor
- Learning Technology Minor
- Physical Sciences Minor
- Psychology Minor
- Web Development Minor

Program requirements

Students complete the program regulations in effect at the time of their enrolment.

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English writing skills requirement

Students are strongly encouraged to register in ENGL 255 early in their program. Students will be exempted* from the English Writing Skills Requirement (ENGL 255) who have met one of the following criteria:

- have a grade of B- (70 per cent) or better in an Athabasca University **English course above the preparatory (100) level;**

  or

- received credit for an English course in which a grade of B- or better was achieved.

*Note: the exemption must be replaced with a 3-credit course in any discipline at the junior/senior (200 to 400) level.

Second undergraduate degree

Students who hold a recognized first degree and who wish to obtain an AU undergraduate degree in a different subject area, will be enrolled under the second undergraduate degree regulations. These students may transfer in up to 50 per cent (60 credits) into the four-year degree program, based on course work in the first degree that is applicable. Preparatory (100 level) credits cannot be used to fulfill the requirements of a second undergraduate degree.

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Double majors

For student in the BSc program wishing to combine two majors, all requirements of both majors must be fulfilled. The choice of major may restrict course selection or require the completion of more than 120 credits. Those considering a double major should consult an AU program advisor for assistance.

Program structure

Total credits in the program	120
Residency requirement. A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24

Minimum credits required

Senior (300 or 400) level
Science credits

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In the major (if selected)
In the major through Athabasca University
In the minor (if selected)
In the minor through Athabasca University
Senior Science credits (300 and 400 level)
Senior Science credits at 400 level
Social Science credits

Maximum credits allowed

In any one Science discipline	75
Senior project credits (495/496)	12
At the preparatory (100) level	6
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition **(PLAR)** credits	30

Core course requirements

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MATH 215 – Introduction to Statistics	(3)
or	
MATH 216 – Computer-oriented Approach to Statistics	
MATH 265 – Introduction to Calculus I *	(3)
*(When selecting the CIS major or a computing-related minor, MATH 265 may be replaced with MATH 270.)	
COMP 200 – Introduction to Computing and Information Systems **	(3)
or	
COMP 210 – Introduction to Information Systems and Computer Applications	
**(COMP 200 is required for students selecting the CIS major or a computing-related minor.)	
SCIE 326 – Scientific Reasoning	(3)
SCIE 480 – Research Methods in Science	(3)
or	
COMP 494 – Research Methods***	

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***COMP 494 is required for students in the CIS major.	
PHIL 333 – Professional Ethics	(3)
or	
PHIL 371 – Ethics, Science, Technology, and the Environment	
ENGL 255 – Introductory Composition (see English writing skills requirement)	(3)
At least one of the following project courses:	(3)
ASTR 495 – Astronomy and Astrophysics Projects I	
or	
BIOL 495 – Biology Projects	
or	
CHEM 495 – Chemistry Projects	
or	
COMP 495 – Computer and Information Systems Projects I	

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or	
ENSC 495 – Environmental Science Projects	
or	
GEOG 495 – Geography Projects I	
or	
GEOL 495 – Geology Projects I	
or	
MATH 495 – Mathematics Projects I	
or	
NUTR 495 – Nutrition Projects	
or	
PHYS 495 – Physics Projects	
or	
SCIE 495 – Science Projects I	

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Additional program regulations

1. Athabasca University may grant transfer credit for individual Computer Science courses that were completed more than 5 years ago if proof of currency in the field is provided in the form of a current resumé and letter(s) of employment from the supervisor/employer/human resources. The letter should be written on company letterhead, and the content must include the supervisor's signature, the position title, date of hire, and a breakdown of the duties that highlight the relevancy of the education. Other evidence may be accepted if the letter and the resumé cannot be supplied. Visit the **Transfer Credit Services** section of the Calendar for more information regarding transfer credit towards the BSc program.
2. Students holding a computing-related diploma from an approved college or technical institute that is more than 5 years old may be admitted to the BSc PD program if proof of currency in the field is provided in the form of a current resumé and letter(s) of employment from the supervisor/employer/human resources. The letter should be written on company letterhead, and the content must include the supervisor's signature, the position title, date of hire, and breakdown of the duties that highlight the relevancy of the education. Other evidence may be accepted if the letter and the resumé cannot be supplied.
3. If the following courses are over 10 years old: BIOL 325, BIOL 341, BIOL 401, BIOL 480, CHEM 301, and NUTR 406; Athabasca University may grant transfer credit if proof of currency in the field is provided in the form of a current resumé and letter(s) of employment from the supervisor/employer/human resources. The letter should be written on company letterhead, and the content must include the supervisor's signature, the position title, date of hire, and a breakdown of the duties that highlight the relevancy of the education. Other evidence may be accepted if the letter and the

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resumé cannot be supplied.

4. An individual course can only be used to fulfill one requirement in the program. For example, no course can be used to complete the specific requirements of both the major and the minor. Also, a course that fulfills the BSc program general requirements cannot be used to satisfy the specific requirements of either the major or the minor.
5. Preparatory (100 level) courses cannot be used to fulfill the requirements of the Post Diploma program.

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Bachelor of Science (Post Diploma) General Degree

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The Bachelor of Science (Post Diploma) program (BSc PD) allows students presenting a two- or three-year science- or computing-related diploma who wish to pursue a university degree to further their career and/or academic studies.

Graduates of the BSc PD program will have gained the technical, analytical, and critical thinking skills to be able to further their education. The BSc PD program also allows students to transfer their undergraduate degree towards medicine, dentistry, and veterinary programs at other Canadian and international institutions. Students intending to go on to graduate studies should contact the institution they would like to attend to ensure all entrance requirements are met.

The Faculty of Science and Technology offers three routes within the post diploma:

1. Major and minor route: For students in this route, those holding a two- or three-year science or computing-related diploma from an accredited college or technical institute may receive a minimum of a block of 30 credits. Depending on the content of the diploma, up to a maximum of 60 credits may be transferred toward the BSc PD program.

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2. Without a major or minor route: For students in this route, those holding a two- or three-year science or computing-related diploma from an accredited college or technical institute may receive a minimum of a block of 30 credits, students may also receive a block of 30 plus individual transfer credit up to a maximum of 60. Some diplomas may qualify for a block of 60 credits depending on the content of the diploma.
3. With or without a major route: Students applying to either of the above routes that are presenting a 2- or 3-year diploma from an accredited college or technical institute may receive a block of 30 credits. Depending on the content of the diploma, students may receive a block of 30 plus individual transfer credit up to a maximum of 60.

Note: Please refer to the required timelines in Additional Regulations at the bottom of this page. If your diploma is outside the time limits, please submit proof of currency as soon as possible. Not providing this documentation will hold up the evaluation process.

Planning your program

Online program plans assist students in selecting the courses needed to fulfill their program requirements.

AU has also developed **program learning outcomes** that describe the career options that may be available to you upon graduating.

Majors and minors

Students have the choice to enrol in a BSc (Post Diploma) General (without a specific area of focus), to select a major, or to select a major and a minor, at the time of enrolment in the BSc PD program. It is highly recommended that

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students consult an AU program advisor before changing majors or minors. BSc majors and minors are available in:

Majors

- **Applied Mathematics, Post Diploma**
- **Computing and Information Systems, Post Diploma**
- **Human Science, Post Diploma**

Minors

- **Applied Mathematics Minor**
- **Architecture Minor**
- **Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Minor**
- **Biology Minor**
- **Business Administration Minor**
- **Computing Minor**
- **Finance Management Minor**
- **Game Design and Development Minor**
- **Game Programming Minor**

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- Geoscience Minor
- Human Science Minor
- Information Systems Minor
- Information Systems Management Minor
- Learning Technology Minor
- Physical Sciences Minor
- Psychology Minor
- Web Development Minor

Program requirements

Students complete the program regulations in effect at the time of their enrolment.

English writing skills requirement

Students are strongly encouraged to register in ENGL 255 early in their program. Students will be exempted* from the English Writing Skills Requirement (ENGL 255) who have met one of the following criteria:

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- have a grade of B- (70 per cent) or better in an Athabasca University **English course above the preparatory (100) level;**

  or

- received credit for an English course in which a grade of B- or better was achieved.

*Note: the exemption must be replaced with a 3-credit course in any discipline at the junior/senior (200 to 400) level.

Program requirements for the 30-credit block admission

Program structure

Total credits in the program	120
Approved college or technical diploma receives *(Depending on the courses taken in the diploma, the student may receive additional credits not exceeding a total of 60 credits.)	30*
Residency requirement. A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits	

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must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24

Minimum credits required

Senior credits (300 or 400 level)	45
Science credits	60
In the major (if selected)	45
In the major through Athabasca University	15
In the minor (if selected)	24
In the minor through Athabasca University	9
Senior Science credits (300 and 400 level)	36
Senior Science credits at 400 level	12

Maximum credits allowed

At the preparatory (100) level	0
In any one Science discipline	75

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Senior project credits (495/496 courses)	12
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition **(PLAR)** credits	30

Core course requirements

MATH 215 – Introduction to Statistics	(3)
or	
MATH 216 – Computer-Oriented Approach to Statistics	
MATH 265 – Introduction to Calculus I * *(When selecting the CIS major or a computing-related minor MATH 265 may be replaced with MATH 270.)	(3)
COMP 200 – Introduction to Computing and Information Systems	(3)
or	
COMP 210 – Introduction to Information Systems and Computer Applications **	
**(COMP 200 is required for students selecting the CIS major or a computer-related minor.)	
SCIE 326 – Scientific Reasoning	(3)

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SCIE 480 – Research Methods in Science	(3)
or	
COMP 494 – Research Methods ***	
***COMP 494 is required for students in the CIS major.	
PHIL 333 – Professional Ethics	(3)
or	
PHIL 371 – Ethics, Science, Technology, and the Environment	
ENGL 255 – Introductory Composition (see English Writing Skills Requirement above)	(3)
At least one of the following project courses:	(3)
ASTR 495 – Astronomy and Astrophysics Projects I	
or	
BIOL 495 – Biology Projects	
or	
CHEM 495 – Chemistry Projects	

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or	
COMP 495 – Computer and Information Systems Projects I	
or	
ENSC 495 – Environmental Science Projects	
or	
GEOG 495 – Geography Projects	
or	
GEOL 495 – Geology Projects I	
or	
MATH 495 – Mathematics Projects I	
or	
NUTR 495 – Nutrition Projects	
or	
PHYS 495 – Physics Projects I	

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or	
SCIE 495 – Science Projects I	

Program requirements for the 60-credit block admission

Program structure

Total credits in the program	120
Approved college or technical diploma receives	60
Residency requirement. A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24

Minimum credits required

Senior credits (300 or 400 level)	45

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Science credits	51
Senior Science credits (300 and 400 level)	42
Senior Science credits at 400 level	12

Maximum credits allowed

At the preparatory (100) level	0
Senior project credits (495/496 courses)	12
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition **(PLAR)** credits	30

Core course requirements

MATH 215 – Introduction to Statistics	(3)
or	
MATH 216 – Computer-Oriented Approach to Statistics	
MATH 265 – Introduction to Calculus I	(3)
or	

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MATH 270 – Linear Algebra	
SCIE 326 – Scientific Reasoning	(3)
SCIE 480 – Research Methods in Science	(3)
or	
COMP 494 – Research Methods	
PHIL 333 – Professional Ethics	(3)
or	
PHIL 371 – Ethics, Science, Technology, and the Environment	
ENGL 255 – Introductory Composition (see English Writing Skills Requirement above)	(3)
At least one of the following project courses:	(3)
ASTR 495 – Astronomy and Astrophysics Projects I	
or	
BIOL 495 – Biology Projects	
or	

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CHEM 495 – Chemistry Projects	
or	
COMP 495 – Computer and Information Systems Projects I	
or	
ENSC 495 – Environmental Sciences Projects I	
or	
GEOG 495 – Geography Projects I	
or	
GEOL 495 – Geology Projects I	
or	
MATH 495 – Mathematics Projects I	
or	
NUTR 495 – Nutrition Projects	
or	

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PHYS 495 – Physics Projects I	
or	
SCIE 495 – Science Projects I	

Additional program regulations

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2. Students holding a computing-related diploma from an approved college or technical institute that is more than 5 years old may be admitted to the BSc PD program if proof of currency in the field is provided in the form of a current resumé and letter(s) of employment from the supervisor/employer/human resources. The letter should be written on company letterhead, and the content must include the supervisor's signature, the position title, date of hire, and breakdown of the duties that highlight the relevancy of the education. Other evidence may be accepted if the letter and the resumé cannot be supplied.
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4. An individual course can only be used to fulfill one requirement in the program. For example, no course can be used to complete the specific requirements of both the major and the minor. Also, a course that fulfills the BSc program general requirements cannot be used to satisfy the specific requirements of either the major or the minor.
5. Preparatory (100 level) courses cannot be used to fulfill the requirements of the Post Diploma program.

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Bachelor of Science, Applied Mathematics Major

Regulations effective Sep. 1, 2024.

The Bachelor of Science, Applied Mathematics Major is designed to help students develop a relatively wide range of applied mathematical skills which have direct applications in fields such as scientific and medical research, computer science, finance, engineering, and other math-related disciplines.

This major fosters innovative thinking toward solving scientific, environmental, and sociological issues using mathematical methods, and aims to provide deeper understanding and alternative perspectives on problems in math-related interdisciplinary fields. Its ultimate goal is to lay a foundation of research skills for undergraduate students to apply in real-world situations and contribute to the betterment of society.

Planning your program

Online program plans assist students in selecting the courses needed to fulfill their program requirements.

AU has also developed **program learning outcomes** that describe the career options that may be available to you upon graduating.

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Minors

Students enrolled in the Bachelor of Science with major, can also declare a minor. Minors are available in:

Minors

- Architecture Minor
- Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Minor
- Biology Minor
- Business Administration Minor
- Computing Minor
- Finance Management Minor
- Game Design and Development Minor
- Game Programming Minor
- Geoscience Minor
- Human Science Minor
- Information Systems Minor
- Information Systems Management Minor
- Learning Technology Minor
- Physical Sciences Minor

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- Psychology Minor
- Web Development Minor

Program requirements

Students complete the program regulations in effect at the time of their enrolment.

English writing skills requirement

Students are strongly encouraged to register in ENGL 255 early in their program. Students will be exempted* from the English Writing Skills Requirement (ENGL 255) who have met one of the following criteria:

- have a grade of B- (70 per cent) or better in an Athabasca University **English course above the preparatory (100) level;**

  or

- received credit for an English course in which a grade of B- or better was achieved.

*Note: the exemption must be replaced with a 3-credit course in any discipline at the junior/senior (200 to 400) level.

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Second undergraduate degree

Students who hold a recognized first degree and who wish to obtain an AU undergraduate degree in a different subject area, will be enrolled under the second undergraduate degree regulations. These students may transfer in up to 50 per cent (60 credits) into the four-year degree program, based on course work in the first degree that is applicable. Preparatory (100 level) credits cannot be used to fulfill the requirements of a second undergraduate degree.

Double majors

For student in the BSc program wishing to combine two majors, all requirements of both majors must be fulfilled. The choice of major may restrict course selection or require the completion of more than 120 credits. Those considering a double major should consult an AU program advisor for assistance.

The BSc Major in Applied Mathematics can be combined with these majors to fulfill a double major:

- **Bachelor of Science, Computing and Information Systems Major**
- **Bachelor of Science, Biological Sciences Major**

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Program structure

Total credits in the program	120
Residency requirement. A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24

Minimum credits required

Senior (300 or 400) level
Science credits
In the major (if selected)
In the major through Athabasca University
In the minor (if selected)
In the minor through Athabasca University
Senior Science credits (300 and 400 level)

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Senior Science credits at 400 level	
Social Science credits	

Maximum credits allowed

In any one Science discipline	75
Senior project credits (495/496)	12
At the preparatory (100) level	6
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition **(PLAR)** credits	30

Core course requirements

MATH 215 – Introduction to Statistics	(3)
or	
MATH 216 – Computer-oriented Approach to Statistics	
MATH 265 – Introduction to Calculus I *	(3)
*(When selecting the CIS major or a computing-related minor, MATH 265 may be replaced with MATH 270.)	

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COMP 200 – Introduction to Computing and Information Systems **	(3)
or	
COMP 210 – Introduction to Information Systems and Computer Applications	
**(COMP 200 is required for students selecting the CIS major or a computing-related minor.)	
SCIE 326 – Scientific Reasoning	(3)
SCIE 480 – Research Methods in Science	(3)
or	
COMP 494 – Research Methods*	
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PHIL 333 – Professional Ethics	(3)
or	
PHIL 371 – Ethics, Science, Technology, and the Environment	

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ENGL 255 – Introductory Composition (see English writing skills requirement)	(3)

Applied Mathematics – specific requirements

In addition to the BSc program general requirements, a Major in Applied Mathematics involves the completion of 45 credits of core and elective courses.

The Applied Mathematics Major cannot be combined with the Applied Mathematics Minor.

Core courses

(36 credits)

MATH 270 – Linear Algebra I	(3)
MATH 266 – Introduction to Calculus II	(3)
MATH 271 – Linear Algebra II	(3)
MATH 309 – Discrete Mathematics	(3)
MATH 315 – Methods in Applied Statistics	(3)
MATH 365 – Multivariable Calculus	(3)

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MATH 366 – Complex Variables I	(3)
MATH 370 – Applied Real Analysis	(3)
MATH 376 – Ordinary Differential Equations	(3)
MATH 476 – Partial Differential Equations	(3)
MATH 480 – Mathematic Modeling I	(3)
MATH 495 – Mathematics Projects I	(3)

Elective courses

(9 credits)

Students complete a minimum of 9 credits selected from the Mathematics (**MATH**) discipline. A minimum of 6 credits must be at a senior (300 or higher) level.

Additional program regulations

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4. An individual course can only be used to fulfill one requirement in the program. For example, no course can be used to complete the specific requirements of both the major and the minor. Also, a course that fulfills the BSc program general requirements cannot be used to satisfy the specific requirements of either the major or the minor.

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5. Preparatory (100 level) courses cannot be used to fulfill the requirements of the Post Diploma program.

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Bachelor of Science, Computing and Information Systems Major

Regulations effective Sep. 1, 2024.

The Computing and Information Systems Major is designed for students who wish to develop and use computer-based systems in business, education, and other fields that require the processing, utilization, and management of information. Students will gain the requisite knowledge and skills in the analysis, design, and implementation of computer-based information systems for various organizations.

Planning your program

Online program plans assist students in selecting the courses needed to fulfill their program requirements.

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Minors

Students enrolled in the Bachelor of Science with major, can also declare a minor. Minors are available in:

Minors

- Applied Mathematics Minor
- Architecture Minor
- Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Minor
- Biology Minor
- Business Administration Minor
- Finance Management Minor
- Game Design and Development Minor
- Game Programming Minor
- Geoscience Minor
- Human Science Minor
- Information Systems Management Minor
- Learning Technology Minor
- Physical Sciences Minor
- Psychology Minor
- Web Development Minor

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Program requirements

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English writing skills requirement

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  or

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Second undergraduate degree

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Students who hold a recognized first degree and who wish to obtain an AU undergraduate degree in a different subject area, will be enrolled under the second undergraduate degree regulations. These students may transfer in up to 50 per cent (60 credits) into the four-year degree program, based on course work in the first degree that is applicable. Preparatory (100 level) credits cannot be used to fulfill the requirements of a second undergraduate degree.

Double majors

For student in the BSc program wishing to combine two majors, all requirements of both majors must be fulfilled. The choice of major may restrict course selection or require the completion of more than 120 credits. Those considering a double major should consult an AU program advisor for assistance.

The BSc Major in Computing and Information Systems can be combined with these majors to fulfill a double major:

- **Bachelor of Science, Applied Mathematics Major**
- **Bachelor of Science, Biological Sciences Major**

Program structure

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Residency requirement. A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24

Minimum credits required

Senior (300 or 400) level
Science credits
In the major (if selected)
In the major through Athabasca University
In the minor (if selected)
In the minor through Athabasca University
Senior Science credits (300 and 400 level)
Senior Science credits at 400 level
Social Science credits

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Maximum credits allowed

In any one Science discipline	75
Senior project credits (495/496)	12
At the preparatory (100) level	6
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition **(PLAR)** credits	30

Core course requirements

MATH 215 – Introduction to Statistics	(3)
or	
MATH 216 – Computer-oriented Approach to Statistics	
MATH 265 – Introduction to Calculus I *	(3)
*(When selecting the CIS major or a computing-related minor, MATH 265 may be replaced with MATH 270.)	
COMP 200 – Introduction to Computing and Information Systems **	

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or	
COMP 210 – Introduction to Information Systems and Computer Applications	(3)
**(COMP 200 is required for students selecting the CIS major or a computing-related minor.)	
SCIE 326 – Scientific Reasoning	(3)
SCIE 480 – Research Methods in Science	(3)
or	
COMP 494 – Research Methods*	
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PHIL 333 – Professional Ethics	(3)
or	
PHIL 371 – Ethics, Science, Technology, and the Environment	
ENGL 255 – Introductory Composition (see English writing skills requirement)	(3)

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Computing and Information Systems – specific requirements

In addition to the BSc program general requirements, a major in Computing and Information Systems involves the completion of 45 credits of core and elective courses.

The Computing and Information Systems major cannot be combined with the **Computing minor** or the **Information Systems minor**.

Core courses

(24 credits)

COMP 268 – Introduction to Computer Programming (Java)	(3)
or	
COMP 206 – Introduction to Computer Programming (C++)	
or	
COMP 218 – Introduction to Computer Programming with Python	
COMP 272 – Data Structures and Algorithms	(3)
COMP 314 – Operating Systems	(3)

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COMP 347 – Computer Networks	(3)
COMP 361 – Systems Analysis and Design	(3)
COMP 378 – Introduction to Database Management	(3)
COMP 482 – Human Computer Interaction	(3)
COMP 495* – Computer and Information Systems Projects I	(3)
* COMP 495 must be taken with Athabasca University. Transfer credit will not be awarded. This course should be taken as the last course or set of courses in the program.	

Elective courses

(21 credits)

Students complete a minimum of 21 credits selected from the Computer Science (**COMP**) discipline. All 21 credits must be at the senior (300 or higher) level.

Up to three Athabasca University graduate-level computing courses can be taken to fulfill senior-level **COMP** electives. The courses are paced and have specific start dates. Please refer to the **Graduate Academic Schedule** for registration deadlines. If the graduate-level credit is used to fulfill a Bachelor of Science Major in Computing and Information Systems requirement, it cannot be applied to another undergraduate or graduate degree. Please note that the **fees** for graduate-level courses differ from those of undergraduate courses. To register in a graduate-level course, please complete the printable **undergraduate course registration form**, and email it to

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Courses excluded from this list include: COMP 601, COMP 695, COMP 692, COMP 693, COMP 696, COMP 697, COMP 698, COMP 699, COMP 676, COMP 677, COMP 678, COMP 679, and COMP 680.

Additional program regulations

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4. An individual course can only be used to fulfill one requirement in the program. For example, no course can be used to complete the specific requirements of both the major and the minor. Also, a course that fulfills the BSc program general requirements cannot be used to satisfy the specific requirements of either the major or the minor.
5. Preparatory (100 level) courses cannot be used to fulfill the requirements of the Post Diploma program.

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Bachelor of Science, Biological Sciences Major*

Regulations amended, effective Sep. 1, 2024.

*** This major was previously called Human Science major.**

The Biological Sciences major is designed for individuals who wish to pursue careers in the life sciences, including professional designations in medicine and related disciplines, research in biology and human sciences, or other health-related careers. Students will be able to customize their area of interest by completing electives in human biology and health as well as other disciplines.

Planning your program

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Minors

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Students enrolled in the Bachelor of Science, Biological Sciences Major, can also declare a minor. Minors are available in:

Minors

- Applied Mathematics Minor
- Architecture Minor
- Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Minor
- Business Administration Minor
- Computing Minor
- Finance Management Minor
- Game Design and Development Minor
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Program requirements

Students complete the program regulations in effect at the time of their enrolment.

English writing skills requirement

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  or

- received credit for an English course in which a grade of B- or better was achieved.

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Second undergraduate degree

Students who hold a recognized first degree and who wish to obtain an AU undergraduate degree in a different subject area,

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will be enrolled under the second undergraduate degree regulations. These students may transfer in up to 50 per cent (60 credits) into the four-year degree program, based on course work in the first degree that is applicable. Preparatory (100 level) credits cannot be used to fulfill the requirements of a second undergraduate degree.

Double majors

For student in the BSc program wishing to combine two majors, all requirements of both majors must be fulfilled. The choice of major may restrict course selection or require the completion of more than 120 credits. Those considering a double major should consult an AU program advisor for assistance.

The BSc Major in Biological Sciences can be combined with these majors to fulfill a double major:

- **Bachelor of Science, Computing and Information Systems Major**
- **Bachelor of Science, Applied Mathematics Major**

Program structure

Total credits in the program	120

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Residency requirement. A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24

Minimum credits required

Senior (300 or 400) level
Science credits
In the major (if selected)
In the major through Athabasca University
In the minor (if selected)
In the minor through Athabasca University
Senior Science credits (300 and 400 level)
Senior Science credits at 400 level
Social Science credits

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Maximum credits allowed

In any one Science discipline	75
Senior project credits (495/496)	12
At the preparatory (100) level	6
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition **(PLAR)** credits	30

Core course requirements

MATH 215 – Introduction to Statistics	(3)
or	
MATH 216 – Computer-oriented Approach to Statistics	
MATH 265 – Introduction to Calculus I *	(3)
*(When selecting the CIS major or a computing-related minor, MATH 265 may be replaced with MATH 270.)	
COMP 200 – Introduction to Computing and Information Systems **	
or	

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COMP 210 – Introduction to Information Systems and Computer Applications	(3)
**(COMP 200 is required for students selecting the CIS major or a computing-related minor.)	
SCIE 326 – Scientific Reasoning	(3)
SCIE 480 – Research Methods in Science	(3)
or	
COMP 494 – Research Methods*	
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PHIL 333 – Professional Ethics	(3)
or	
PHIL 371 – Ethics, Science, Technology, and the Environment	
ENGL 255 – Introductory Composition (see English writing skills requirement)	(3)

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Biological Sciences – specific requirements

In addition to the BSc program general requirements, a major in Biological Sciences involves the completion of 45 credits of core and elective courses.

The Biological Sciences major cannot be combined with the **Biology minor** or the **Human Science minor**.

Core courses

(24 credits)

BIOL 204 – Principles of Biology I (lab component)	(3)
BIOL 207 – Principles of Biology II * (lab component) *BSc Human Science major students in the Post Diploma route who have a Biology lab component in their diploma may choose either BIOL 205 or BIOL 207.	(3)
BIOL 230 – Human Physiology (lab component)	(6)
or	
BIOL 235 – Human Anatomy and Physiology	
HLST 200 – Introduction to Human Health I	(3)
BIOL 341 – Human Genetics	(3)

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BIOL 401 – Cell Biology	(3)
At least one of the following project courses:	(3)
ASTR 495 - Astronomy and Astrophysics Projects I	
or	
BIOL 495 – Biology Projects	
or	
CHEM 495 – Chemistry Projects	
or	
ENSC 495 – Environmental Science Projects	
or	
GEOG 495 – Geography Projects I	
or	
GEOL 495 – Geology Projects I	
or	

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NUTR 495 – Nutrition Projects	
or	
PHYS 495 – Physics Projects I	
or	
SCIE 495 – Science Projects I	

Elective courses

(21 credits)

Students complete a minimum of 21 credits selected from the list of courses below. All 21 credits must be at the senior (300 to higher) level. A minimum of 6 credits must include science lab components. Courses that are not listed here but which are easily demonstrated to have mainly Biological Sciences content may be considered towards the elective credit requirements.

BIOL 310 – Biology of Human Sexuality	(3)
BIOL 320 – Comparative Anatomy of the Vertebrates (lab component)	(3)
BIOL 325 – Introductory Microbiology (lab component)	(3)
BIOL 345 – Ecology (lab component)	(3)

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BIOL 480 – Immunology (lab component)	(3)
BIOL 495 – Biology Projects I	(3)
BIOL 496 – Biology Projects II	(3)
CHEM 301 – Introduction to Biochemistry	(3)
CHEM 350 – Organic Chemistry I (lab component)	(3)
CHEM 360 – Organic Chemistry II (lab component)	(3)
CHEM 495 – Chemistry Projects I	(3)
CHEM 496 – Chemistry Projects II	(3)
NUTR 330 – Introductory Nutrition	(3)
or	
NUTR 331 – Nutrition for Health	
NUTR 405 – Nutrition for Health and Disease	(3)
NUTR 406 – Modern Concepts in Nutrition	(3)
NUTR 495 – Nutrition Projects I	(3)

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NUTR 496 – Nutrition Projects II	(3)
HADM 336 – Community Health Planning	(3)
HADM 379 – Introduction to Epidemiology	(3)
HLST 301 – Complementary and Alternative Therapies	(3)
PSYC 355 – Cognitive Psychology	(3)
PSYC 302 – Biological Psychology	(3)

Recommended options

As the following courses are pre-requisites to some electives, they are recommended options for students in the Biological Sciences major.

CHEM 217 – Chemical Principles I (lab component)	(3)
CHEM 218 – Chemical Principles II (lab component)	(3)

Additional program regulations

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2. Students holding a computing-related diploma from an approved college or technical institute that is more than 5 years old may be admitted to the BSc PD program if proof of currency in the field is provided in the form of a current resumé and letter(s) of employment from the supervisor/employer/human resources. The letter should be written on company letterhead, and the content must include the supervisor's signature, the position title, date of hire, and breakdown of the duties that highlight the relevancy of the education. Other evidence may be accepted if the letter and the resumé cannot be supplied.

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4. An individual course can only be used to fulfill one requirement in the program. For example, no course can be used to complete the specific requirements of both the major and the minor. Also, a course that fulfills the BSc program general requirements cannot be used to satisfy the specific requirements of either the major or the

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5. Preparatory (100 level) courses cannot be used to fulfill the requirements of the Post Diploma program.

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Bachelor of Science (Post Diploma) Applied Mathematics Major

Regulations effective Sep. 1, 2024.

The Bachelor of Science (Post Diploma) program (BSc PD) allows students presenting a two- or three-year science- or computing-related diploma who wish to pursue a university degree to further their career and/or academic studies.

Graduates of the BSc PD program will have gained the technical, analytical, and critical thinking skills to be able to further their education. The BSc PD program also allows students to transfer their undergraduate degree towards medicine, dentistry, and veterinary programs at other Canadian and international institutions. Students intending to go on to graduate studies should contact the institution they would like to attend to ensure all entrance requirements are met.

The Faculty of Science and Technology offers three routes within the post diploma:

1. Major and minor route: For students in this route, those holding a two- or three-year science or computing-related diploma from an accredited college or technical institute may receive a minimum of a block of 30 credits. Depending on the content of the diploma, up to a maximum of 60

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credits may be transferred toward the BSc PD program.

2. Without a major or minor route: For students in this route, those holding a two- or three-year science or computing-related diploma from an accredited college or technical institute may receive a minimum of a block of 30 credits, students may also receive a block of 30 plus individual transfer credit up to a maximum of 60. Some diplomas may qualify for a block of 60 credits depending on the content of the diploma.
3. With or without a major route: Students applying to either of the above routes that are presenting a 2- or 3-year diploma from an accredited college or technical institute may receive a block of 30 credits. Depending on the content of the diploma, students may receive a block of 30 plus individual transfer credit up to a maximum of 60.

Note: Please refer to the required timelines in Additional Regulations at the bottom of this page. If your diploma is outside the time limits, please submit proof of currency as soon as possible. Not providing this documentation will hold up the evaluation process.

Applied Mathematics Major

The Bachelor of Science, Applied Mathematics Major is designed to help students develop a relatively wide range of applied mathematical skills which have direct applications in fields such as scientific and medical research, computer science, finance, engineering, and other math-related disciplines.

This major fosters innovative thinking toward solving scientific, environmental, and sociological issues using mathematical methods, and aims to provide deeper understanding and alternative perspectives on problems in math-related interdisciplinary fields. Its ultimate goal is to lay a foundation of research skills for undergraduate students to apply in real-world situations and contribute to the betterment of society.

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Planning your program

Online program plans assist students in selecting the courses needed to fulfill their program requirements.

AU has also developed **program learning outcomes** that describe the career options that may be available to you upon graduating.

Minors

Students enrolled in the Bachelor of Science with Major, can also declare a minor. Minors are available in:

Minors

- **Architecture Minor**
- **Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Minor**
- **Biology Minor**
- **Business Administration Minor**
- **Computing Minor**
- **Finance Management Minor**
- **Game Design and Development Minor**
- **Game Programming Minor**

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- Geoscience Minor
- Human Science Minor
- Information Systems Minor
- Information Systems Management Minor
- Learning Technology Minor
- Physical Sciences Minor
- Psychology Minor
- Web Development Minor

Program requirements

Students complete the program regulations in effect at the time of their enrolment.

English writing skills requirement

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  or

- received credit for an English course in which a grade of B- or better was achieved.

*Note: the exemption must be replaced with a 3-credit course in any discipline at the junior/senior (200 to 400) level.

Program requirements for the 30-credit block admission

Program structure

Total credits in the program	120
Approved college or technical diploma receives *(Depending on the courses taken in the diploma, the student may receive additional credits not exceeding a total of 60 credits.)	30*
Residency requirement. A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be	24

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considered.	

Minimum credits required

Senior credits (300 or 400 level)	45
Science credits	60
In the major (if selected)	45
In the major through Athabasca University	15
In the minor (if selected)	24
In the minor through Athabasca University	9
Senior Science credits (300 and 400 level)	36
Senior Science credits at 400 level	12

Maximum credits allowed

At the preparatory (100) level	0
In any one Science discipline	75
Senior project credits (495/496 courses)	12

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Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition **(PLAR)** credits	30

Core course requirements

MATH 215 – Introduction to Statistics	(3)
or	
MATH 216 – Computer-Oriented Approach to Statistics	
MATH 265 – Introduction to Calculus I * *(When selecting the CIS major or a computing-related minor MATH 265 may be replaced with MATH 270.)	(3)
COMP 200 – Introduction to Computing and Information Systems	(3)
or	
COMP 210 – Introduction to Information Systems and Computer Applications **	
**(COMP 200 is required for students selecting the CIS major or a computer-related minor.)	
SCIE 326 – Scientific Reasoning	(3)

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SCIE 480 – Research Methods in Science	(3)
or	
COMP 494 – Research Methods ***	
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PHIL 333 – Professional Ethics	(3)
or	
PHIL 371 – Ethics, Science, Technology, and the Environment	
ENGL 255 – Introductory Composition (see English Writing Skills Requirement above)	(3)

Applied Mathematics – specific requirements

In addition to the BSc program general requirements, a Major in Applied Mathematics involves the completion of 45 credits of core and elective courses.

The Applied Mathematics Major cannot be combined with the Applied Mathematics Minor.

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Core courses

(36 credits)

MATH 270 – Linear Algebra I	(3)
MATH 266 – Introduction to Calculus II	(3)
MATH 271 – Linear Algebra II	(3)
MATH 309 – Discrete Mathematics	(3)
MATH 315 – Methods in Applied Statistics	(3)
MATH 365 – Multivariable Calculus	(3)
MATH 366 – Complex Variables I	(3)
MATH 370 – Applied Real Analysis	(3)
MATH 376 – Ordinary Differential Equations	(3)
MATH 476 – Partial Differential Equations	(3)
MATH 480 – Mathematic Modeling I	(3)
MATH 495 – Mathematics Projects I	(3)

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Elective courses

(9 credits)

Students complete a minimum of 9 credits selected from the Mathematics (**MATH**) discipline. A minimum of 6 credits must be at a senior (300 or higher) level.

Additional program regulations

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2. Students holding a computing-related diploma from an approved college or technical institute that is more than 5 years old may be admitted to the BSc PD program if proof of currency in the field is provided in the form of a current resumé and letter(s) of employment from the supervisor/employer/human resources. The letter should be written on company letterhead, and the content must include the supervisor's signature, the position title, date of hire, and breakdown of the duties that highlight the relevancy of the education. Other evidence may be accepted if the letter and the resumé cannot be supplied.

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4. An individual course can only be used to fulfill one requirement in the program. For example, no course can be used to complete the specific requirements of both the major and the minor. Also, a course that fulfills the BSc program general requirements cannot be used to satisfy the specific requirements of either the major or the minor.
5. Preparatory (100 level) courses cannot be used to fulfill the requirements of the Post Diploma program.

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Bachelor of Science (Post Diploma) Computing and Information Systems Major

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three-year science or computing-related diploma from an accredited college or technical institute may receive a minimum of a block of 30 credits. Depending on the content of the diploma, up to a maximum of 60 credits may be transferred toward the BSc PD program.

2. Without a major or minor route: For students in this route, those holding a two- or three-year science or computing-related diploma from an accredited college or technical institute may receive a minimum of a block of 30 credits, students may also receive a block of 30 plus individual transfer credit up to a maximum of 60. Some diplomas may qualify for a block of 60 credits depending on the content of the diploma.
3. With or without a major route: Students applying to either of the above routes that are presenting a 2- or 3-year diploma from an accredited college or technical institute may receive a block of 30 credits. Depending on the content of the diploma, students may receive a block of 30 plus individual transfer credit up to a maximum of 60.

Note: Please refer to the required timelines in Additional Regulations at the bottom of this page. If your diploma is outside the time limits, please submit proof of currency as soon as possible. Not providing this documentation will hold up the evaluation process.

Computing and Information Systems Major

The Computing and Information Systems Major is designed for students who wish to develop and use computer-based systems in business, education, and other fields that require the processing, utilization, and management of information. Students will gain the requisite knowledge and skills in the analysis, design, and implementation of computer-based information systems

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Minors

Students enrolled in the Bachelor of Science with major, can also declare a minor. Minors are available in:

Minors

- **Applied Mathematics Minor**
- **Architecture Minor**
- **Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Minor**
- **Biology Minor**
- **Business Administration Minor**
- **Finance Management Minor**

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- Game Design and Development Minor
- Game Programming Minor
- Geoscience Minor
- Human Science Minor
- Information Systems Management Minor
- Learning Technology Minor
- Physical Sciences Minor
- Psychology Minor
- Web Development Minor

Program requirements

Students complete the program regulations in effect at the time of their enrolment.

English writing skills requirement

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Program requirements for the 30-credit block admission

Program structure

Total credits in the program	120
Approved college or technical diploma receives *(Depending on the courses taken in the diploma, the student may receive additional credits not exceeding a total of 60 credits.)	30*
Residency requirement. A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be	24

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Minimum credits required

Senior credits (300 or 400 level)	45
Science credits	60
In the major (if selected)	45
In the major through Athabasca University	15
In the minor (if selected)	24
In the minor through Athabasca University	9
Senior Science credits (300 and 400 level)	36
Senior Science credits at 400 level	12

Maximum credits allowed

At the preparatory (100) level	0
In any one Science discipline	75
Senior project credits (495/496 courses)	12

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Core course requirements

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or	
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ENGL 255 – Introductory Composition (see English Writing Skills Requirement above)	(3)

Computing and Information Systems – specific requirements

In addition to the BSc program general requirements, a major in Computing and Information Systems involves the completion of 45 credits of core and elective courses.

The Computing and Information Systems major cannot be combined with the

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Computing minor or the **Information Systems minor**.

Core courses

(24 credits)

COMP 268 – Introduction to Computer Programming (Java)	(3)
or	
COMP 206 – Introduction to Computer Programming (C++)	
or	
COMP 218 – Introduction to Computer Programming with Python	
COMP 272 – Data Structures and Algorithms	(3)
COMP 314 – Operating Systems	(3)
COMP 347 – Computer Networks	(3)
COMP 361 – Systems Analysis and Design	(3)
COMP 378 – Introduction to Database Management	(3)
COMP 482 – Human Computer Interaction	(3)
COMP 495* – Computer and Information Systems Projects I	(3)

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* COMP 495 must be taken with Athabasca University. Transfer credit will not be awarded. This course should be taken as the last course or set of courses in the program.	

Elective courses

(21 credits)

Students complete a minimum of 21 credits selected from the Computer Science (**COMP**) discipline. All 21 credits must be at the senior (300 or higher) level.

Up to three Athabasca University graduate-level computing courses can be taken to fulfill senior-level **COMP** electives. The courses are paced and have specific start dates. Please refer to the **Graduate Academic Schedule** for registration deadlines. If the graduate-level credit is used to fulfill a Bachelor of Science Major in Computing and Information Systems requirement, it cannot be applied to another undergraduate or graduate degree. Please note that the **fees** for graduate-level courses differ from those of undergraduate courses. To register in a graduate-level course, please complete the printable **undergraduate course registration form**, and email it to **fst_grad_success@athabascau.ca**.

Courses excluded from this list include: COMP 601, COMP 695, COMP 692, COMP 693, COMP 696, COMP 697, COMP 698, COMP 699, COMP 676, COMP 677, COMP 678, COMP 679, and COMP 680.

Additional program regulations

1. Athabasca University may grant transfer credit for individual Computer Science courses that were completed more than 5 years

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Bachelor of Science (Post Diploma) Biological Sciences Major*

Regulations amended, effective Sep. 1, 2024.

*** This major was previously called Human Science major.**

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Graduates of the BSc PD program will have gained the technical, analytical, and critical thinking skills to be able to further their education. The BSc PD program also allows students to transfer their undergraduate degree towards medicine, dentistry, and veterinary programs at other Canadian and international institutions. Students intending to go on to graduate studies should contact the institution they would like to attend to ensure all entrance requirements are met.

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1. Major and minor route: For students in this route, those holding a two- or three-year science or computing-related diploma from an accredited

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college or technical institute may receive a minimum of a block of 30 credits. Depending on the content of the diploma, up to a maximum of 60 credits may be transferred toward the BSc PD program.

2. Without a major or minor route: For students in this route, those holding a two- or three-year science or computing-related diploma from an accredited college or technical institute may receive a minimum of a block of 30 credits, students may also receive a block of 30 plus individual transfer credit up to a maximum of 60. Some diplomas may qualify for a block of 60 credits depending on the content of the diploma.
3. With or without a major route: Students applying to either of the above routes that are presenting a 2- or 3-year diploma from an accredited college or technical institute may receive a block of 30 credits. Depending on the content of the diploma, students may receive a block of 30 plus individual transfer credit up to a maximum of 60.

Note: Please refer to the required timelines in Additional Regulations at the bottom of this page. If your diploma is outside the time limits, please submit proof of currency as soon as possible. Not providing this documentation will hold up the evaluation process.

Biological Sciences Major

The Biological Sciences Major is designed for individuals who wish to pursue careers in the life sciences, including professional designations in medicine and related disciplines, research in biology and human sciences, or other health-related careers. Students will be able to customize their area of interest by completing electives in human biology and health as well as other disciplines.

Planning your program

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Online program plans assist students in selecting the courses needed to fulfill their program requirements.

AU has also developed **program learning outcomes** that describe the career options that may be available to you upon graduating.

Minors

Students enrolled in the Bachelor of Science, Biological Sciences Major, can also declare a minor. Minors are available in:

Minors

- **Applied Mathematics Minor**
- **Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Minor**
- **Architecture Minor**
- **Business Administration Minor**
- **Computing Minor**
- **Finance Management Minor**
- **Game Design and Development Minor**
- **Game Programming Minor**
- **Geoscience Minor**

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- Information Systems Minor
- Information Systems Management Minor
- Learning Technology Minor
- Physical Sciences Minor
- Psychology Minor
- Web Development Minor

Program requirements

Students complete the program regulations in effect at the time of their enrolment.

English writing skills requirement

Students are strongly encouraged to register in ENGL 255 early in their program. Students will be exempted* from the English Writing Skills Requirement (ENGL 255) who have met one of the following criteria:

- have a grade of B- (70 per cent) or better in an Athabasca University **English course above the preparatory (100) level;**

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or

- received credit for an English course in which a grade of B- or better was achieved.

*Note: the exemption must be replaced with a 3-credit course in any discipline at the junior/senior (200 to 400) level.

Program requirements for the 30-credit block admission

Program structure

Total credits in the program	120
Approved college or technical diploma receives *(Depending on the courses taken in the diploma, the student may receive additional credits not exceeding a total of 60 credits.)	30*
Residency requirement. A minimum of 30 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	30
Graduation with Distinction or Great Distinction. At least 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University in order to be considered.	24

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Minimum credits required

Senior credits (300 or 400 level)	45
Science credits	60
In the major (if selected)	45
In the major through Athabasca University	15
In the minor (if selected)	24
In the minor through Athabasca University	9
Senior Science credits (300 and 400 level)	36
Senior Science credits at 400 level	12

Maximum credits allowed

At the preparatory (100) level	0
In any one Science discipline	75
Senior project credits (495/496 courses)	12
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition **(PLAR)**	30

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credits	

Core course requirements

MATH 215 – Introduction to Statistics	(3)
or	
MATH 216 – Computer-Oriented Approach to Statistics	
MATH 265 – Introduction to Calculus I * *(When selecting the CIS major or a computing-related minor MATH 265 may be replaced with MATH 270.)	(3)
COMP 200 – Introduction to Computing and Information Systems	(3)
or	
COMP 210 – Introduction to Information Systems and Computer Applications **	
**(COMP 200 is required for students selecting the CIS major or a computer-related minor.)	
SCIE 326 – Scientific Reasoning	(3)
SCIE 480 – Research Methods in Science	

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or	(3)
COMP 494 – Research Methods ***	
***COMP 494 is required for students in the CIS major.	
PHIL 333 – Professional Ethics	(3)
or	
PHIL 371 – Ethics, Science, Technology, and the Environment	
ENGL 255 – Introductory Composition (see English Writing Skills Requirement above)	(3)

Biological Sciences – specific requirements

In addition to the BSc program general requirements, a major in Biological Sciences involves the completion of 45 credits of core and elective courses.

The Biological Sciences major cannot be combined with the **Biology minor** or the **Human Science minor**.

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(24 credits)

BIOL 204 – Principles of Biology I (lab component)	(3)
BIOL 207 – Principles of Biology II * (lab component) *BSc Human Science major students in the Post Diploma route who have a Biology lab component in their diploma may choose either BIOL 205 or BIOL 207.	(3)
BIOL 230 – Human Physiology (lab component)	(6)
or	
BIOL 235 – Human Anatomy and Physiology	
HLST 200 – Introduction to Human Health I	(3)
BIOL 341 – Human Genetics	(3)
BIOL 401 – Cell Biology	(3)
At least one of the following project courses:	(3)
ASTR 495 - Astronomy and Astrophysics Projects I	
or	
BIOL 495 – Biology Projects	

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or	
CHEM 495 – Chemistry Projects	
or	
ENSC 495 – Environmental Science Projects	
or	
GEOG 495 – Geography Projects I	
or	
GEOL 495 – Geology Projects I	
or	
NUTR 495 – Nutrition Projects	
or	
PHYS 495 – Physics Projects I	
or	
SCIE 495 – Science Projects I	

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Elective courses

(21 credits)

Students complete a minimum of 21 credits selected from the list of courses below. All 21 credits must be at the senior (300 to higher) level. A minimum of 6 credits must include science lab components. Courses that are not listed here but which are easily demonstrated to have mainly Biological Sciences content may be considered towards the elective credit requirements.

BIOL 310 – Biology of Human Sexuality	(3)
BIOL 320 – Comparative Anatomy of the Vertebrates (lab component)	(3)
BIOL 325 – Introductory Microbiology (lab component)	(3)
BIOL 345 – Ecology (lab component)	(3)
BIOL 480 – Immunology (lab component)	(3)
BIOL 495 – Biology Projects I	(3)
BIOL 496 – Biology Projects II	(3)
CHEM 301 – Introduction to Biochemistry	(3)
CHEM 350 – Organic Chemistry I (lab component)	(3)

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CHEM 360 – Organic Chemistry II (lab component)	(3)
CHEM 495 – Chemistry Projects I	(3)
CHEM 496 – Chemistry Projects II	(3)
NUTR 330 – Introductory Nutrition	(3)
or	
NUTR 331 – Nutrition for Health	
NUTR 405 – Nutrition for Health and Disease	(3)
NUTR 406 – Modern Concepts in Nutrition	(3)
NUTR 495 – Nutrition Projects I	(3)
NUTR 496 – Nutrition Projects II	(3)
HADM 336 – Community Health Planning	(3)
HADM 379 – Introduction to Epidemiology	(3)
HLST 301 – Complementary and Alternative Therapies	(3)
PSYC 355 – Cognitive Psychology	(3)

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PSYC 302 – Biological Psychology	(3)

Recommended options

As the following courses are pre-requisites to some electives, they are recommended options for students in the Biological Sciences major.	
CHEM 217 – Chemical Principles I (lab component)	(3)
CHEM 218 – Chemical Principles II (lab component)	(3)

Additional program regulations

1. Athabasca University may grant transfer credit for individual Computer Science courses that were completed more than 5 years ago if proof of currency in the field is provided in the form of a current resumé and letter(s) of employment from the supervisor/employer/human resources. The letter should be written on company letterhead, and the content must include the supervisor's signature, the position title, date of hire, and a breakdown of the duties that highlight the relevancy of the education. Other evidence may be accepted if the letter and the resumé cannot be supplied. Visit the **Transfer Credit Services** section of the Calendar for more information regarding transfer credit towards the BSc program.
2. Students holding a computing-related diploma from an approved college or technical institute that is more than 5 years old may be admitted to the BSc PD program if proof of currency in the field is provided in the form of a current resumé and letter(s) of

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employment from the supervisor/employer/human resources. The letter should be written on company letterhead, and the content must include the supervisor's signature, the position title, date of hire, and breakdown of the duties that highlight the relevancy of the education. Other evidence may be accepted if the letter and the resumé cannot be supplied.

3. If the following courses are over 10 years old: BIOL 325, BIOL 341, BIOL 401, BIOL 480, CHEM 301, and NUTR 406; Athabasca University may grant transfer credit if proof of currency in the field is provided in the form of a current resumé and letter(s) of employment from the supervisor/employer/human resources. The letter should be written on company letterhead, and the content must include the supervisor's signature, the position title, date of hire, and a breakdown of the duties that highlight the relevancy of the education. Other evidence may be accepted if the letter and the resumé cannot be supplied.
4. An individual course can only be used to fulfill one requirement in the program. For example, no course can be used to complete the specific requirements of both the major and the minor. Also, a course that fulfills the BSc program general requirements cannot be used to satisfy the specific requirements of either the major or the minor.
5. Preparatory (100 level) courses cannot be used to fulfill the requirements of the Post Diploma program.

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Bachelor of Science, Minor in Applied Mathematics

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A BSc, Minor in Applied Mathematics at Athabasca University is designed to expose students with a wide range of mathematics topics aimed at developing skills that can be directly applied in fields such as computer science, finance, biology, engineering, and other math-related disciplines.

Specific requirements

In addition to the BSc program general requirements and the specific requirements of the chosen major, a Minor in Applied Mathematics involves the completion of 24 credits of core and elective courses. The Applied Mathematics Minor cannot be combined with the Applied Mathematics Major.

Core courses

(9 credits)

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	MATH 266 – Introduction to Calculus II	(3)
	MATH 270 – Linear Algebra I	(3)
	MATH 271 – Linear Algebra II	(3)

Elective courses

(15 credits)

Students complete a minimum of 15 credits selected from the Mathematics (**MATH**) discipline. A minimum of 6 credits must be at the senior (300 or higher) level.

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Bachelor of Science, Minor in Architecture

Regulations effective Sep. 1, 2024.

The BSc Minor in Architecture provides undergraduates with an opportunity to explore the discipline of Architecture. Students will experience design studios along with history, theory, and building science courses—all with an emphasis on sustainability.

Specific requirements

In addition to the BSc program general requirements and the specific requirements of the chosen major, a Minor in Architecture involves the completion of 24 credits of core courses.

Core courses

(24 credits)

ARCH 200 – History of Ideas in Architecture I	(3)

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ADST 200 – Foundations of Design I	(3)
APST 215 – Introduction to Graphic Representation	(3)
ADST 205 – Foundations of Design II	(3)
APST 230 – Materials, Properties, and Applications	(3)
APST 240 – Introduction to Structures	(3)
APST 470 – Building Envelope and Assemblies	(3)
APST 480 – Mechanical Equipment of Buildings	(3)

Please note: students interested in a major in Architecture should instead review the program regulations for the **Bachelor of Science in Architecture** program.

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Bachelor of Science, Minor in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning

Regulations effective Sep. 1, 2024.

The Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Minor will give learners a solid foundation in machine learning and intelligent algorithms which are essential to the design of intelligent information systems for information processing, data analytics, and data driven complex decision-making in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in business, healthcare, education, humanities, social sciences, interdisciplinary studies, biology, and environmental sciences.

Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning are in great demand in academia and industry. AU offers several courses on topics related to Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning. Once you have completed the Bachelor of Science, degree students have the opportunity to apply to the Graduate Certificate in Data Analytics (GCDA).

Specific requirements

In addition to the BSc program general requirements and the specific

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requirements of the chosen major, a Minor in Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning involves the completion of 24 credits of core and elective courses.

Core courses

(18 credits)

MATH 265* – Introduction to Calculus I	(3)
or	
MATH 270 – Linear Algebra I	
COMP 206 – Introduction to Computer Programming (C++)	(3)
or	
COMP 218 – Introduction to Computer Programming with Python*	
or	
COMP 268 – Introduction to Computing Programming (Java)	
* COMP 218 is highly recommended; however, students taking the Computing and Information Systems Major must choose one of the programming courses (COMP 206, COMP 218, COMP 268) that has not already been completed towards the major.	
COMP 272 – Data Structures and Algorithms**	

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or	(3)
COMP 372 – Design and Analysis of Algorithms	
MATH 315* – Methods in Applied Statistics**	(3)
COMP 456 – Artificial Intelligence	(3)
COMP 458 – Machine Learning (Under development)	(3)

Elective courses

(6 credits)

Students complete a minimum of 6 credits selected from the **Science** area of study at a junior or senior or graduate level. Students in the Bachelor of Science with a Computing and Information Systems Major, can take up to 2 Athabasca University **graduate-level computing courses** to fulfill senior-level COMP electives.

Notes:

*Students that have successfully completed either MATH 265 or MATH 270 need to take the course that hasn't been completed. Students that have successfully completed both MATH 265 and MATH 270 can replace the credit with COMP 214: Interactive Technologies or a junior-level programming course.

**Students taking the Applied Mathematics or Human Science Major need to take COMP 272 (unless already successfully completed). Students that are in the Computing and Information Systems Major or students that have already successfully completed COMP 272 need to take COMP 372.

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***Students in the Applied Mathematics Major can fulfill the MATH 315 requirement with COMP 372.

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Bachelor of Science, Minor in Biology

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The Minor in Biology at Athabasca University offers a comprehensive program of study and training in the biological science. It is designed to provide a broad background in biology while allowing students significant flexibility in choosing courses of interest. Students will be exposed to the fundamental principles of biology, including studies of the structure, organization, and diversity of life. This minor is intended to provide additional qualifications in science-related careers that require an understanding and appreciation of the life sciences, or preparation for graduate work in biology.

Specific requirements

In addition to the BSc program general requirements and the specific requirements of the chosen major, a Minor in Biology involves the completion of 24 credit of core and electives courses. The Biology Minor cannot be combined with the Biological Sciences Major.

Core courses

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(6 credits)

BIOL 204 – Principles of Biology I (lab component)	(3)
BIOL 205 – Principles of Biology IIB (home lab version)	(3)
or	
BIOL 207 – Principles of Biology II (lab component)	

Elective courses

(18 credits)

Students complete a minimum of 18 credits chosen from the Biology (**BIOL**) discipline. A minimum of 6 credits must be at the senior (300 or higher) level.

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Bachelor of Science, Minor in Business Administration

Regulations effective Sep. 1, 2024.

The Business Administration Minor is designed to complement a student's choice of major. This minor enables a basic grasp of management theory and of technically-based skills in the core business areas of Accounting, Management Science, and Marketing. It will provide students with the relevant skills to enter their chosen career.

Specific requirements

In addition to the BSc program general requirements and the specific requirements of the chosen major, a Minor in Business Administration involves the completion of 24 credits of core and elective courses.

Core courses

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(18 credits)

ADMN 232 – Introduction to Management	(3)
ACCT 250 – Accounting for Managers	(3)
or	
ACCT 253 – Introductory Financial Accounting	
MKTG 396 – Introduction to Marketing	(3)
MGSC 368 – Introduction to Production and Operations Management	(3)
MGSC 369 – Service Operations Management	(3)
MGSC 418 – Supply Chain Management	(3)

Elective courses

(6 credits)

Students complete a minimum of 6 credits chosen from the **Business and Administrative** area of study at a junior or senior level.

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Bachelor of Science, Minor in Computing

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The Minor in Computing is intended for students with an interest in computer programming and application development. It provides foundations in the skills, techniques and technologies used to build digital tools and applications, offering the opportunity to develop skills in programming, data management, systems analysis, and interaction design. Students may elect to explore other important areas of computing such as operating systems and networking should they wish, leading to a solid background in computer science.

Specific requirements

In addition to the BSc program general requirements and the specific requirements of the chosen major, a Minor in Computing involves the completion of 24 credits of core and elective courses. The Computing Minor cannot be combined with the Computing and Information Systems Major.

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(15 credits)

COMP 206 – Introduction to Computer Programming (C++)	
or	(3)
COMP 268 – Introduction to Computer Programming (Java)	
COMP 214 – Interactive Technologies	(3)
COMP 272 – Data Structures and Algorithms	(3)
COMP 361 – Systems Analysis and Design	(3)
COMP 378 – Introduction to Database Management	(3)

Elective courses

(9 credits)

Students complete a minimum of 9 credits selected from the Computer Science (**COMP**) discipline at a junior or senior level.

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Bachelor of Science, Minor in Finance Management

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Students who choose the Minor in Finance Management will graduate with a basic grasp of the theory behind Management and Economics disciplines as well as the technically-based skills used in the core business areas of accounting and finance.

Specific requirements

In addition to the BSc program general requirements and the specific requirement of the chosen major, a Minor in Finance Management involves the completion of 24 credits of core and elective courses.

Core courses

(18 credits)

ADMN 232 – Introduction to Management	(3)

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ECON 247 – Microeconomics	(3)
ECON 248 – Macroeconomics	(3)
ACCT 250 – Accounting for Managers	(3)
or	
ACCT 253 – Introductory Financial Accounting	
FNCE 370 Overview of Corporate Finance	(3)
FNCE 401 – Investments	(3)
or	
FNCE 403 – Risk Management	

Elective courses

(6 credits)

Students complete a minimum of 6 credits chosen from the Finance (**FNCE**), Economics (**ECON**), or Accounting (**ACCT**) disciplines at a junior or senior level.

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Bachelor of Science, Minor in Game Design and Development

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The Game Design and Development Minor is aimed at those interested in the computer gaming industry and related fields. While offering some programming, the minor focuses mainly on the broader game design process. It provides opportunities to gain practical and creative skills in developing stories, designs and systems as part of a games development team, or in creating small games and game-like, or gamified, applications.

Note: Those looking to gain their programming and computing skills needed to develop complex video games should instead consider the more technically-focused **Game Programming minor** instead.

Specific requirements

In addition to the BSc program general requirements and the specific requirements of the chosen major, a Minor in Game Design and Development

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involves the completion of 24 credits of core and elective courses.

Core courses

(15 credits)

COMP 230 – Storyboard Design and Development	(3)
COMP 282 – Social Aspects of Games, Leisure, and Entertainment	(3)
COMP 283 – Effective Use of Myths and Facts in Computer Games	(3)
COMP 318 – Introduction to Game Design and Development	(3)
COMP 486 – Mobile and Internet Game Development	(3)

Elective courses

(Students select a minimum of 9 credits from the list below)

COMP 206 – Introduction to Computer Programming (C++)	(3)
COMP 232 – Graphics Design	(3)
COMP 268 – Introduction to Computer Programming (Java)	(3)
COMP 306 – C++ for Programmers	(3)

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COMP 214 – Interactive Technologies	(3)
COMP 266 – Introduction to Web Programming	(3)
COMP 272 – Data Structures and Algorithms	(3)
COMP 308 – Java for Programmers	(3)
COMP 369 – Practical Game Programming	(3)
COMP 361 – Systems Analysis and Design	(3)
COMP 378 – Introduction to Database Management	(3)
COMP 390 – Computer Graphics	(3)
COMP 452 – Artificial Intelligence for Game Developers	(3)
COMP 466 – Advanced Technologies for Web-Based Systems	(3)
COMP 482 – Human Computer Interaction	(3)
COMP 489 – Distributed Computing	(3)

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Bachelor of Science, Minor in Game Programming

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This minor is designed for those interested in entering the game industry or developing and publishing their own games. The four core courses are ones all game designers and developers need. Moreover, with a variety of elective courses, students can choose to focus on the courses that nurture their skills set for careers in the game industry.

Specific requirements

In addition to the **BSc program general requirements** and the specific requirements of the chosen major, a Minor in Game Programming involves the completion of 24 credits of core and elective courses.

Core courses

(15 credits)

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COMP 206 – Introduction to Computer Programming (C++)	(3)
or	
COMP 306 – C++ for Programmers	
COMP 318 – Introduction to Game Design and Development	(3)
COMP 369 – Practical Game Programming	(3)
COMP 390 – Computer Graphics	(3)
COMP 452 – Artificial Intelligence for Game Developers	(3)

Elective courses

(Students select a minimum of 9 credits from the list below)

COMP 214 – Interactive Technologies	(3)
COMP 230 – Storyboard Design and Development	(3)
COMP 232 – Graphics Design	(3)
COMP 266 – Introduction to Web Programming	(3)
COMP 268 – Introduction to Computer Programming (Java)	(3)

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COMP 272 – Data Structures and Algorithms	(3)
COMP 282 – Social Aspects of Games, Leisure, and Entertainment	(3)
COMP 283 – Effective Use of Myths and Facts in Computer Games	(3)
COMP 308 – Java for Programmers	(3)
COMP 314 – Operating Systems	(3)
COMP 347 – Computer Networks	(3)
COMP 348 – Network Programming in Java	(3)
COMP 361 – Systems Analysis and Design	(3)
COMP 378 – Introduction to Database Management	(3)
COMP 466 – Advanced Technologies for Web-Based Systems	(3)
COMP 482 – Human Computer Interaction	(3)
COMP 486 – Mobile and Internet Game Development	(3)
COMP 489 – Distributed Computing	(3)

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Bachelor of Science, Minor in Geoscience

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The Geoscience Minor acquaints students with basic aspects of the physical and natural systems that operate on Earth, within it, as well as in its atmosphere. The minor requires the completion of four core geoscience courses as well as four electives in related geoscience and science. It can be combined with any BSc major. Completion of the minor allows students to find employment in a wide range of sectors including environmental, government and consulting services.

Specific requirements

In addition to the BSc program general requirements and the specific requirements of the chosen major, a Minor in Geoscience involves the completion of 24 credits of core and elective courses.

Core courses

(12 credits)

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GEOL 200 – Introductory Physical Geology	(3)
GEOL 201 – Introductory Historical Geology	(3)
GEOG 265 – Introductory Physical Geography I	(3)
GEOG 266 – Introductory Physical Geography II: Lithosphere and Biosphere	(3)

Elective courses

(12 credits)

Students complete a minimum of 12 credits chosen from the following disciplines:

- Geology (**GEOL**)
- Geography (**GEOG**)
- Geophysics*
- Environmental Science (**ENSC**)

A minimum of 6 credits must be at the senior (300 or higher) level. Courses which are easily demonstrated to have closely-related science content (e.g. CHEM 350) may be considered towards the credit requirements.

*Note: AU does not currently offer Geophysics courses, but may accept external courses as transfer credit to be used towards the Geoscience electives.

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Bachelor of Science, Minor in Human Science

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The Human Science Minor at Athabasca University offers students a customizable program of study to obtain expertise in the biology and health of the human body. This minor is designed to provide a background in human biology while allowing significant flexibility for students to choose courses of interest in human health, community health, nutrition, and psychology. It is intended to prepare students for careers in the life sciences, further study in programs such as medicine or graduate work in biology and health-related disciplines. Students will develop an understanding of the chemical and biological processes of the human body and be able to relate this knowledge to aspects of health and development as well as to the human environment.

Specific requirements

In addition to the BSc program general requirements and the specific requirements of the chosen major, a Minor in Human Science involves the completion of 24 credits of core and elective courses. The Human Science Minor cannot be combined with the Biological Sciences Major.

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Core courses

(9 credits)

BIOL 235 – Human Anatomy and Physiology	(6)
HLST 200 – Introduction to Human Health I	(3)

Elective courses

(15 credits)

Students complete a minimum of 15 credits in Human Science electives to be selected from the list of courses below. A minimum of 6 credits must be at the senior (300 or higher) level. Courses that are not listed here but which are easily demonstrated to have mainly Human Science content may be considered towards the credit requirements.

BIOL 204 – Principles of Biology I	(3)
BIOL 205 – Principles of Biology IIB (home lab version)	(3)
or	
BIOL 207 – Principles of Biology II (lab component)	
BIOL 310 – Biology of Human Sexuality	(3)
BIOL 320 – Comparative Anatomy of the Vertebrates (lab	(3)

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component)	
BIOL 325 – Introductory Microbiology (lab component)	(3)
BIOL 341 – Human Genetics	(3)
BIOL 345 – Ecology (lab component)	(3)
BIOL 401 – Cell Biology	(3)
BIOL 480 – Immunology (lab component)	(3)
BIOL 495 – Biology Projects I	(3)
BIOL 496 – Biology Projects II	(3)
CHEM 301 – Introduction to Biochemistry	(3)
CHEM 350 – Organic Chemistry I (lab component)	(3)
CHEM 360 – Organic Chemistry II (lab component)	(3)
NUTR 330 – Introductory Nutrition	(3)
NUTR 405 – Nutrition in Health and Diseases	(3)
NUTR 495 – Nutrition Projects	(3)

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ANTH 278 – Human Evolution and Diversity	(3)
HADM 336 – Community Health Planning	(3)
HADM 379 – Introduction to Epidemiology	(3)
HLST 301 – Complementary and Alternative Therapies	(3)
PSYC 355 – Cognitive Psychology	(3)
PSYC 402 – Biological Psychology	(3)

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Bachelor of Science, Minor in Information Systems Management

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The Minor in Information Systems Management provides knowledge essential to effective use of computers and information systems in the business environment from a management perspective. Students will develop a sophisticated understanding of trends and issues related to information systems, and learn how to align information systems with business goals.

It introduces and examines how information systems analysis and management can be used to meet the strategic needs of business and government. The minor's main concern is how businesses use information to improve company operations. Courses in the minor focus on how to design and develop information systems, how to manage information systems in organizations, and how business processes and information systems can align with company goals for financial reporting, control requirements, and IT structure.

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Specific requirements

In addition to the BSc program general requirements and the specific requirements of the chosen major, a Minor in Information Systems Management involves the completion of 24 credits of core and elective courses.

Core courses

(15 credits)

CMIS 245 – Microcomputers Applications in Business (Windows)	(3)
COMP 361 – Systems Analysis and Design	(3)
ADMN 232 – Introduction to Management	(3)
CMIS 351 – Managing Information Systems	(3)
CMIS 455 – Accounting Information Systems	(3)

Elective courses

(9 credits)

Students complete a minimum of 9 credits selected from Computer Science (**COMP**), Management Science (**MGSC**), or Computers and Management Information Systems (**CMIS**) disciplines at a junior or senior level.

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Bachelor of Science, Minor in Information Systems

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The Minor in Information Systems is concerned with the use of computers to support the management of data and information in human systems. It offers an introduction to the main areas of information systems such as database design, systems analysis, and programming, with options to chose from across the spectrum of computing and information systems courses, depending on personal needs and interests. The minor is mainly concerned with applying computer skills within a business context. It will be of particular value to those that need to work with programmers and other computing professionals to build robust, relevant and effective information systems that meet human and business needs, as well as those wishing to apply knowledge of computer systems in other fields of interest.

Specific requirements

In addition to the BSc program general requirements and the specific requirements of the chosen major, a Minor in Information Systems involves the completion of 24 credits of core and elective courses. The Information Systems

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Minor cannot be combined with the Computing and Information Systems Major.

Core courses

(12 credits)

COMP 266 – Introduction to Web Programming	(3)
COMP 214 – Interactive Technologies	(3)
COMP 361 – Systems Analysis and Design	(3)
COMP 378 – Introduction to Database Management	(3)

Elective courses

(12 credits)

Student complete a minimum of 12 credits selected from the Computer Science (**COMP**) discipline at a junior or senior level.

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Bachelor of Science, Minor in Learning Technology

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The Learning Technology Minor is primarily aimed at those interested in entering the fields of instructional design, online teaching, or learning technology management, or who wish to work with computers in the fields of education or training. The minor outlines the fundamentals of computing as well as learning theory (e.g. motivation and development). Students will learn some programming, application design, and interaction design skills; gain grounding in models of learning (e.g. behaviourist, cognitivist, and constructivist). It introduces a variety of approaches to teaching and assessment, and to the use or building of digital technologies to support such activities.

Specific requirements

In addition to the BSc program general requirement and the specific requirements of the chosen major, a Minor in Learning Technology involves the completion of 24 credits of core and elective courses.

Core courses

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(15 credits)

EDPY 200 – Educational Psychology	(3)
EDPY 310 – Learning and Instruction	(3)
EDPY 480 – Learning with Technology	(3)
COMP 214 – Interactive Technologies	(3)
COMP 266 – Introduction to Web Programming	(3)

Elective courses

(9 credits)

Students complete a minimum of 9 credits chosen from the following disciplines:

- Education (**EDUC**)
- Educational Psychology (**EDPY**)
- Psychology (**PSYC**)
- Computer Science (**COMP**)

If selecting **PSYC** or **COMP** courses, students may only choose from the courses listed below. The courses with asterisks * are recommended over the courses without.

Courses that are easily demonstrated to have mainly Learning Technology content may be considered towards the elective credit requirements.

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Psychology	
PSYC 210* – Experiential Learning in the Celebration of Diversity	(3)
PSYC 355* – Cognitive Psychology	(3)
PSYC 387 – Learning	(3)
PSYC 389 – Learning Disabilities: Issues and Interventions	(3)
PSYC 401* – Learning Through Life	(3)
Computer Science	
COMP 206 – Introduction to Computer Programming (C++)	(3)
COMP 210 – Introduction to Information Systems and Computer Applications	(3)
COMP 230* – Storyboard Design and Development	(3)
COMP 268* – Introduction to Computer Programming (Java)	(3)
COMP 282 – Social Aspects of Games, Leisure, and Entertainment	(3)
COMP 283 – Effective Use of Myths and Facts in Computer Games	

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	(3)
COMP 306 – C++ for Programmers	(3)
COMP 308 – Java for Programmers	(3)
COMP 318* – Introduction to Game Design and Development	(3)
COMP 361* – Systems Analysis and Design	(3)
COMP 369 – Practical Game Programming	(3)
COMP 390 – Computer Graphics	(3)
COMP 410 – Software Engineering	(3)
COMP 435* – Multimedia Technologies	(3)
COMP 452 – Artificial Intelligence for Game Developers	(3)
COMP 456 – Artificial Intelligence	(3)
COMP 466* – Advanced Technologies for Web-Based Systems	(3)
COMP 482* – Human Computer Interaction	(3)
COMP 494 – Research Methods	(3)

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COMP 495* – Computer and Information Systems Projects	(3)

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Bachelor of Science, Minor in Physical Sciences

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The Physical Sciences Minor provides an opportunity for students to enrich their major field of study with fundamental knowledge in chemistry and physics through junior and senior level courses. In addition, students can explore other closely-related disciplines such as astronomy and geophysics.

Specific requirements

In addition to the BSc program general requirements and the specific requirements of the chosen major, a Minor in Physical Sciences involves the completion of 24 credits of core and elective courses.

Core courses

(12 credits)

CHEM 217 – Chemical Principles I	(3)

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CHEM 218 – Chemical Principles II	(3)
PHYS 204 – Physics for Scientists and Engineers I	(3)
PHYS 205 – Physics for Scientists and Engineers II	(3)

Elective courses

(12 credits)

Student complete a minimum of 12 credits selected from the following disciplines:

- Chemistry (**CHEM**)
- Physics (**PHYS**)
- Astronomy (**ASTR**)
- Geophysics*

A minimum of 6 credits must be at a senior (300 or higher) level.

*Note: AU does not currently offer Geophysics courses, but may accept external courses as transfer credit to be used towards the Physical Sciences electives.

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Bachelor of Science, Minor in Psychology

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The Psychology Minor is intended to meet the needs of students who recognize that an understanding and analysis of psychological processes is an important component of their education. It is designed to provide undergraduate students with a broad overview of topics and domains in psychology.

Specific requirements

In addition to the BSc program general requirements and the specific requirements of the chosen major, a Minor in Psychology involves the completion of 24 credits of core and elective courses.

Core courses

(6 credits)

PSYC 289 – Psychology as a Natural Science	(3)

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PSYC 290 – General Psychology	(3)

Elective courses

(18 credits)

Students complete a minimum of 18 credits selected from the discipline of Psychology (**PSYC**). A minimum of 6 credits must be chosen from the following:

PSYC 323 – Developmental Psychology	(3)
PSYC 355 – Cognitive Psychology	(3)
PSYC 356 – Introduction to Personality Theories and Issues	(3)
PSYC 379 – Social Psychology	(3)
PSYC 387 – Learning	(3)
PSYC 402 – Biological Psychology	(3)
PSYC 435 – Abnormal Psychology	(3)

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Bachelor of Science, Minor in Web Development

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The Minor in Web Development teaches the skills needed to design, create, and maintain rich, interactive web-based systems. In addition to grounding in popular web programming languages as web page development, this minor covers a range of necessary accompanying skills such as database design, systems analysis, and interaction design.

Specific requirements

In addition to the BSc program general requirements and the specific requirements of the chosen major, a Minor in Web Development involves the completion of 24 credits of core and elective courses.

Core courses

(15 credits)

COMP 214 – Interactive Technologies	(3)

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COMP 266 – Introduction to Web Programming (Java)	(3)
COMP 361 – Systems Analysis and Design	(3)
COMP 378 – Introduction to Database Management	(3)
COMP 466 – Advanced Technologies for Web-Based Systems	(3)

Elective courses

(9 credits)

Students complete a minimum of 9 credits selected from the list of courses below:

COMP 268 – Introduction to Computer Programming (Java)	(3)
COMP 272 – Data Structures and Algorithms	(3)
COMP 206 – Introduction to Computer Programming (C++)	(3)
COMP 308 – Java for Programmers	(3)
COMP 306 – C++ for Programmers	(3)
COMP 314 – Operating Systems	(3)
COMP 347 – Computer Networks	(3)

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COMP 348 – Network Programming in Java	(3)
COMP 400 – Computer and Network Security	(3)
COMP 409 – Mobile Computing and Commerce	(3)
COMP 435 – Multimedia Technologies	(3)
COMP 470 – Web Server Management	(3)
COMP 482 – Human Computer Interaction	(3)
COMP 486 – Mobile and Internet Game Development	(3)
COMP 489 – Distributed Computing	(3)

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List of university certificates

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- University Certificate in Accounting
- University Certificate in Advanced Accounting
- University Certificate in Computers and Management Information Systems
- University Certificate in Computing and Information Systems
- University Certificate in Counselling Women
- University Certificate in Finance
- University Certificate in French Language Proficiency
- University Certificate in Heritage Resources Management
- University Certificate in Human Resources and Labour Relations
- University Certificate in Indigenous Community Economic Development and Planning
- University Certificate in Management Applications
- University Certificate in Management Foundations
- University Certificate in Marketing

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University Certificate in Accounting

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The University Certificate in Accounting is designed for students who want to develop skills and knowledge appropriate for an accounting professional. The program has been designed so you may, with careful selection of options, complete the courses that make up many levels of the training required by the professional accounting associations.

The University Certificate in Accounting is offered by Athabasca University's **Faculty of Business**, 800.468.6531, or **email**.

Planning your program

Our **online program plans** can assist you in selecting the courses needed to fulfill your program requirements.

Counselling Services offers an assessment website, **Mapping Your Future**.

Athabasca University has also developed **program learning outcomes** that describe the career options that may be available to you upon graduating.

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Program requirements

Students complete the program regulations in effect at the time of their enrolment.

Transfer credit

Transfer credit will not be accepted if course(s) completed more than:

- 10 years ago in Business and Administrative Studies area of study at the (300/400) level;
- 5 years ago in the CMIS (all levels);
- 10 years ago in Statistics (all levels).

If you are currently working in the field and provide evidence of work being completed, this restriction may be waived. **Transfer credit** being used to satisfy options other than those in the Business and Administrative Studies area of study will not be restricted.

University certificate general regulations

The following general regulations apply to all certificate programs.

University certificate programs provide interim qualifications in

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specific subject areas. Athabasca University has developed individual program learning outcomes that describe the career options that may be available to you upon graduating.

1. Fifty per cent* of the total credits required must be completed through Athabasca University. Up to 50 per cent of the required credits may be transferred from another post-secondary institution.
   * Some certificate programs require less than 50 per cent, e.g., University Certificate in Counselling Women.
2. University certificate credentials are awarded throughout the year. Students must submit an Application for Graduation Form to the Office of the Registrar (see **Graduation**).
3. Students with less than 50 per cent of coursework completed in their current Athabasca University degree program may withdraw from their degree and apply into a university certificate program. Credit will be awarded (from the previous incomplete degree program) to the extent permissible under the applicable program regulations in effect at the time of the change of credential.
4. Students with 50 per cent of coursework completed in their current Athabasca University degree program are encouraged to consult with a student advisor before changing programs.
5. Students who change their program of study from an Athabasca University degree program to a university certificate program forfeit their standing in the degree program. If students wish to return to the degree program (after being enrolled in the university certificate program) they will be required to meet the degree requirements in effect at the time of re-enrolment (see **Changing Programs**) to the degree.

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6. Students who have completed a previous credential (degree, certificate, or diploma) from Athabasca University or another institution must complete a minimum of 50 per cent of the credits in course work not previously used towards any credential.
   Students who have a previous credential in the same subject area as the certificate cannot enrol in the certificate.

7. Students who have completed the former University Certificate in Labour Relations or the University Certificate in Labour Studies may not enrol in the University Certificate in Human Resources and Labour Relations.

Program structure

Total credits in the program	30
Required credits	24
Elective credits	6
Residency requirement. A minimum of 15 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	15
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (**PLAR**) credits	6

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Required courses

(24 credits)

ACCT 253 – Introductory Financial Accounting	(3)
ACCT 351 – Intermediate Financial Accounting I	(3)
ACCT 352 – Intermediate Financial Accounting II	(3)
ACCT 355 – Cost Analysis	(3)
ECON 247 – Microeconomics	(3)
ECON 248 – Macroeconomics	(3)
MGSC 301 – Statistics for Business and Economics I	(3)
LGST 369 – Commercial Law	(3)

Electives

(6 credits. See recommendations.)

Business and Administrative Studies courses at the junior (200) or senior (300/400) level. See recommendations below. [1]

Recommendations:

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If planning to pursue the University Certificate in Advanced Accounting, **CMIS 245** and **MKTG 396** should be selected in order to meet prerequisite requirements.

If planning to pursue a professional accounting designation, options should be chosen in consultation with the provincial association of which you are applying.

For more details, visit the **Professional Accounting Education** website.

[1] Change to electives to allow for more flexibility done April 2010 and grandfathered.

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University Certificate in Advanced Accounting

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University certificate general regulations

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3. Students with less than 50 per cent of coursework completed in their current Athabasca University degree program may withdraw from their degree and apply into a university certificate program. Credit will be awarded (from the previous incomplete degree program) to the extent permissible under the applicable program regulations in effect at the time of the change of credential.
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6. Students who have completed a previous credential (degree, certificate, or diploma) from Athabasca University or another institution must complete a minimum of 50 per cent of the

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credits in course work not previously used towards any credential.
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7. Students who have completed the former University Certificate in Labour Relations or the University Certificate in Labour Studies may not enrol in the University Certificate in Human Resources and Labour Relations.

Program structure

Total credits in the program	33
Required credits	24
Elective credits	9
Residency requirement. A minimum of 18 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	18
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (**PLAR**) credits	6

Required courses

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24 credits

ACCT 451 – Advanced Financial Accounting	(3)
ACCT 454 – Decision Analysis	(3)
CMIS 351 – Management Information Systems	(3)
TAXX 301 – Taxation I	(3)
ACCT 460 – Principles of Auditing	(3)
FNCE 370 – Overview of Corporate Finance	(3)
TAXX 401 – Taxation II	(3)
ADMN 404 – Capstone I: Strategic Management	(3)

Electives

(9 credits. See recommendations.)

Business and Administrative Studies courses at the senior (300/400) level. See recommendations below.

Recommendations:

Please note that these are recommendations only and any selections should be verified with the provincial accounting association in your area.

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MGSC 312 is recommended for **ACCT 454** and may be taken as an option prior to taking this course if not already completed elsewhere.

ADMN 404 assumes previous knowledge in the following subject areas (ACCT/FNCE, MKTG, ECON, ADMN/MGMT) and is recommended to be taken last or with the last set of courses in your program.

If pursuing a professional accounting designation, options should be chosen in consultation with the provincial association of which you are applying. Confirm with your provincial association requirements before selecting.

For more details, visit the **Chartered Professional Accountant** page of our website.

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Undergraduate Certificate in Computers and Management Information Systems

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The University Certificate in Computers and Management Information Systems is designed to develop skills and expertise in the area of computers and management information systems and provide a foundation for further studies.

This certificate will provide students with knowledge of management principles, techniques, and tools essential to the application of computers and information systems in the business environment. It will also prepare them as a business professional with sophisticated understanding of trends and issues related to information systems. Students will develop an understanding of the more technical aspects of information systems management, and how to align information systems with business goals.

The University Certificate in Computers and Management Information Systems is offered by Athabasca University's **Faculty of Business**, 1.800.468.6531, or **email**.

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Program requirements

Students complete the program regulations in effect at the time of their enrolment.

Transfer credit

Transfer credit will not be accepted if course(s) completed more than:

- 10 years ago in Business and Administrative Studies area of study at the (300/400) level;
- 5 years ago in the CMIS (all levels);
- 10 years ago in Statistics (all levels).

If you are currently working in the field and provide evidence of work being completed, this restriction may be waived. **Transfer credit** being used to satisfy options other than those in the Business and Administrative Studies area of study will not be

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restricted.

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3. Students with less than 50 per cent of coursework completed in their current Athabasca University degree program may withdraw from their degree and apply into a university certificate program. Credit will be awarded (from the previous incomplete degree program) to the extent permissible under the applicable program regulations in effect at the time of the change of credential.
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Program structure

Total credits in the program	30
Required credits	21

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Elective credits	9
Residency requirement. A minimum of 15 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University	15
Maximum Prior Learning and Assessment (**PLAR**) credits	6

Required courses

(21 credits)

ACCT 250 – Accounting for Managers	(3)
or	
ACCT 253 – Introductory Financial Accounting	
ADMN 232 – Introduction to Management	(3)
or	
ADMN 201 – Introduction to Business Studies	
ADMN 233 – Writing in Organizations	(3)
CMIS 245 – Microcomputer Applications in Business (Windows)	(3)

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CMIS 214 – Custom Applications with C#	(3)
CMIS 351 – Managing Information Systems	(3)
MGSC 301 – Statistics for Business and Economics (I)	(3)

Electives

(9 credits)

1. Business and Administrative Studies (any level)	(3)
2. Any 6 credits selected from the following:	
CMIS 455 – Accounting Information Systems	(3)
COMM 243 – Interpersonal Communication	(3)
COMP 200 – Introduction to Computing and Information Systems	(3)
COMP 268 – Introduction to Computer Programming (Java)	(3)
COMP 361 – Systems Analysis and Design	(3)
COMP 378 – Introduction to Database Management	(3)
BTMA 320 – Overview of e-Commerce	(3)

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MKTG 396 – Introduction to Marketing	(3)

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University Certificate in Computing and Information Systems

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The University Certificate in Computing and Information Systems is designed to provide a solid educational base in computing and information systems. Graduates may use the credits in their future program studies if they wish to pursue a Bachelor of Science – Computing and Information Systems Major.

During this university certificate program, students start with foundational courses that introduce the basics of computing, programming, and web development. Students will comprehend the theories and technologies of computer operating systems, computer networks, system analysis and design, as well as database management. In addition, by completing certain elective courses offered in the program, graduates will gain specialized skills in different IT areas such as database management, system administration, computer programming, or web development.

Refer to the **Faculty of Science and Technology website** for course listings of the various specializations, or consult with the program director for advice.

Students are strongly encouraged to register in ENGL 255 or ADMN 233 early in their program. For further information, refer to **English Writing Skills Requirement**.

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Program requirements

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Transfer credit

Athabasca University may grant transfer credit for individual computer science courses that were completed more than five years ago if proof of currency in the field is provided in the form of a resumé and letter(s) of employment. The letter(s) of employment need to show evidence of activity in this field over the five-year period prior to the request for transfer credit. Other evidence may be accepted if the letter and the resumé cannot be supplied. Science courses that are over 10 years old will be accepted for transfer credit if evidence of employment in a Science or Engineering field is supplied. Visit the **SCIS website** for more information regarding transfer credit time limits in

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relation to SCIS programs.

English writing skills requirement

Students will be exempted* from the English Writing Skills Requirement (ENGL 255) if they have met one of the following criteria:

- have a grade of B- (70 per cent) or better in an Athabasca University English course above the preparatory (100) level, or
- receive transfer credit for an English course in which a grade of B- (70 per cent) or better was achieved.

* Note: The exemption must be replaced with a 3-credit course in any discipline at the junior/senior (200 to 400) level.

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Program structure

Total credits in the program	33
Required credits	27
Elective credits	6
Residency requirement. A minimum of 18 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University	18
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (**PLAR**) credits	6

Required courses

(27 credits)

COMP 200 – Introduction to Computing and Information Systems	

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	(3)
COMP 268 – Introduction to Computer Programming (Java)	(3)
or	
COMP 206 – Introduction to Computer Programming (C++)	
or	
COMP 218 – Introduction to Computer Programming (Python)	
COMP 266 – Introduction to Web Programming	(3)
or	
COMP 272 – Data Structures and Algorithms	
COMP 314– Operating Systems	(3)
COMP 347 – Computer Networks	(3)
COMP 361 – Systems Analysis and Design	(3)
COMP 378 – Introduction to Database Management	(3)
ENGL 255 – Introductory Composition	

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	(3)
or	
ADMN 233 – Writing in Organizations	
MATH 270 – Linear Algebra I* *MATH 270 may be replaced with a 200-level 3-credit course in Science upon the approval of the program director.	(3)

Electives

(6 credits)

Senior (300/400) level **Computer Science (COMP)** or **Computers and Management Information Systems (CMIS)** credits	(6)

Specific regulation

1. Preparatory (100-level) courses cannot be used to fulfill the requirements of this certificate.

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University Certificate in Counselling Women

Regulations effective Sep. 1, 2024.

The University Certificate in Counselling Women applies contemporary feminist theory to the practice of counselling. The program develops basic counselling skills with a particular emphasis on acquiring crisis intervention skills.

The program is ideal for professionals and volunteers—crisis workers, social workers, family life educators, adult educators, nurses, teachers, and vocational counsellors—who will acquire the skills to help women solve specific and everyday problems.

The elective courses can consist of Athabasca University courses and approved courses from other institutions. The certificate can be transferred to other programs at Athabasca University and other universities if the courses fit the requirements at the receiving institution. Students who are planning to complete the certificate in one year (based on a full-time Student Finance study plan) should first discuss their plan with the **Program Coordinator**.

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Program requirements

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University certificate general regulations

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Program structure

Total credits in the program	30
Required credits	21
Elective credits	9
Residency requirement. A minimum of 6 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University	6
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (**PLAR**) credits	15

Required courses

(21 credits)

WGST 305 – Decolonializing Mental Health	(3)
PSYC 345 – The Psychology of Gender and Sexuality	(3)
PSYC 347 – Introduction to Feminist Counselling	(3)
WGST 201 – An Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies	(3)

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WGST 302 – Communication Skills and Counselling Practice	(3)
WGST 310 – Feminist Approaches to Counselling Women	(3)
WGST 499 – Final Project	(3)

Electives

(Select 9 credits from the following)

Alternative courses not listed below may be acceptable with permission of the program coordinator.

Any senior (300/400) level **WGST** course	
Any senior level (300/400) level **PSYC** course	
ENGL 255 – Introductory Composition	(3)
ENGL 307 – Women in Literature	(3)
ENGL 308 – Indigenous Literature in Canada	(3)
SOCI 378/CMNS 385 – Rebel With a Cause: Social Movements in History and Popular Culture	(3)
INST 358 – Aboriginal Women in Canada	(3)

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POEC 395 – Political Economy of Development: People, Processes, and Policies	(3)
POLI 350 – Women in Canadian Politics	(3)
CMNS 419 – Digital Storytelling	(3)
INST 420 – Indigenous Resistance	(3)

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University Certificate in Finance

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The University Certificate in Finance program provides students with the skills and knowledge appropriate for financial services professionals. The program has been designed so that, through careful selection of options, students may complete the major portion of the training required by various professional financial services associations. All credit earned in the UC: Finance program can be transferred into the Bachelor of Commerce or Bachelor of Management programs at Athabasca University.

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Program requirements

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Transfer credit

Transfer credit will not be accepted if course(s) completed more than:

- 10 years ago in Business and Administrative Studies area of study at the (300/400) level;
- 5 years ago in the CMIS (all levels);
- 10 years ago in Statistics (all levels).

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University certificate general regulations

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University certificate programs provide interim qualifications in

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Program structure

Total credits in the program	30
Required credits	21
Finance Major Elective credits	6
Option credits	3
Residency requirement. A minimum of 15 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University	15
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (**PLAR**)	6

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credits	

Required courses

(21 credits)

ACCT 250 – Accounting for Managers	(3)
or	
ACCT 253 – Introductory Financial Accounting (ACCT 253 is recommended for those planning to pursue the Bachelor of Commerce or the QAFP/CFP certification)	
ECON 247 – Microeconomics	(3)
ECON 248 – Macroeconomics	(3)
ECON 385 – Money, Banking, and Canadian Financial Institutions	(3)
FNCE 322 – Personal Finance	(3)
FNCE 370 – Overview of Corporate Finance	(3)
MGSC 301 – Statistics for Business and Economics I	(3)

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Finance Major Electives

(Select 6 credits from the following)

Any combination of Economics (**ECON**) or Finance (**FNCE**) courses (with a maximum of 3 credits at the junior (200) level) not obtained as a core course, or **TAXX 301****	6

Options

(3 credits)

Business and Administrative Studies at the junior (200) or senior (300 or 400) level**	3

** Recommendation: **FNCE 249**, **FNCE 323**, and FNCE 350 are recommended for QAFP certification (FNCE 350 is currently in development; LGST 369 can satisfy if needed prior to opening). A degree is required in order to meet requirements for the Certified Planner certification such as the Bachelor of Commerce with a Major in Finance. This certificate can ladder into the degree program.

If planning to pursue Bachelor of Commerce, Finance Major, refer to **program regulation recommendations** or contact an advisor for assistance in planning your courses.

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University Certificate in French Language Proficiency

Regulations effective Sep. 1, 2024.

The University Certificate in French Language Proficiency allows students to obtain a credential by taking only French courses. Completion of this certificate provides functional competence in oral and written French. Courses taken towards completion of the Certificate may be transferred to the BA French Major or the BA French Concentration.

For information about bursaries for French language teachers and those teaching in French, contact your nearest career development centre. Bursaries are only available to Alberta residents.

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Program structure

Total credits in the program	30
Required credits	21
Elective credits	9
Residency requirement. A minimum of 15 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	15
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (**PLAR**) credits	None permitted

Required courses

(21 credits)

FREN 200 – First Year University French I	(3)
FREN 201 – First Year University French II	(3)
FREN 362 – Second Year University French	(6)
FREN 375 – Vocabulary Expansion	(6)
FREN 301 – Composition française	(3)

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Electives

(Select 9 credits from the following)

Senior (300 and 400) level French courses

Specific regulations

1. Students holding an undergraduate or graduate degree or certificate in French from any post-secondary institution (including Athabasca University) may not enrol in this program.
2. Prerequisites for each course must be fulfilled.

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University Certificate in Heritage Resources Management

Regulations effective Sep. 1, 2024.

Work in the heritage sector involves many different and specialized practices. These include the work undertaken at archives, at a huge range of museums, interpretive centres, historic places and heritage landscapes, and as part of some types of scientific and cultural activity. These many differences reflect the vitality and range of the contemporary heritage field.

The University Certificate in Heritage Resources Management (HRM) is a comprehensive program of study that is designed for people who want a broad perspective on Heritage Resources Management, who wish to pursue careers or other involvement with heritage resources practice, or who are working or volunteering in the field and who wish to improve their skills in heritage practice.

The HRM program is offered by Athabasca University's Centre for Integrated Studies. All courses are offered in distance format with tutor support.

Heritage Resources Management **website**

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There is a required practicum component in this program: HERM 491, which serves as the capstone for the certificate. Students must be registered in their final courses, or have completed all other courses before the practicum begins. Before students register for this course, they must demonstrate that they can make adequate arrangements for the completion of the required practicum (see Recommendations below). For more information about the practicum and this program email **hrm@athabascau.ca**

Program structure

Total credits in the program	30
Required credits	30
Residency requirement. At least 15 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	15
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (**PLAR**) credits	None permitted

Required courses

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(30 credits)

HERM 301 – Introduction to Heritage Resources Management	(3)
HERM 312 / HIST 316 – Heritage Research	(3)
HERM 322 – Heritage Collections	(3)
HERM 327 – Heritage Policy in Canada	(3)
HERM 339 – Conservation	(3)
HERM 342 – General Principles of Planning Historic Places	(3)
HERM 361 – Interpretive Programming	(3)
PHIL 334 – Professional Ethics in Heritage Resources Management	(3)
HERM 491 – Heritage Certificate Practicum *	(6)

Recommendations

* The practicum requires the completion of a 240-hour project. In consultation with the professor of the Heritage Resources Management Program, students will identify in advance on their application for enrolment in the practicum details of their practicum project and a suitable on-site practicum supervisor. The professor will act as the course professor for the practicum. Students should plan to make application for their practicum several months before they

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plan to begin it. The application is to be submitted to the **HRM program** . Please see HERM 491 syllabus for the application and details.

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University Certificate in Human Resources and Labour Relations

Regulations effective Sep. 1, 2024.

The University Certificate in Human Resources and Labour Relations is offered by the **Centre for Social Sciences**. This is an integrated, multidisciplinary program of courses that examines employment relations within their social, legal, political, and economic contexts. This certificate will be of interest to trade unionists, managers, human resource specialists and individuals interested in better employment opportunities.

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Program requirements

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Students are recommended to take **ENGL 255** or **ADMN 233** early in their program.

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Program structure

Total credits in the program	30
Required courses	9
Electives	15
Options	6
Residency requirement. A minimum of 15 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	15
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (**PLAR**) credits	15
No preparatory (100-level) courses will count towards this program	

Required courses

(9 credits)

IDRL 215 – Introduction to Labour Relations	(3)
IDRL 320 – The Law of Work	(3)

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HRMT 386 – Introduction to Human Resource Management	(3)

Electives

(15 credits)

Note: A minimum of 6 credits must be selected from the courses in **HRMT** and/or **IDRL** .	
ACCT 253 – Introductory Financial Accounting	(3)
ACCT 355 – Cost Analysis	(3)
All ADMN courses	
ANTH 275 – Faces of Culture: An Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	(3)
CMIS 245 – Microcomputer Applications in Business (Windows)	(3)
CMIS 351 – Management Information Systems	(3)
COMM 243 – Interpersonal Communication	(3)
COMM 277 – Group Communication	(3)
COMP 361 – Systems Analysis and Design	(3)

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All ECON courses	
All EDUC courses	
ENGL 255 – Introductory Composition	(3)
All GOVN courses	
HIST 336 – History of Canadian Labour	(6)
All HRMT courses	
All IDRL courses	
All LBST courses	
All LGST courses	
All ORGB courses	
PHIL 252 – Critical Thinking	(3)
PHIL 333 – Professional Ethics	(3)
All POEC courses	
PSYC 200 – Introduction to Career Development	(3)

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PSYC 300 – Theories of Career Development	(3)
PSYC 310 – Learning and Instruction	(3)
PSYC 387 – Learning	(3)
PSYC 401 – Learning Through Life	(3)
PSYC 405 – Creating a Working Alliance	(3)
SOCI 300 – How Humans Organize: From Primary Groups to the World Wide Web	(3)
SOCI 301 – Social Statistics	(3)
SOCI 332 – Women and Unions	(3)
SOCI 345 – Women, Gender and Work in Canada	(3)
SOCI 381 – The Rich and the Rest: The Sociology of Wealth, Power, and Inequality	(3)

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Undergraduate Certificate in Indigenous Community Economic Development and Planning

Regulations amended, effective Jan. 1, 2025.

The University Certificate in Indigenous Community Economic Development and Planning will provide learners with training and in-depth knowledge of the unique context of Indigenous communities, Nations, and organizations:

- The principles of Indigenous business and governance.
- Indigenous law and how it applies to Indigenous communities.
- Economic development and community planning.
- Essentials of project management.
- Unique insight into your community or organization through a community-led capstone project.
- Methods of community engagement and facilitation.

This new and unique program, written and developed by Indigenous business

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scholars and practitioners, is offered only at Athabasca University. This program will enable learners to effectively manage Indigenous organizations and businesses, by integrating traditional and contemporary Indigenous knowledge and principles with management practices. This program prepares learners to meet the needs of Indigenous organizations and to understand the unique context in which they operate.

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- 10 years ago in Statistics (all levels).

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Program structure

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Required credits	21
Options	3
Residency requirement. A minimum of 12 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University	12
Maximum Prior Learning and Assessment (**PLAR**) credits	6

Required courses

(21 credits)

INBU 201 – Introduction to Indigenous Business	(3)
INBU 250 – Financial & Management Accounting for Indigenous Institutions and Organizations	(3)
INBU 330 – Public Administration & Law for Indigenous Business	(3)
INBU 350 – Indigenous Marketing and Data Collection and	

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Analysis	(3)
INBU 386 – Introduction to Indigenous Human Relations	(3)
INBU 461 – Indigenous Community Planning & Development I	(3)
INBU 462 – Indigenous Community Planning & Development II	(3)

Options

(Select 3 credits from the following)

INBU 490 – Applied Research in Indigenous Business	(3)
Any junior (200) level course	(3)
Any senior (300/400) level course	(3)

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University Certificate in Management Applications

Regulations effective Sep. 1, 2024.

The University Certificate in Management Applications is designed for students who want a broad perspective in administration and administrative skills.

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Transfer credit

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Program structure

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Required credits	24
Option credits	6
Residency requirement. A minimum of 15 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	15
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (**PLAR**)	6

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credits	

Required courses

(24 credits)

ACCT 250 – Accounting for Managers	(3)
or	
ACCT 253 – Introductory Financial Accounting*	
CMIS 245 – Microcomputer Applications in Business (Windows)	(3)
CMIS 351 – Management Information Systems	(3)
ORGB 364 – Organizational Behaviour	(3)
FNCE 370 – Overview of Corporate Finance	(3)
or	
FNCE/ECON 300 – Financial Economics	
HRMT 386 – Introduction to Human Resource Management	(3)

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LGST 369	**Commercial Law**	(3)
MKTG 396	**Introduction to Marketing**	(3

* Students who are pursing a professional accounting designation are advised to take ACCT 253.

Options

(6 credits)

Business and Administrative Studies credits, with a maximum of three credits at the preparatory (100) or junior (200) level.	(6)

Recommendations

1. To ensure that all prerequisites have been completed, students should register in **ACCT 250** , or **ACCT 253** , and **CMIS 245** before choosing other courses in the required courses list.
2. Students wishing to do a block transfer to the University of Lethbridge Bachelor of Management must choose **FNCE 370** as required courses.
3. Students wishing to do a block transfer to the University of Lethbridge Bachelor of Management must take **ACCT 355** as one of their Business and Administrative Studies options.
4. Students who have not taken any writing courses or who wish to improve their writing skills are advised to take **ADMN 233** as one of their Business and Administrative Studies options.

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5. Students should take **MGSC 301** (if not already taken the equivalent) as one of their Business and Administrative Studies options to meet the prerequisite requirement for **FNCE 300** or **FNCE 370** .

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University Certificate in Management Foundations

Regulations effective Sep. 1, 2024.

The University Certificate in Management Foundations is designed to provide students with a foundational knowledge in business management. As such, there are no prerequisites for the required courses in this certificate. This structure will appeal to a broad student body.

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6. Students who have completed a previous credential (degree, certificate, or diploma) from Athabasca University or another institution must complete a minimum of 50 per cent of the

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credits in course work not previously used towards any credential.
Students who have a previous credential in the same subject area as the certificate cannot enrol in the certificate.

7. Students who have completed the former University Certificate in Labour Relations or the University Certificate in Labour Studies may not enrol in the University Certificate in Human Resources and Labour Relations.

Program structure

Total credits in the program	30
Required credits	24
Option credits	6
Residency requirement. A minimum of 15 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	15
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (**PLAR**) credits	6

Required courses

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(24 credits)

ADMN 232 – Introduction to Management	(3)
or	
ADMN 201 – Introduction to Business Studies	
ADMN 233 – Writing in Organizations	(3)
COMM 243 – Interpersonal Communication	(3)
or	
COMM 277 – Group Communication	
ADMN 417 – International Business Management	(3)
or	
ECON 401 – The Changing Global Economy	
ECON 247 – Microeconomics	(3)
ECON 248 – Macroeconomics	(3)
MGSC 301 – Statistics for Business and Economics I	(3)

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PHIL 252 – Critical Thinking	(3)
or	
PHIL 333 – Professional Ethics	
or	
PHIL 337 – Business Ethics	

Options

(6 credits)

1.	Senior (300/400) level **Business and Administrative Studies** credits	(3)
2.	**Non "Business and Administrative Studies"** credits at any level	(3)

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University Certificate in Marketing

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The University Certificate in Marketing program offers recent analytical frameworks and tools necessary in understanding consumers, market trends, and competitive marketing strategies in the global economy. The program also emphasizes the development of critical and strategic thinking skills, and the enhancement of abilities to make rigorous decisions in different areas of marketing.

Planning your program

Our **online program plans** can assist you in selecting the courses needed to fulfill your program requirements.

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Program requirements

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Students complete the program regulations in effect at the time of their enrolment.

Transfer credit

Transfer credit will not be accepted if course(s) completed more than:

- 10 years ago in Business and Administrative Studies area of study at the (300/400) level;
- 5 years ago in the CMIS (all levels);
- 10 years ago in Statistics (all levels).

If you are currently working in the field and provide evidence of work being completed, this restriction may be waived. **Transfer credit** being used to satisfy options other than those in the Business and Administrative Studies area of study will not be restricted.

University certificate general regulations

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credits in course work not previously used towards any credential.
Students who have a previous credential in the same subject area as the certificate cannot enrol in the certificate.

7. Students who have completed the former University Certificate in Labour Relations or the University Certificate in Labour Studies may not enrol in the University Certificate in Human Resources and Labour Relations.

Program structure

Total credits in the program	30
Required courses	27
Electives	3
Residency requirement. A minimum of 15 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University	15
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (**PLAR**) credits	6

Required credits

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(27 credits)

ADMN 232 – Introduction to Management	(3)
or	
ADMN 201 – Introduction to Business Studies	
BTMA 320 – Overview of e-Commerce	(3)
ECON 247 – Microeconomics	(3)
LGST 369 – Commercial Law	(3)
MGSC 301 – Statistics for Business and Economics I	(3)
MKTG 396 – Introduction to Marketing	(3)
MKTG 406 – Consumer Behaviour	(3)
MKTG 440 – Marketing Strategy	(3)
MKTG 466 – Marketing Research	(3)

Electives

(3 credits)

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COMM 243 – Interpersonal Communication	(3)
or	
COMM 277 – Group Communication	
MGSC 312 – Statistics for Business and Economics II	(3)
MKTG 410 – e-Marketing	(3)
MKTG 414 – International Marketing and Exporting	(3)
Any Marketing course not taken previously from the above list.	(3)

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University Certificate in Public Administration

Regulations effective Sep. 1, 2024.

The University Certificate in Public Administration is designed for students who aspire to careers in, or working with, organizations in the public and non-profit sectors. While many management principles are universally applicable, the UC-PADM focuses on administration at the municipal, provincial, and federal levels of government, as well as non profit and quasi governmental organizations. Students will take courses in management, policy, legal studies, and Indigenous studies. They can also take courses in such areas as communications, criminal justice, governance, human services, and women's and gender studies.

Students may find this certificate useful to enter or re-enter the job market, to change careers, or for promotion in the public sector and/or non profit sector, or to provide a foundation for further studies.

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describe the career options that may be available to you upon graduating.

Ladder this certificate into the BPA degree program

This certificate can be taken in partial fulfillment of the 60-credit admission requirements for the Bachelor of Professional Arts (BPA) program. It can also be used for the first 30 credits taken as the third year of all four of the BPA majors: **Communication Studies**; **Criminal Justice**; **Governance, Law, and Management**; and **Human Services**.

Students planning to use 18 to 30 credits within the diploma toward the 60-credit total for degree completion must not take more than 12 junior credits (courses at the 200 level), including an English Language Assessment recommended skill-building course at the 100 level, if required. See English Language Assessment below.

Students pursuing this option should consult the **online program plans** to see how this certificate can ladder into the BPA major of your choice. **Advising Services** can assist you in selecting the courses needed to fulfill your program requirements.

English language assessment

Applicants to the UC-PADM are strongly advised to take the English Language Assessment (ELA). Based upon the applicant's ELA results, a recommendation will be made as to which writing skills course is appropriate. Those applicants whose test results suggest they would benefit from skill building courses at the

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100 level can register in **ENGL 155** : Developing Writing Skills; **ENGL 177** : English for Academic Purposes; or **PHIL 152** : Basics in Critical Thinking, Reading, and Writing and that course will count as a Junior Option.

Program requirements

Students complete the program regulations in effect at the time of their enrolment.

University certificate general regulations

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Program structure

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Required credits	15
Elective credits	12
Option credits	3
Minimum CMNS, CRJS, GOVN, or HSRV credits required to use UC-PADM to satisfy requirements in a BPA major (courses in LGST can be used in UC-PADM to ladder into the BPA-CRJS major)	9
Residency requirement. A minimum of 15 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	15
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (**PLAR**) credits	15

Required courses

(15 credits)

Students should register in **ADMN 232** or **HSRV 201** or **CMNS 201** or **LGST 230** or **ENGL 255** or **PHIL 252** early in their program.

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ADMN 232 – Introduction to Management	(3)
or	
HSRV 201 – Social Work and Human Services	
or	
CMNS 201 – Introduction to Mass Media	
or	
LGST 230 – The Canadian Legal System	
ENGL 255* – Introductory Composition	(3)
or	
PHIL 252* – Critical Thinking	
* Note: Students who have taken a course deemed equivalent to one of these courses (ENGL 255 or PHIL 252) will be required to take the other course.	
INST 203** – Indigenous Studies I	

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or	
INST 205 – Indigenous Studies II**	(3)
**Note: Student who have taken a course deemed equivalent to one of these courses (INST 203 or INST 205) will be required to take the other course.	
GOVN/POLI 301 – Public Governance, the Public Sector and Corporate Power	
or	
GOVN 380/HSRV 363 – Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Governance	(3)
or	
GOVN/POLI 405 – Innovative Public Management	
GOVN 390 – Public Policy and Administrative Governance	
or	
GOVN/POLI/GLST 403 – Public Policy in a Global Era	
or	(3)

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HSRV 322 – Ideology and Policy Evolution	
or	
CMNS 401 – Cultural Policy in Canada	

Elective courses

(12 credits)

Select four courses from the following list:

ADMN 232 – Introduction to Management	(3)
HSRV 201 – Social Work and Human Service	(3)
CMNS 201 – Introduction to Mass Media	(3)
CMNS 202/LGST 291 – Media and Power in Canadian Society	(3)
LGST 230 – The Canadian Legal System	(3)
CMNS/GOVN 444 – Media Relations	(3)
CRJS/GOVN/LGST 377 – Issues in Access to Information and Protection of Privacy	(3)
CRJS 370 – Youth Justice	(3)

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GLST 205 – Building Blocks of Global Studies: Overview of Approaches, Concepts, and Issues	(3)
GLST/ENVS 243 – Environmental Change in a Global Context	(3)
ENVS 305 – Environmental Impact Assessment	(3)
ENVS 435 – Transformative Change in Building Sustainable Communities	(3)
Any statistics course:	(3)
such as:	
CMNS 308 – Understanding Statistical Evidence	
or	
SOCI 301 – Social Statistics	
ECON 247 – Microeconomics	(3)
or	
ECON 248 – Macroeconomics	
All GOVN courses	

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All HRMT courses	
All IDRL courses	
All INST courses	
All LGST courses	
All POLI courses	
All POEC courses	
SOCI 381 – The Rich and the Rest: The Sociology of Wealth, Power, and Inequality	(3)
Any women-focused or gender studies course:	(3)
such as:	
All WGST courses	
or	
ANTH 375 – The Anthropology of Gender	
or	

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HSRV 470 – Advocacy from the Margins	
or	
POLI 350 – Women in Politics	
or	
LGST 390 – Women, Equality, and the Law	
Any professional ethics course:	(3)
such as:	
CMNS 455 – Media Ethics	
or	
All PHIL Professional Ethics courses	

Option courses

(3 credits)

Choose any 3-credit course. Those students with no post-secondary education are encouraged to take a 200-level course. Students with advanced analytical and writing skills might consider taking a 300- or 400-level course.

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Notes:

Students cannot use the same course to satisfy both a required and an elective course requirement.

Students who plan to ladder into the BPA degree program should consult with **Advising Services** to ensure a seamless fit for their Elective and Option courses. Students using this certificate to count toward the first 60 credits of BPA admission are encouraged to select Junior courses. Those students who have 42 credits or more to apply toward admission to a BPA program, or who wish to apply the completed certificate to their 3rd year of a BPA program must complete no more than 12 junior credits within the certificate—only 12 Junior credits are allowed in the Majors, so additional junior courses will not all be transferable.

Students who wish to pursue employment in the federal civil service or foreign affairs are strongly encouraged to take French for their Option courses. Students interested in North American integration should take Spanish. Students interested in governance capacity building for First Nations communities should consider taking an Indigenous language course.

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University Diploma in Arts

Regulations effective Sep. 1, 2024.

The University Diploma in Arts is designed for students who wish to obtain an intermediate credential that provides a grounding in the intellectual skills required of university studies. It is also a foundation for further studies in Humanities and Social Science.

Planning your program

Our **online program plans** can assist you in selecting the courses needed to fulfill your program requirements.

Athabasca University has developed **program learning outcomes** that describe the career options that may be available to you upon graduating.

Program requirements

Students complete the program regulations in effect at the time of their enrolment.

Students who have completed a more senior-level credential (e.g., bachelor's degree) may not enrol in the University Diploma in Arts program.

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English writing skills requirement

Students must meet the following English writing skills requirement in order to graduate:

- hold credit in **ENGL 255** (students are strongly encouraged to register in ENGL 255 early in their program);
  or
- have a grade of B- (70 per cent) or better in an Athabasca University **English course above the preparatory (100) level** ;
  or
- receive transfer credit for an English course in which a grade of B- or better was achieved.

Program structure

Total credits in the program	60
Minimum credits required	
Senior (300 or 400 level) courses	30
Arts (**Humanities** and **Social Science**)	48

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Humanities	12
Social Science	12
Science area	6
Residency Requirement: A minimum of 24 credits must be obtained through Athabasca University.	24
Maximum credits allowed	
In any one discipline	36
Applied Studies	6
Science	12
At the preparatory level	6
Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition credits	none permitted

NOTE: The 100-level ENGL courses will not satisfy the Humanities area of study requirement in the University Diploma in Arts program. These courses may count as part of the total number of credits required for the diploma. Refer to **English Writing Skills Requirement**.

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Certificate of Completion – English Language Proficiency Program

Regulations effective Sep. 1, 2024.

The English Language Proficiency Program is not an undergraduate program; it is a program comprising specific courses that will help prepare students, particularly those who are not native English speakers, for success in three areas:

1. University entrance and studies. Not only do these courses make university education more accessible to students currently facing language barriers, they also help to ensure that students have the appropriate language skills before they register in other university-level courses.
2. Employment. These courses will help second-language learners gain the language skills they need to enter the workforce, and to enter it at a level that is more commensurate with their other skills, background, and education, and to improve their ability to communicate in the workplace.
3. Social situations. Improved language skills help individuals to maximize their potential in a variety of social and communicative settings.

On successful completion of the program, students will receive a Certificate of

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Completion.

Enrolment requirements

Before enrolling in the program, all students are required to take the online **self-assessment test.** Guidance is available from the English Language Studies **coordinator** or from the staff of the **Write Site.** Prospective students should register for the program as unclassified students (students who are not enrolled in an AU degree, diploma, or certificate program).

Program requirements

To ensure satisfactory progress through the program, it is recommended that students obtain a minimum grade of B before continuing to the next level.

Program structure

Total courses in the program	4 courses
Required course	1 course
Elective courses	3 courses
Residency requirement. A minimum of three courses, including ENGL 155, must be completed through Athabasca University.	3 courses

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Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition credits	None permitted

Required course

ENGL 155 - Developing Writing Skills	(3)

Electives

A minimum of one or more of the following courses (dependent upon the results of the online **self-assessment test**).

ENGL 140 - Grammar	(0)
ENGL 145 - Reading and Writing for Academic Purposes	(0)

And a minimum of one of the following courses:

ENGL 177 - English for Academic Purposes	(3)
ENGL 189 - English for Business	(3)

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Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Inclusive Education

Regulations effective Sep. 1, 2024.

This program was previously called the University Diploma in Inclusive Education. It was changed by Alberta Advanced Education, effective July 1, 2019.

The Post-Baccalaureate Certificate: Inclusive Education is intended primarily for teachers and other professionals who wish to enhance their knowledge and skills in the area of inclusion and working with children and youth with diverse learning needs. The program consists of 24 credits following Athabasca University's program requirements outlined below.

Planning your program

AU advisors have developed a **Program Plan** to assist you.

The University has also developed **program learning outcomes** that describe the career options that may be available to you upon graduating.

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Enrolment requirements

Applicants must have a 4-year BEd or a 4-year degree with demonstrated interest or experience working with students with learning and behavioral challenges. Consult the **program coordinator** for determining equivalency. Learners may enrol either on a full- or part-time basis. It is recommended that the certificate be completed in six years.

Students with previous credentials in special education should contact the program coordinator before enrolling in this program.

Program requirements

Students complete the program regulations in effect at the time of their enrolment.

Program structure

Total credits in the program	24
Core course requirements	21
Elective credits	3
Residency Requirements: A minimum of 12 credits must be obtained through AU.	12

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Maximum Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition **(PLAR)** credits	none permitted

Core courses

(21 credits)

EDPY/PSYC 403 – Assessment and Instruction for Students with Diverse Needs	(3)
EDPY 351 – Inclusive Education for Students with Diverse Needs	(3)
EDPY/PSYC 470 – Consultation and Collaboration for Students with Special Needs	(3)
EDPY/PSYC 471 – Supporting Children and Youth with Emotional and Behavioral Challenges	(3)
EDPY/PSYC 389 – Learning Disabilities: Issues and Interventions	(3)
EDPY/PSYC 476 – Technology for Students with Diverse Learning Needs	(3)
EDPY/PSYC 478 – Autism Spectrum Disorder	(3)

Elective courses

(3 credits)

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Choose 3 credits from the following list. Credit from other post-secondary institutions may be applied.

EDPY/PSYC 469 – Principles of Psychological Assessment	(3)
PSYC 365 – Behavior Modification Principles	(3)
PSYC 418 – Special Projects in Psychology	(3)

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