

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE – PSYCHOLOGY
UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
RED DEER POLYTECHNIC- SCHOOL OF ARTS AND CULTURE

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You are responsible for ensuring that your registration is complete and appropriate and that your course choices comply with the program to which you have been admitted at Red Deer Polytechnic and/or to the university to which you wish to transfer (if applicable). You are cautioned that any changes to your courses, your major or your transfer destination may adversely affect your transferable credit (if applicable), admission requirements for future programs, or eligibility to graduate from Red Deer Polytechnic. Please consult with an Advisor if you have any questions.

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

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

- See the [Academic Calendar](#)

WHAT IS THIS GUIDE?

- This is an Academic Planning Guide, prepared by the Student Connect Centre to help you register for courses towards your desired program at the University of Calgary (UofC).
- Please note that the first two years of a Bachelor of Science (BSc) is generally transferable to any post-secondary institution in Alberta, but there will be notable differences. If you would like to transfer to a post-secondary outside of the University of Calgary, please ensure that you are consulting with that institution about their admission requirements and transfer policies.
- If you are transferring to another institution to complete your program, we strongly advise that you read the Academic Calendar of your destination institution for full information.
- **If you would like to complete your four-year degree at RDP, please consult the [Academic Planning Guide](#) for RDP's Bachelor of Science in Psychology program.**

WHAT IS A TERM? TERMS ARE THE PERIOD IN WHICH YOUR STUDIES TAKE PLACE. AT RDP, WE OFFER FOUR TERMS.

- **Fall** term (September through December)
- **Winter** term (January through April)
- **Spring** term (May through June): Spring term is an optional, condensed term. Course offerings are limited.
- **Summer** term (July through August): Summer term is an optional, condensed term. Course offerings are limited.

HOW MANY COURSES SHOULD I TAKE A TERM?

- The maximum number of courses you can take in the Fall or Winter terms is 5 courses and 2 courses in the Spring (optional).
- To complete your program in four years, you would need to take the maximum number of courses per term (5 courses in the Fall and 5 courses in the Winter), or 10 course per year. Some students will complete 10 courses in a year by taking 4 courses in the Fall, 4 courses in the Winter, and 2 courses in the Spring (or a combination thereof).
- We encourage you to find the best course load for you to be successful in your courses and your program! However, we encourage you to check the course load requirements for your destination university and degree.
- When determining your course load keep your funding in mind, if applicable. For course load requirements for funding purposes, please visit www.rdpolytech.ca/psfunding.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I TAKE LESS THAN THE RECOMMENDED COURSE LOAD?

- You may need an extra term or year to complete your program.

WHAT IF I COMPLETED COURSES AT ANOTHER POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTION?

Once you are admitted to RDP, you can then apply to have your post-secondary courses assessed for transfer credit through our [Recognition of Prior Learning Office](#). Once admitted to RDP you can complete an [RPL application form](#), provide the Polytechnic Assessors with any and all transcripts, course outlines/descriptions, or other documentation necessary to support your PLAR application.

NOTE: Universities have what is called a *residency requirement*. This means that a specific number of credits must be completed as their student to grant their degree. The UofC (and most post-secondary institutions) require a minimum of 60 credits to be completed while registered as a student at their institution. Therefore, **students can transfer up to a maximum of 60 credits** (20 three-credit courses) in this program to the UofC.

REGISTRATION AND PROGRAM AUDIT

- Refer to the **Registration** tab on your Loop account to view **Registration Tips and Tricks** for information on:
 - Registering in classes
 - Waitlisting
 - Checking Prerequisites and Corequisites
 - Courses listed as **prerequisites** must be completed before you start the course in question.
 - Courses listed as **co-requisites** must be taken at the same time as the course in question.
 - Viewing Your Schedule
 - And much more!
- After you have completed your registration, if you would like an advisor to review your registration please submit a [Registration Review Form](#).

SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE/TRANSFER COURSE CHECKLIST (UNOFFICIAL)

PSYCHOLOGY

REQUIREMENT	PREREQUISITE(S)	COMMENTS	COMPLETED
YEAR 1 FIRST TERM RECOMMENDATIONS			
PSYC 260 (3 Credits)	Principles of Psychology I	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can be taken either term	
BIOL 217 (3 Credits)	Introduction to Cell Biology	Biology 30 and Chemistry 30	
CHEM 211	Essay Writing & Critical Read	ELA 30-1 or equivalent	

MATH 202 or 203 (3 Credits)	Intro Calculus	Prerequisite: MATH 30-1. Anti-requisite: MATH 203		
Arts Elective (3 Credits)				
YEAR 1 SECOND TERM RECOMMENDATIONS				
PSYC 261 (3 Credits)	Principles of Psychology II	PSYC 260	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be taken either term 	
BIOL 218 (3 Credits)	Evolution & Biological Diversity	Biology 30		
CHEM 212 (3 Credits)	General Chemistry II	Pre-requisite: Chem 211.		
MATH 221 (3 Credits)	Linear Algebra I	Prerequisite: Math 30-1		
Arts Elective (3 Credits)				
YEAR 2 FIRST TERM RECOMMENDATIONS				
PSYC 313 (3 Credits)	Research Methods	Prerequisite: PSYC 260 Prerequisite or Corequisite: PSYC 261	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This course is available in the Fall term only. • Credit will not be given for both Psyc 312 and Psyc 313 	
300 LEVEL PSYC or PSYC Foundati on Course (3 Credits)				
300 LEVEL PSYC or Elective (3 Credits)				
PHYS 205 or Elective (3 Credits)		PHYS 205 Prerequisite: MATH 30-1; PHYSICS 30 strongly recommended Anti-requisite: PHYS 241		
Elective (3 Credits)				
YEAR 2 SECOND TERM RECOMMENDATIONS				
PSYC 314 (3 Credits)	Data Analysis	Prerequisite: Math 30-1 or 30-2 or equivalent and PSYC 260 Prerequisite or Corequisite: PSYC 261	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This course is available in the Winter term only. • Credit will not be given for both PSYC 312 and PSYC 314. 	
300 Level PSYC or				

PSYC Foundati on Course (3 Credits)				
300 Level PSYC or Elective (3 Credits)				
Elective (3 Credits)				
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COURSE CATEGORIZATION & REQUIREMENTS

1. Student's pursuing a BSc Psychology from the UCalgary will need to complete specific science courses in order to graduate. These courses are not required to transfer but are recommended to complete in your first 2 years. If you do not wish to take these courses in your first year replace them with an elective course.

The equivalent science courses RDP offers towards this degree are:

- **Biology:** BIOL 217 & BIOL 218 (can be completed in any order/term)
- **Chemistry:** CHEM 211 & CHEM 212
- **Mathematics:** MATH 202 or 203 & MATH 221 (can be completed in any order/term)
 - If you achieved 70% or higher in Math 31 you can take MATH 203 instead of MATH 202.
- **Physics:** PHYS 205 (this course does not have a PHYS 30 pre-requisite, although it is recommended)

2. UofC Psychology students are required to complete 15 credits in specific Psychology courses before graduation. You will not be able to complete all of these requirements as an RDP student, nor are they required to complete prior to transfer. Below are the courses students will be required to complete in their degree.

- PSYC 341
- PSYC 375

Choose 9 credits (3 courses) from: PSYC 353*, PSYC 357*, PSYC 358, PSYC 369, PSYC 383, PSYC 389
(Note: *A maximum of 3 credits from PSYC 353 or PSYC 357 can be used to fulfill this requirement)

3. **Arts and Science Electives:** [Click here](#) to view 2022-2023 Arts and Science courses offerings in more detail.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO KNOW		
	University of Calgary	University of Alberta
Transfer Credit	➤ Transfer up to 60 credits ➤	➤ Transfer up to 60 credits Recommended max of 18 credits in Arts electives
Applying for Transfer	➤ Deadline typically March 1. Consult U of C timelines . ➤ Apply to U of C here .	➤ Deadline typically March 1. Consult U of A timelines . ➤ Apply to U of A here .

Honors and Specialization GPA	<p>Honors, Specialization and General programs are UAlberta programs. You can see projected GPA for UCalgary programs here.</p> <p>Students can choose "Natural Sciences" as a second option for UCalgary.</p>	<p>It is recommended students complete a course load of at least 24 credits over Fall and Winter terms. For GPA requirements, please click here. Possession of the minimum GPA does not guarantee entry.</p>
How Admission Grade Point Average (AGPA) calculated	<p>Will be calculated using the most recent course work to a maximum of 30 units, unless otherwise specified by the faculty. All courses attempted within a term will be included except where the number of courses taken within a term results in the overall number of units exceeding 30 units. Should this occur, the highest grades from the oldest term being considered will be used to calculate the GPA. In some faculties prerequisite courses will be included first. Grades in high school equivalent courses offered by post-secondary institutions will not be used in determining the transfer admission GPA. For more information on transfer, please consult the University of Calgary Calendar.</p>	<p>Calculated on all university transferable coursework completed in the most recent two terms of study if they contain a minimum of 24 credits. If those two terms contain less than 24 credits, all work in the next most recent term(s) is included in the calculation until the minimum total of 24 credits is reached. Fall/Winter courses are considered Winter courses in these calculations. For applicants who have attempted less than 24 credits of transferable postsecondary work, the AGPA is based on all university or university transfer credits attempted. Note: Where the applicant has more than one passing grade for the same course at any institution, only the first passing grade is used in calculating the grade point average(s) for admission purposes.</p> <p>For more information on transfer, please consult the University of Alberta Calendar.</p>
Minimum Transferable Grade	<p>A minimum grade of C- is recommended to maximize transferability ("D" grades may transfer, depending on the circumstance). <i>Please talk to an Academic Advisor as soon as possible if you feel you may be in jeopardy of not getting at least a C- in a course you are enrolled in.</i></p>	<p>A minimum grade of C- must be achieved in order for course credit to be transferable. While courses with grades of D or F will not transfer, they remain on your transcript and will be used in calculation of your GPA. <i>Please talk to an Academic Advisor as soon as possible if you feel you may be in jeopardy of not getting a C- in a course you are enrolled in.</i></p>

CONTACT INFORMATION AND HELPFUL RESOURCES

Red Deer Polytechnic Student Connect Centre	studentconnect@rdpolytech.ca www.rdpolytech.ca/SCC 403.342.3254
Red Deer Polytechnic website	rdpolytech.ca
Transfer Alberta Guide	transferalberta.alberta.ca
University of Alberta	https://uofa.ualberta.ca/arts arts.undergrad@ualberta.ca