

**BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DIPLOMA – FINANCIAL SERVICES MAJOR**  
DONALD SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

**UPDATED: April 2022**

As this program is suspended, current students will be permitted to complete their program by June 2025. If any current students are unable to complete by the specified date, they will have the option of transitioning into the new [Business Diploma](#) program.

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.
- 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.

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:**

- You must pass all courses, complete at least 60 credits and 20 courses, and achieve a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00.

**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 two 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!
- 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](http://www.rdpolytech.ca/psfunding).
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#### WHAT HAPPENS IF I TAKE LESS THAN 10 COURSES A YEAR?

- 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:** To qualify for a Red Deer Polytechnic program credential, students must complete at least 50% of the credit requirements for the credential through enrolment in RDP courses.

#### 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
  - Viewing Your Schedule
  - And much more!
- You can also see for yourself exactly which criteria each course will meet, by using Grad Tracker. To access this, log in to the Loop and select Online Services→Student Services→Grad Tracker.
- 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 AND GRADUATION CHECKLIST (UNOFFICIAL)

We are currently in the process of re-numbering our courses. In the 2022 – 2023 academic year you'll see that some courses on the timetable have the new course numbering while others have the old course numbering.

YEAR 1 COURSES					
NEW COURSE NUMBERING	OLD COURSE NUMBERING			COMMENTS	DONE
ACCT 1001	ACCT 102	4 Cr	Introductory Financial Accounting I	If you take ACCT 202 as replacement coursework for ACCT 102 and ACCT 103, you <b>MUST</b> complete an additional <b>Open Option</b> to meet graduation requirements for the Diploma.	
ACCT 2001	ACCT 103	4 Cr	Introductory Accounting II		
BUS 2110	BADM 110	3 Cr	Introduction to Management		
FINS 1150	FINS 150	3 Cr	Personal Finance		

<b>MKT 1132</b>	<b>BADM 132</b>	3 Cr	Introduction to Marketing		
<b>BUS 1210</b>	<b>BADM 210</b>	3 Cr	Business Technology I	Students should have basic keyboarding, file management, and email skills before registering for BADM 210	
<b>BUS 1010</b>	<b>BUS 303</b>	3 Cr	Introduction to Organizational Behaviour		
<b>COMM 250</b>	<b>COMM 250</b>	3 Cr	Business and Workplace Writing	Prerequisite for COMM 250: 60% in ELA 30-1 or COMM 150. <b>COMM 150</b> is NOT accepted for credit as a Business Option in the Business Certificate or Business Diploma. Students who need to take COMM 150 may not be able to complete their program in one year.	
<b>ECON 1100</b>	<b>ECON 100</b>	3 Cr	Introduction to Business Microeconomics	Credit will be given if completed ECON 201	
<b>ECON 1101</b>	<b>ECON 101</b>	3 Cr	Introduction to Business Macroeconomics	Credit will be given if completed ECON 202	

### YEAR 2

NEW COURSE NUMBERING	OLD COURSE NUMBERING			COMMENTS	DONE
<b>ACCT 2010</b>	<b>ACCT 204 or ACCT 104</b>	3 Cr	Managerial Accounting		
<b>BUS 2306</b>	<b>BADM 111</b>	3 Cr	Introduction to Statistics	Credit will be given if completed BUS 306	
<b>BADM 270</b>	<b>BADM 270</b>	3 Cr	Business Integration	<b>CANNOT TAKE THIS COURSE UNTIL ALL FIRST YEAR COURSES ARE COMPLETED</b>  Co-requisite or prerequisite: BADM 260 or BUS 310  Can be replaced with <b>BADM 290</b> – reach out to the instructor for more information	
<b>HRM 1281</b>	<b>BADM 281</b>	3 Cr	Human Resource Management		
<b>ACCT 2305</b>	<b>BADM 285</b>	3 Cr	Introduction to Tax Planning		
<b>FNCE 2310</b>	<b>BUS 310 or BADM 260</b>	3 Cr	Introduction to Finance or Introduction to Corporate Finance	Take BUS 310 if pursuing a Business Degree at another institution  It is strongly recommended that students complete ACCT 202 and FINS 150 before registering in BUS 310.	

<b>BUS 2311</b>	<b>BUS 311</b>	3 Cr	Legal Foundations of the Canadian Economy		
<b>FINS 3100</b>	<b>FINS 250</b>	3 Cr	Mutual Funds		
<b>FINS 2100</b>	<b>FINS 251</b>	3 Cr	Managing Personal Credit		
<b>FINS 4200</b>	<b>FINS 287</b>	3 Cr	Advanced Financial Planning		

## IMPORTANT NOTES

- Please be aware that although courses may be accepted as equivalent to meet program requirements, course content may not be the same. Students may receive credit for only one of each equivalency.
- The Financial Services major has been designed to provide a general business background and a solid foundation in financial services for a wide range of career opportunities within the industry. Graduates of our Financial Services major are currently employed as: **Investment Advisor, Financial Planner, Financial Advisor, Account Manager, Mortgage Specialist, Small Business Advisor, Branch Manager**, and more.
- Upon successful completion of the Financial Services major, students that complete CIFP's bridging course as well as their program review and evaluation will be granted a **Financial Planning Diploma** from CIFP in addition to the Business Administration Diploma from RDP.

## ACCREDITATION

**FINS 250** (Mutual Funds) and **FINS 286** (Insurance in Canada) are offered in conjunction with the Investment Fund Institute of Canada (IFIC). **FINS 250** is the required course for those seeking to sell mutual funds in Canada. At the completion of this course all students will write the qualifying exam and if they attain a grade of 60% or greater will be qualified to seek registration as a Mutual Funds Salesperson in Canada. **FINS 250** and **FINS 286** require additional course materials and an examination fee which is paid directly to IFIC (includes an electronic copy of the textbook). These fees are subject to change without notice from IFIC.

**FINS 250**, **FINS 286**, **FINS 287**, **BADM 260**, **BADM 262**, **BADM 285**, **ECON 100** and **101** are granted equivalencies by the Canadian Institute of Financial Planning (CIFP) towards a Financial Planning Diploma and Certified Financial Planner (CFP) designation.

The Canadian Institute of Financial Planning (CIFP) recognizes **FINS 287** as credit for the Institute's Registered Retirement Consultant Certificate (RRC). This course requires additional course materials and an examination fee which is paid directly to CIFP (includes an electronic copy of the textbook). The final exam in **FINS 287** shall be the final qualifying exam towards the RRC certification. **FINS 287** also includes a case which shall qualify for the RRC requirement. Upon successful completion of this exam and case, along with one year's work experience, students will earn the RRC designation.

## TRANSFER INFORMATION

**Complete your Business Degree at RDP** – Beginning Fall 2023 we will be offering our own Bachelor of Business Administration program!

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## CONTACT INFORMATION AND HELPFUL RESOURCES

Red Deer Polytechnic Student Connect Centre	<a href="mailto:studentconnect@rdpolytech.ca">studentconnect@rdpolytech.ca</a> <a href="http://www.rdpolytech.ca/SCC">www.rdpolytech.ca/SCC</a> 403.342.3254
Red Deer Polytechnic website	<a href="http://rdpolytech.ca">rdpolytech.ca</a>
Transfer Alberta Guide	<a href="http://transferalberta.alberta.ca">transferalberta.alberta.ca</a>