

**UNIVERSITY ARTS DIPLOMA  
CREDENTIAL GRANTED: DIPLOMA  
RED DEER POLYTECHNIC**

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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](#)
- This two-year University Arts Diploma offers students the opportunity to learn about the issues and people shaping their world through a holistic approach to knowledge that is interdisciplinary in emphasis and chronologically broad in its topics.
- Choose your own pathway! Concentrate on what matters to you while gaining transferable knowledge and skills that will give you a leg up in an ever-uncertain future. In an age where complex problems are often not solved by traditional solutions, the ability to think outside of the box, offer critical analysis, craft well-considered assessments, supported by adaptive thinking in pursuit of solutions, will be the foundation for students' further educational goals or employment aspirations.
- Students will be admitted to the [General Arts](#) University Diploma. Following admission, students may, if they choose, declare a specialization in [Global Perspectives](#), [Science and Society](#), or [Culture, Societies, and Gender](#) and, by completing certain courses, have this specialization noted on their transcripts. Students who do not declare or who do not meet the criteria for a specialization will receive the General Arts Diploma without specialization. Specializations can be declared in Year 1 or Year 2 prior to application for graduation.
- Gaining admission to the University Arts Diploma means that you meet the same admission requirements as students in the Bachelor of Arts (BA) University Transfer pathway or BA programs at other Alberta universities. This ensures that you are prepared to be successful in the Diploma and in future studies should you transfer to a degree.

- *Some universities require Math 30-1 for admission or as a prerequisite for required courses. Transfer students are responsible for learning the specific admission, progression, and prerequisite requirements of their programs.*

### **Choose your own path!**

- **General Arts:** The general path will allow you to concentrate on a particular area of interest within the Humanities (English, History/Classics, Philosophy) and Social Sciences (Anthropology, Communications, Economics, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology).
- **Global Perspectives:** Today's world is linked through commerce, culture, and crisis, to name only three elements of globalization. This interconnectedness can be a cause of great optimism, but also of great unease for the citizens of nations that form the global community. In this Diploma path you will explore the historical and contemporary issues of an interrelated world, from the perspective of various humanities and social sciences disciplines, and learn that the questions arising from globalization have deep roots.
- **Science and Society:** Discover how humanity's collective and evolving understanding of reality is increasingly enlightened by the pursuit of scientific knowledge. You can choose from a variety of courses exploring the ongoing and historical development of the sciences, their philosophical assumptions and methodological commitments, their social significance, and their value commitments. Course work will also explore the way in which science transforms social, political, economic, environmental, and culture factors as well as the ways in which the sciences, themselves, are shaped by those factors.
- **Culture, Societies, and Gender:** Cultural perspectives on gender have profoundly shaped past societies and changing views on gender and sexuality continue to transform our lives today. By analyzing gender through a multi-disciplinary theoretical framework, you will investigate gender and sexuality as understood in both historical and contemporary contexts, and reflect upon a variety of social, moral, political, and economic issues.

### **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 degree, we strongly advise that you read the Academic Calendar of your destination institution for full information.

### **GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:**

- A total of 60 credits of university-transferable course work are required for graduation.
- At least 21 of the 60 credits (7 courses) must be at the senior level (300 level or higher). Student can take more than 7 courses at the senior level (300 or higher).
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 with a passing grade of at least "D" in each course.
- "D" grades may not transfer to all universities.
- Students must meet RDP Residency Requirement.

## **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 or Summer terms (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 courses 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 in mind your funding, if applicable. For course load requirements for funding purposes, please visit [www.rdpolytech.ca/psfunding](http://www.rdpolytech.ca/psfunding).

## **WHAT HAPPENS IF I TAKE LESS THAN 10 COURSES A YEAR?**

- This is a personal decision. In taking less than 10 courses per year, you may need an extra term or year to complete your program. For example, some students will take 3-4 courses per term (6-8 per year) and take 5-6 years to complete their degree, which is completely acceptable for this 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](#) and 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

- 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!
- 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](#).

### GRADUATION CHECKLIST (UNOFFICIAL)

REQUIREMENT	PREREQUISITE(S)	COMMENTS	COMPLETED
<b>36 CORE CREDIT REQUIREMENTS</b>			
<b>ENGL 219</b> (3 Credits)	Essay Writing & Critical Read	ELA 30-1 or equivalent	
<a href="#">Science Elective</a> (3 Credits)			
<a href="#">Science Elective</a> (3 Credits)			
<a href="#">Humanities Elective</a> (3 Credits)			
<a href="#">Humanities Elective</a> (3 Credits)			
<a href="#">Social Science Elective</a> (3 Credits)			
<a href="#">Social Science Elective</a> (3 Credits)			
<a href="#">Indigenous Studies Elective</a> (3 Credits)			
<a href="#">Wellness Elective</a> (3 Credits)			
<a href="#">Open Elective</a> (3 Credits)			
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24 CREDIT DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS				
Option 1: General Arts Diploma			Option 2: Specialized Diploma	
REQUIREMENT	COMPLETED	REQUIREMENT	COMPLETED	
<a href="#">4 Humanities Course</a> (3 credits each)		<a href="#">8 Course from chosen stream</a> (3 credits each)		
&				
<a href="#">4 Social Science Course</a> (3 credits each)				

### IMPORTANT NOTES

- For your University Arts Diploma, you can choose between the General Arts Diploma or a Specialized Diploma.
- If you choose to complete a Specialized Diploma, you must choose your stream from the following:
  - Global Perspectives
  - Science and Society
  - Culture, Societies, and Gender
- Once you have chosen your stream, pick eight courses from [the accepted list of courses for your stream](#).
- Please be advised that not all courses listed in a stream are offered every year. You are encouraged to plan your program pathway and registration in consultation with the timetable published each spring to ensure program completion.
- Courses listed in streams may have pre-requisites or course-specific requirements. It is your responsibility to ensure that you have pre/co-requisites and to plan your courses accordingly.
- At least 21 of the 60 credits (7 courses) must be at the second-year level (300 level) or higher; you can take more than 7 courses at the senior level (300 or higher).**

### COURSE CATEGORIZATION/ELECTIVE LIST

The information below outlines which course fall under each course category. In order to qualify, the course you take must be three credits and university transferable. If you are not sure if a course qualifies, please e-mail [studentconnect@rdpolytech.ca](mailto:studentconnect@rdpolytech.ca).

Humanities Elective	Social Science Electives	Science Electives	Open Electives	Arts and Science Electives
Art (ART) Creation (CREA)	Anthropology (ANTH) Communications (COMM)	Astronomy (ASTR) Biology (BIOL)	Any courses from the other categories,	<a href="#">Click here</a> to view 2022-

Drama (DRAM) Music (MUSI) Film (FILM) Classics (CLAS) English (ENGL) History (HIST) Philosophy (PHIL)	Economics (ECON) Indigenous Studies (INDS) Political Science (POLI) Psychology (PSYC) Sociology (SOCI)	Biochemistry (BIOC) Chemistry (CHEM) Computer Sciences (CMPT) Mathematics (MATH) Physics (PHYS) Statistics (STAT) General Science (SCIE)	or any three-credit university level course.	2023 Arts and Science courses offerings in more detail.
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**Indigenous Studies Elective:** Choose at least 1 course from the following list.

<b>ANTH 321</b>	Survey Latin America	<b>HIST 379</b>	Indigenous Peoples and Canada
<b>ANTH 327</b>	Cultures in a Global Context	<b>INDS 205</b>	Indigenous Peoples in Canada
<b>ANTH 356</b>	Survey: Indigenous Canada	<b>POLI 223</b>	Canadian Political Issues
<b>ENGL 385</b>	Indigenous Literature	<b>POLI 321</b>	Canadian Governance
<b>HIST 372</b>	The Prairie West in Canada	<b>SOCI 307</b>	Indigenous Peoples in Canada
<b>HIST 373</b>	Canada to 1867	<b>SOCI 368</b>	Race and Ethnicity in Canada
<b>HIST 374</b>	Canada Since 1867		

**Wellness Elective:** Choose at least 1 course from the following list (Psychology majors cannot use PSYC courses to meet the Wellness Elective, courses must be from a different subject).

<b>ANTH 204</b>	Global Citizenship	<b>PHIL 300</b>	Professional Ethics
<b>ANTH 331</b>	Anthropology of Gender	<b>PHIL 348</b>	Gender & Sexuality
<b>ANTH 363</b>	Anthropology of Religion	<b>PHIL 355</b>	Philosophy of the Environment
<b>ENGL 387</b>	Topics: Ecocentrism	<b>PHIL 357</b>	Philosophy of Religion
<b>FINS 150</b>	Personal Finance	<b>PHIL 386</b>	Bioethics
<b>HIST 325</b>	Science & Religion	<b>POLI 283</b>	Global Issues
<b>HIST 330</b>	Health & Healing	<b>POLI 324</b>	Politics of Healthcare
<b>HIST 357</b>	Gender & Sexuality	<b>PSYC 341</b>	Social Psychology
<b>INTD 325</b>	Mindfulness, Meditation & the Body	<b>PSYC 357</b>	Adult Development & Aging
<b>INTD 370</b>	Intersections of Global Health	<b>PSYC 367</b>	Human Sexuality
<b>INTD 375</b>	Social Gerontology	<b>PSYC 380</b>	Positive Psychology
<b>KNSS 210</b>	Personal Fitness & Wellness	<b>PSYC 389</b>	Abnormal Psychology
<b>KNSS 214</b>	Introduction to Personal Physical Fitness	<b>PSYC 391</b>	Health Psychology
<b>KNSS 244</b>	Introduction to Nutrition	<b>SOCI 301</b>	Sociology of Gender
<b>KPAC 255</b>	Yoga For Beginners	<b>SOCI 371</b>	Sociology of Families
<b>KPAC 296</b>	Flexibility & Relaxation	<b>SOCI 373</b>	Sociology of Aging
<b>PHIL 201</b>	Values & Society	<b>SOCI 374</b>	Sociology of Health
<b>PHIL 202</b>	Knowledge & Reality	<b>SOCI 376</b>	Sociology of Religion

## CATALOGUE OF COURSES FOR SPECIALIZED DIPLOMA STREAM

### Global Perspectives Stream (Choose 8 courses from the list below)

**First Year Courses:**

ANTH 201: People and Culture  
 ANTH 204: Global Citizenship  
 ART 201: Art History I  
 ART 203: Art History II  
 CLAS 209: Ancient Greece and Rome  
 FILM 202: Film History  
 HIST 207: Early Modern World, 1450-1789  
 HIST 208: The World since 1789  
 HIST 209: Medieval World History  
 PHIL 201: Values and Society  
 POLI 201: Introduction to Political Science  
 POLI 283: Global Issues

**Senior Courses:**

ANTH 321: Survey: Latin America  
 ANTH 327: Cultures in Global Context  
 ANTH 361: Mesoamerica and Central America  
 ANTH 370.1: Special Topics: Ancient Civilizations  
 ART 305: Art History  
 ART 306: Art History  
 CLAS 320: Roman History  
 COMM 321: Special Topics (depending on the topic)  
 COMM 341: New Media and Society  
 ECON 323: International Economics  
 ECON 325: International Trade  
 ECON 327: International Money and Finance  
 ECON 337: Developmental Economics  
 ENGL 312: Contemporary Canadian Literature  
 ENGL 327: Topics in American Literature  
 ENGL 335: English Literature Pre 1700  
 ENGL 336: English Literature Post 1700  
 ENGL 347: Victorian Period  
 ENGL 371: Topics in Canadian Literature  
 ENGL 391: Topic in International Literature  
 ENGL 395: Topic in Shakespeare  
 HIST 314: Wartime Europe, 1900-1945  
 HIST 315: Cold War Europe, 1945-1991  
 HIST 334: Modern English Society  
 HIST 351: The British Empire  
 HIST 361: The United States to 1865  
 HIST 362: The United States since 1865  
 HIST 363: American Civil War in Context  
 INTD 370: Intersections of Global Health  
 PHIL 345: Early Modern Philosophy  
 PHIL 355: Philosophy of the Environment  
 POLI 308: Political Thought to 1550  
 POLI 309: Political Thought since 1550  
 POLI 328: Public Administration  
 POLI 388: Global Trade I  
 POLI 389: Global Trade II  
 SOSI 305: Selected Topics in Sociology

### Science and Society Stream (Choose 8 courses from the list below)

**First Year Courses:**

ANTH 200: People and Biocultural Evolution  
 PHIL 202: Knowledge and Reality  
 PHIL 221: Critical Thinking

**Senior Courses:**

ANTH 306: Archaeology  
 ANTH 309: Biological Anthropology  
 ANTH 330: Technology and Culture

COMM 341: New Media and Society  
 COMM 381: Communications History  
 ENGL 387: Topics in Literature and Society (if topic is appropriate)  
 ENGL 393: Science Fiction  
 HIST 325: Science and Religion since 1500  
 HIST 330: History of Health and Healing  
 PHIL 323: Philosophy of Mind  
 PHIL 355: Philosophy of the Environment  
 PHIL 364: Philosophy of Science  
 PHIL 386: Bioethics  
 PHIL 399: Technology and Computing  
 POLI 324: Politics of Healthcare  
 PSYC 305: History of Psychology  
 PSYC 341: Social Psychology  
 PSYC 391 Health Psychology  
 SOCI 305: Selected Topics in Sociology  
 SOCI 374: Sociology of Health and Illness  
 SCIE 599: Applied Work Study

**Culture, Societies, and Gender Stream (Choose 8 courses from the list below)**

**First Year Courses:**

ANTH 201: People and Culture  
 ANTH 204: Global Citizenship  
 COMM 271: Intro to Communication Studies  
 PHIL 201: Values and Society  
 SOCI 260: Introductory Sociology  
 SOCI 261: Canadian Society

**Senior Courses:**

ANTH 307: Cultural Anthropology  
 ANTH 308: Linguistic Anthropology  
 ANTH 327: Cultures in Global Context  
 ANTH 331: Anthropology of Gender  
 COMM 371: Critical Media Studies  
 ENGL 364: Literary Theory: Contexts  
 ENGL 387: Topics in Literature and Society  
 ENGL 389: Topic in Women's Literature  
 HIST 327: The European Witch Craze  
 HIST 333: Victorian English Society  
 HIST 334: Modern English Society  
 HIST 357: Gender & Sexuality in History  
 PHIL 348: Gender and Sexuality  
 PHIL 364: Philosophy of Science  
 POLI 309: Political Thought Since 1550  
 PYSC 347: Psychology of Gender  
 PSYC 367: Human Sexual Behaviour  
 SOCI 301: Sociology of Gender  
 SOCI 344: Mass Media & Popular Culture  
 SOCI 365: Social Stratification  
 SOCI 371: Sociology of Families



## 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>