

Exploring the Undergraduate Calendar

WHAT IS IT?

- The undergraduate calendar is the university's main information resource.
- It acts as a "contract" between the university and students, highlighting different rules, regulations, procedures, services and degree options across all faculties.
- Many websites have been made to expand on the general information found here (e.g. CEL, EDGE, GEC, faculty-specific, etc.).

WHERE IS IT?

- Go through the Registrar's website: <https://uwaterloo.ca/registrar/>
- Go direct: <https://ugradcalendar.uwaterloo.ca/page/uWaterloo-Undergraduate-Calendar-Access>

WHAT CAN I FIND THERE?

- Almost all the information you need to manage your degree!
 - **Older versions of the calendar**
 - E.g. if you started your degree in 2014, your requirements will be most accurate in the 2014/2015 calendar
 - **A layout of academic deadlines and relevant events** (e.g. convocation dates)
 - Also available on the Important Dates page, which can be viewed as a list or interactive calendar <https://uwaterloo.ca/registrar/important-dates>
 - **Admissions information**
 - **Tuition and award information**
 - E.g. add/drop, fee schedules, withdrawals and refunds, awards and OSAP, etc.
 - **Co-op information** (some elements may be department-specific)
 - **Policies and Regulations**
 - Very important stuff!
 - Academic integrity, student responsibility, course info, cross-registration, assignments, tests, grades, etc.
 - **Requirements for other majors and minors you may be interested in**

We encourage you to explore the undergraduate calendar and bookmark relevant pages in your internet browser for quick-and-easy referrals.

The following are two areas within the calendar that may be useful to your time as an Arts undergraduate/SDS major student!

FACULTY OF ARTS

Clicking “Faculty of Arts” in the left sidebar will open the main landing page below:

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Key Links:

- **Arts Academic Regulations and Advice**
 - This is where you’ll find information on course selection, term loads, Letter of Permissions (LOPs), academic standings (assessed term-by-term), re-admission after failing out, petitions, grievances, etc.

- **Arts Degree Requirements**
 - *Undergraduate Communications Requirement*
 - Both ARTS 130 and ARTS 140 are needed (pass only)
 - All Arts students (regardless of major) must complete it to graduate
 - Effective Fall 2018 it replaced the English Language Proficiency Requirement
 - Used to be ELPE (exam) or designated course with 65% grade
 - *Bachelor of Arts*
 - This is where you’ll find information on general BA requirements, Arts Breadth disciplines and co-op (if applicable)

- **Arts Academic Plans**
 - A list of all departments in Arts, that when clicked will send you to a full list of their plan offerings (e.g. majors, minors, specializations, options, etc.)

- **Courses – Faculty of Arts**
 - A list of all departments in Arts, that when clicked will send you to a full list of their course offerings

The “Student Responsibility” page applies to everyone in Arts:

“The Faculty of Arts section of this Calendar contains regulations that must be followed and requirements that must be met to obtain a credential offered by the Faculty. All undergraduate students are also responsible for following the University Policies, Guidelines, and Academic Regulations section of this Calendar.”

QUICK LINK: <https://ugradcalendar.uwaterloo.ca/group/uWaterloo-Faculty-of-Arts>

TERM LEVEL

- Determined by the number of courses you have complete
- Some courses have a specific term level minimum as a pre-requisite
 - E.g. “Level 3A or above” = most 300 and 400-level courses
- 1.0 unit = 2 courses with 0.5 weight (most Arts courses!)
 - 3 year degrees = 15 unit (30 course) minimum
 - 4 year degrees = 20 unit (40 course) minimum

Plans	Units Threshold to Move to this Academic Level										
	1A	1B	2A	2B	3A	3B	4A	4B	4C	5A	5B
All three-year plans	0.0	2.0	4.0	7.0	9.5	12.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Science plans	0.0	2.0	4.25	7.5	10.25	12.75	15.5	18.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
All other four-year plans	0.0	2.0	4.0	7.0	9.5	12.0	14.5	17.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
Mathematics Double Degree	0.0	2.0	4.0	7.0	9.5	12.0	14.5	17.0	n/a	19.5	22.0
Bachelor of Social Work	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.0	2.0	4.5	n/a	n/a

EXAMPLE: If you are in the 3-year SDS major and have 10 courses done, you can consider that 5.0 units. Using the chart above, 5.0 units is between 2A (4.0 minimum) and 2B (7.0 minimum). This means you would be in your 2A term until you finish 14 courses (7.0 units), when your term-level would shift to 2B.

QUICK LINK: <https://ugradcalendar.uwaterloo.ca/page/Acad-Regs-Level-and-Term-of-Study>