

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Faculty of Arts and Science

MacEwan.ca/BA (<https://MacEwan.ca/BA>)

MacEwan University's Bachelor of Arts (BA) is designed to provide a liberal arts education that allows students to explore a variety of academic disciplines and acquire a broad knowledge base that will prepare them for employment or future post-secondary studies. The degree is intended to provide students with breadth, depth, and diversity in the areas of humanities, sciences, social sciences, analytical studies, and fine arts as well as courses focused on language and literature. BA students study subjects in major and/or minor disciplines, and are required to be familiar with the academic and faculty regulations and procedures as published herein.

Arts Disciplines

| Discipline | Major | Minor | Honours |
|-------------------|-------|-------|---------|
| Anthropology | ● | ● | ● |
| Classics | - | ● | - |
| Creative Writing | - | ● | - |
| Economics | ● | ● | ● |
| English | ● | ● | ● |
| French | - | ● | - |
| Gender Studies | - | ● | - |
| History | ● | ● | - |
| Philosophy | ● | ● | - |
| Political Science | ● | ● | ● |
| Psychology | ● | ● | ● |
| Sociology | ● | ● | ● |
| Spanish | - | ● | - |

Science Disciplines

See Bachelor of Science program of study for details

| Discipline | Minor |
|------------------------------|-------|
| Biological Sciences | ● |
| Chemistry | ● |
| Computer Science | ● |
| Earth and Planetary Sciences | ● |
| Mathematics | ● |
| Physics | ● |
| Planetary Physics | ● |
| Statistics | ● |

Out of Faculty Minors

| Discipline | Minor |
|---------------------------------------|-------|
| Accounting Minor for Arts and Science | ● |
| Arts and Cultural Management | ● |
| Business Law | ● |
| Business Studies | ● |
| Digital Experience Design | ● |

Finance Minor for Arts and Science ●

Human Resources Minor for Arts and Science ●

Marketing Minor for Arts and Science ●

General Program Information

The BA program requires students to complete 120 credits of non-duplicative coursework. The degree emphasizes both breadth and depth and has been redesigned for exceptional flexibility and customization. Students can now complete a major and a minor, a double major, or a major and two minors.

Preparing for Professional Studies

Students intending to enter professional programs at other universities, such as law and education, can take their pre-professional studies in the Faculty of Arts and Science at MacEwan University. For example, there is a selection of courses that may be taken to facilitate the transition to an after-degree education program or, if the student prefers, transfer to a Bachelor of Education program after completion of as many as 60 credits of coursework. Students are advised to consult the admissions requirements for the universities and programs of their choice, and to select their MacEwan University courses accordingly. Completion of pre-professional courses at MacEwan University does not guarantee admission to the subsequent professional program. Each professional program requires a separate application and entry is competitive, not automatic.

Transferability

All courses completed for the Bachelor of Arts degree are credit courses and may be individually transferable toward further study at other Alberta institutions. For current, detailed information on individual course transferability, refer to the Learner Pathways System at www.transferalberta.ca or contact the receiving institution directly.

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Categories of Admission

Applicants may be admitted to one of the following:

Regular Admission

To be evaluated through the Office of the University Registrar

Applicants must have a minimum overall average of 65 percent, with no course grade lower than 50 percent, in the following high school courses:

1. ELA 30-1
2. Four subjects from Group A, B, C, or D

Notes:

- Applicants are strongly encouraged to present a broad range of subjects in order to benefit from the breadth of learning and to increase flexibility of future program and course choices.
- A maximum of two Group B subjects may be presented; they must be from different disciplines.

- A maximum of one Group D subject may be presented. Group D subjects used for admission must be 5-credit or any credit combination of at least 5 credits (e.g., two 3-credit subjects).
- Mathematics 30-1 or 30-2 is required for a major in Economics.
- Mathematics 30-1 or 31 is required for Economics Honours.
- Mathematics 30-1 or 30-2 is required for a major in Psychology.

Applicants with nine or more university-level credits must also present a minimum Admission Grade Point Average (AGPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Mature Admission

To be evaluated through the Office of the University Registrar

Applicants must be 20 years of age or older and have been out of full-time high school at least one year by the beginning of the intake term. Applicants must have the following:

- ELA 30-1 with a minimum grade of 65 percent (or equivalent)

OR

- Three credits of university-level English with no grade less than C. These English courses may include ENGL 111 from MacEwan University.

Applicants with nine or more university-level credits must also present a minimum Admission Grade Point Average (AGPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Previous Post-Secondary Work

To be evaluated through the Office of the University Registrar

Admission in this category does not imply or guarantee the transfer of any coursework and/or credential unless a block transfer agreement (internal or external) is in effect and published in the calendar by the Office of the University Registrar. In addition, transfer of coursework does not imply or guarantee that an applicant will be admitted.

Applicants must have successfully completed the following from a recognized institution:

- A minimum of 24 university-level credits with a minimum Admission Grade Point Average (AGPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale and must have completed the required high school courses listed under the Regular Admission category.

OR

- A MacEwan University diploma, or equivalent, with a minimum Graduation Grade Point Average (GGPA) of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale and English 30-1 or a minimum grade of C- in ENGL 111.

Applicants who present a minimum 2.0 on a 4.0 scale Graduation Grade Point Average (GGPA) from specific MacEwan University diplomas, or equivalent, may be eligible for block transfer of coursework.

Additional Admission Criteria

All applicants must meet the following:

1. English Language Proficiency

To be evaluated through the Office of the University Registrar

Applicable to all admission categories

All applicants must meet an acceptable level of English language proficiency. We will require official documents such as high school or post-secondary transcripts or proof of successful completion of standardized language evaluation. Full details are available in MacEwan University's academic calendar or online at MacEwan.ca/ELP.

2. Other Admission Criteria

To be evaluated through the Office of the University Registrar

Applicable to all admission categories

Applicants who have been assigned two unsatisfactory academic records within the past five years will not be considered for admission or re-admission to the program until a minimum three years from the date of the assignment of the last unsatisfactory academic record. For the purpose of admission or re-admission, an unsatisfactory record is defined as a transcript with the notation 'required to withdraw' or equivalent.

Program of Study

| Program Element | Description | Credits |
|-----------------------------|---|----------|
| Primary Major | The Arts major will range from 42 to 60 credits with a minimum 36 credits taken at the senior-level | 42-60 |
| Secondary Major or Minor(s) | Students have the option of completing a second Arts major, or one or two minors. Minor courses must be completed at the senior-level | 18-60 |
| Options | Students can complete up to 15 credits in out-of-faculty options, with no more than 3 credits in physical activity (PACT) courses | Up to 60 |
| | Total Degree Credits Including Breadth | 120 |

Breadth Requirements

Within the 120 credit BA degree, students must complete the following Breadth requirements. Courses can be used **both** to satisfy the breadth **and** placed in a student's major(s), minor(s), and options.

| Breadth Element | Description | Credits |
|--------------------|---|---------|
| Literacy | ENGL 102 and 3 credits in university English (not including ENGL 111 and ENGL 108), as well as 6 credits in one language other than English or world literature (COMP 102 and COMP 103) | 12 |
| Humanities | CLAS, HIST, HUMN, or PHIL | 6 |
| Sciences | ASTR, BICM, BIOL, BOTN, CHEM, CMPT, EASC, GENE, PHYS, PSYC, SCIE, or ZOOL | 6 |
| Social Sciences | ANTH, ECON, POLS, PSYC, or SOCI | 6 |
| Analytical Studies | LING 101, MATH, PHIL 125, or STAT | 3 |
| Fine Arts | ARTE, CRWR, DRMA, MUSC, THAR, CLAS 252, CLAS 352, CLAS 353, or CLAS 356 | 3 |

The minimum passing grade for a course at MacEwan University is a D unless otherwise noted next to the appropriate course in the program of study. In the Faculty of Arts and Science, students typically require a minimum grade of C- to use a course as a prerequisite. Please check course descriptions for more information.

Majors and Minors

Academic and discipline advisors are available to assist the student to plan a program of study that will meet these degree requirements. Refer to MacEwan.ca/BA (<https://MacEwan.ca/BA>) for specific course requirements for each major and minor.

Note: there is a non-duplicative coursework requirement on all majors and minors.

- Accounting Minor for Arts and Science (<https://calendar.macewan.ca/programs-study/bachelor-degrees/bachelor-arts/accounting-minor-arts-science>)
- Anthropology Major (<https://calendar.macewan.ca/programs-study/bachelor-degrees/bachelor-arts/anthropology-major>)
- Anthropology Minor (<https://calendar.macewan.ca/programs-study/bachelor-degrees/bachelor-arts/anthropology-minor>)
- Anthropology Honours (<https://calendar.macewan.ca/programs-study/bachelor-degrees/bachelor-arts/anthropology-honours>)
- Arts and Cultural Management Minor (<https://calendar.macewan.ca/programs-study/bachelor-degrees/bachelor-arts/arts-cultural-management-minor>)
- Business Law Minor (<https://calendar.macewan.ca/programs-study/bachelor-degrees/bachelor-arts/business-law-minor>)
- Business Studies Minor (<https://calendar.macewan.ca/programs-study/bachelor-degrees/bachelor-arts/business-studies-minor>)
- Classics Minor (<https://calendar.macewan.ca/programs-study/bachelor-degrees/bachelor-arts/classics-minor>)
- Creative Writing Minor (<https://calendar.macewan.ca/programs-study/bachelor-degrees/bachelor-arts/creative-writing-minor>)
- Digital Experience Design Minor (<https://calendar.macewan.ca/programs-study/bachelor-degrees/bachelor-arts/digital-experience-design-minor>)
- Economics Major (<https://calendar.macewan.ca/programs-study/bachelor-degrees/bachelor-arts/economics-major>)
- Economics Minor (<https://calendar.macewan.ca/programs-study/bachelor-degrees/bachelor-arts/economics-minor>)
- Economics Honours (<https://calendar.macewan.ca/programs-study/bachelor-degrees/bachelor-arts/economics-honours>)
- English Major (<https://calendar.macewan.ca/programs-study/bachelor-degrees/bachelor-arts/english-major>)
- English Minor (<https://calendar.macewan.ca/programs-study/bachelor-degrees/bachelor-arts/english-minor>)
- English Honours (<https://calendar.macewan.ca/programs-study/bachelor-degrees/bachelor-arts/english-honours>)
- Finance Minor for Arts and Science (<https://calendar.macewan.ca/programs-study/bachelor-degrees/bachelor-arts/finance-minor-arts-science>)
- French Minor (<https://calendar.macewan.ca/programs-study/bachelor-degrees/bachelor-arts/french-minor>)
- Gender Studies Minor (<https://calendar.macewan.ca/programs-study/bachelor-degrees/bachelor-arts/gender-studies-minor>)
- History Major (<https://calendar.macewan.ca/programs-study/bachelor-degrees/bachelor-arts/history-major>)
- History Minor (<https://calendar.macewan.ca/programs-study/bachelor-degrees/bachelor-arts/history-minor>)
- Human Resources Minor for Arts and Science (<https://calendar.macewan.ca/programs-study/bachelor-degrees/bachelor-arts/human-resources-minor-arts-science>)
- Marketing Minor for Arts and Science (<https://calendar.macewan.ca/programs-study/bachelor-degrees/bachelor-arts/marketing-minor-arts-science>)
- Philosophy Major (<https://calendar.macewan.ca/programs-study/bachelor-degrees/bachelor-arts/philosophy-major>)
- Philosophy Minor (<https://calendar.macewan.ca/programs-study/bachelor-degrees/bachelor-arts/philosophy-minor>)
- Political Science Major (<https://calendar.macewan.ca/programs-study/bachelor-degrees/bachelor-arts/political-science-major>)
- Political Science Minor (<https://calendar.macewan.ca/programs-study/bachelor-degrees/bachelor-arts/political-science-minor>)
- Political Science Honours (<https://calendar.macewan.ca/programs-study/bachelor-degrees/bachelor-arts/political-science-honours>)
- Psychology Major (<https://calendar.macewan.ca/programs-study/bachelor-degrees/bachelor-arts/psychology-major>)
- Psychology Minor (<https://calendar.macewan.ca/programs-study/bachelor-degrees/bachelor-arts/psychology-minor>)
- Psychology Honours (<https://calendar.macewan.ca/programs-study/bachelor-degrees/bachelor-arts/psychology-honours>)
- Sociology Major (<https://calendar.macewan.ca/programs-study/bachelor-degrees/bachelor-arts/sociology-major>)
- Sociology Minor (<https://calendar.macewan.ca/programs-study/bachelor-degrees/bachelor-arts/sociology-minor>)

- Sociology Honours (<https://calendar.macewan.ca/programs-study/bachelor-degrees/bachelor-arts/sociology-honours>)
- Spanish Minor (<https://calendar.macewan.ca/programs-study/bachelor-degrees/bachelor-arts/spanish-minor>)

Bachelor of Arts - Honours Disciplines Information

The BA Honours provides eligible students with the opportunity to pursue more intensive study in their chosen field, which may be of benefit to students considering graduate studies. There are six Honours disciplines offered: anthropology, economics, English, political science, psychology, and sociology. Honours disciplines may have limited enrolment, and individual disciplines may have additional selection requirements.

General Selection Criteria for Honours Disciplines

For consideration into Honours disciplines, students must present the following:

1. Completion of a minimum of 45 university-level credits, applicable to the program of study, with a GPA of 3.0 or better

2. 24 of the 45 credits must have been completed in the last 12 months
3. A minimum of six credits completed at the senior-level in the discipline of study
4. A minimum GPA of 3.3 in all senior-level courses in the discipline of study

Students interested in one of the Honours disciplines are encouraged to request a graduation check from the Faculty of Arts and Science Program Services Office. Note that entry into an Honours discipline is competitive; satisfying the minimum requirements may not guarantee admission. For more information and to apply for entry, contact the Honours discipline advisor. Students can also email artsandscience@macewan.ca.

| Honours Discipline | Department Phone Number |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Anthropology | 780-663-3890 |
| Economics | 780-663-3890 |
| English | 780-497-5346 |
| Political Science | 780-633-3890 |
| Psychology | 780-497-5305 |
| Sociology | 780-633-3653 |

Program of Study - BA Honours

| Program Element | Description | Credits |
|--|--|---------|
| Minimum Honour Requirements | Honours requirements are determined by each discipline | 63 |
| Option Courses, Non-Compulsory Honours Courses, and/or a Minor | Students have the option of completing a minor from outside of the Honours discipline. Some disciplines may require a minor. | 57 |
| | Total Degree Credits | 120 |

Breadth Requirements

Within the 120 credit BA Honours program, students must complete the following Breadth requirements. Courses meeting these requirements can be used toward any combination of the Honours requirement and options.

| Program Element | Description | Credits |
|--------------------|---|---------|
| Literacy | ENGL 102 and 3 credits in university English (not including ENGL 111 and ENGL 108), as well as 6 credits in one language other than English or world literature (COMP 102 and COMP 103) | 12 |
| Humanities | CLAS, HIST, HUMN, or PHIL | 6 |
| Sciences | ASTR, BICM, BIOL, BOTN, CHEM, CMPT, EASC, GENE, PHYS, PSYC, SCIE, or ZOO | 6 |
| Social Sciences | ANTH, ECON, POLS, PSYC, or SOCI | 6 |
| Analytical Studies | LING 101, MATH, PHIL 125, or STAT | 3 |
| Fine Arts | ARTE, CRWR, DRMA, MUSC, THAR, CLAS 252, CLAS 352, CLAS 353 or CLAS 356 | 3 |

Courses can be used **both** to satisfy the breadth and honours requirements.

The minimum passing grade for a course at MacEwan University is a D unless otherwise noted next to the appropriate course in the program of study. In the Faculty of Arts and Science, students typically require a minimum grade of C- to use a course as a prerequisite. Please check course description for more information.

Degree Regulations

Students are strongly encouraged to seek advice from the academic advisors about academic planning for completing degree requirements at MacEwan University.

Academic Residency - Credit Requirements

In addition to the academic residency requirements of the University, Bachelor of Arts students also must complete at MacEwan University:

- A minimum of 24 credits at the senior-level in the major discipline, with 12 of those senior credits completed at the 300- or 400-level. All 400-level requirements are to be completed at MacEwan University,
- If applicable, a minimum of nine credits at the senior-level in a minor, with at least three of those credits at the 300- or 400- level.

Breadth Requirements

Courses taken to fulfil major, minor, or option requirements can also be used to satisfy breadth requirements.

Declaration of a Major and a Minor

Students are advised to declare a primary major and a minor, or a primary major and secondary major, or a primary major and two minors by the time they have completed 45 credits. Majors are selected from Arts disciplines and consist of 42 to 60 junior- and senior-level credits. With the exception of those students in an Honours program, a maximum of 60 credits may be completed from any one discipline for credit towards the degree. A major and minor cannot be in the same discipline and students may not declare more than one out-of-faculty minor. Students can re-declare their major(s) and/or minor(s) if required.

For students completing multiple majors or minors, the Faculty cannot guarantee a schedule of classes that will permit the student to complete their degree in eight consecutive fall and winter semesters. Furthermore, depending on the courses in which a student enrolls, meeting the requirements of a double major may require the completion of more than 120 credits for graduation. Students are strongly encouraged to consult with a program advisor in the Program Services Office in the Faculty of Arts and Science and a discipline advisor in their major and minor disciplines prior to declaration.

Graduation Grade Point Average

As part of the Graduation Grade Point Average regulation above, Bachelor of Arts students must obtain an overall GGPA of 2.0 or higher, with a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all courses credited toward the major(s) and a minimum GPA of 2.0 on all courses credited toward the minor(s).

Graduation Requirements

Graduation requirements are governed by the date on which students declare their major(s) and minor(s). Students who declare their major(s) and minor(s) up to and including February 15 are bound by the requirements of the current academic year. Those students who declare after February 15 are bound by the programs of study and degree requirements of the upcoming academic year as published in the MacEwan University Academic Calendar.

Junior- and Senior-Level Courses

Courses numbered from 100 to 199 are considered junior-level and courses numbered from 200 to 499 are considered senior-level.

Major or Minor 300- and 400-Level Requirements

The 300- and 400-level requirements in the major or minor cannot consist solely of project, field placement, and/or individual study courses.

Maximum Independent Courses

The maximum number of credits for independent work (project, field placement, and/or individual study courses), excluding the Honours Thesis, is 15 credits. Specific disciplines may have further restrictions.

Maximum Junior-Level Courses

A maximum of 48 credits at the 100-level are permitted in completion of the BA degree. Additional courses at the 100-level will be declared extra to the 120 credits required to complete the BA degree and will not be counted toward fulfilment of graduation requirements.

Minimum Arts Courses

Students are required to complete successfully a minimum of 72 credits from Arts courses.

Minimum Passing Grade

A minimum grade of D is required for all Arts degree courses unless otherwise noted next to the appropriate course in the program of study. A maximum of six credits with a final grade of D or D+ are permitted in courses credited toward the minimum requirements for the major.

Minimum Transfer Grade for Credit

A minimum grade of D is required on any transfer credit granted for the program. Arts and Science courses require a minimum grade of C- when the course is used as a prerequisite. Transfer credit decisions made by the university are final and cannot be appealed.

Out-of-Faculty Options Requirements

Degree options may include a maximum of 15 credits from courses offered by a Faculty or School other than Arts and Science except for those students completing an out-of-faculty minor or those who have met the minor requirements with a diploma. These students must complete their degree options from courses offered within the Faculty of Arts and Science. Fine arts courses taken to fulfil breadth requirements do not count towards the allocation of out-of-faculty credit.

Progression of Studies

Students are responsible for ensuring they meet the prerequisite and/or co-requisite requirements as noted on all courses that may fulfil Bachelor of Arts or Arts Honours program requirements.

Additional Degree Regulations - Honours Overall Requirements

The Honours program of study consists of 63 to 84 credits as determined by the discipline. Students in the Honours program may choose to complete a minor outside of the Honours discipline. Some disciplines may require a minor.

Course Load

Students accepted into an Honours program must complete 24-credits in each twelve consecutive months they are in the program. Exceptions to this rule may occur with the approval of the Honours discipline advisor.

Grade Point Average Requirement

Students accepted and enrolled in the Arts Honours program must maintain a minimum overall GPA of 3.0. As well, students must maintain

a minimum GPA of 3.3 in all courses specified in the Honours program of study for each twelve consecutive months following acceptance into the Honours program. Failure to do so will result in the student's program status reverting to a BA with a major in the previous honours discipline.

Graduation Grade Point Average

In order to graduate, students must obtain an overall GGPA of 3.0 or higher, with a minimum GPA of 3.3 on all courses credited toward the Honours program of study.

Additional Degree Regulations - Subsequent Baccalaureate

In addition to meeting the degree regulations listed above, students who already hold a baccalaureate degree must satisfy policies pertaining to subsequent baccalaureate credentials.