FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

First-Year Bachelor of Arts (BA) Course Planning Sheet

2021-2022 Academic Year

Use this Worksheet in conjunction with the Academic Timetable, Schedule Worksheet, and the Academic Calendar to help you to select courses that will provide a suitable foundation for the study in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS). Please click on the links embedded in the Worksheet to read definitions and additional information provided at the bottom of this page.

COURSE SELECTION GUIDANCE:

- Your **Writing Requirement** courses (one per term) ***must*** be in a ***single*** subject.
- Select a combination of three **Humanities** and **Social Sciences** courses in the Fall term, and three more in the Winter term. We recommend that you take a selection of both Humanities and Social Science courses to help you meet your **General Degree Requirements** for the BA.
- **Explore other interests** by taking two **Elective** courses (one each term), which may be chosen from any Subject Group (Humanities, Social Sciences, Languages, or Sciences), or even from among eligible courses offered by other Faculties at Dalhousie or The University of King's College. You are encouraged to select Electives that will broaden your educational experience and satisfy your interests.
- In the Fall term, you are encouraged—but not required—to select a **First-Year Interest Group** (FIG). The FIGs groups are led by senior students and are non-credit. FIGs offers new students the opportunity to build important skills, connect with other students and learn tips for success.

Fall Term	My Course Choices
Writing Requirement—a suitable Humanities, Social Science, or Science course (see list below)	
Humanities Course	
Social Sciences Course	
Humanities OR Social Sciences Course	
Elective------**Recommended**: **Language** or **Science**	
First Year Interest Group (FIG) - Arts (recommended)	FIGA _____.00
Winter Term	My Course Choices
Writing Requirement—must be in the same Subject as Fall term	
Humanities Course	
Social Sciences Course	
Humanities OR Social Sciences Course	
Elective------**Recommended**: **Language** or **Science**	

Definitions and Additional Information

General Degree Requirements
The FASS Worksheet has been designed to provide you with a suitable grounding for study in the Faculty, and to complete in your first year <u>most</u> of the foundational General Degree Requirements for the BA degree. Any unfulfilled requirements simply need to be completed by the end of your degree—it is **<u>NOT</u>** necessary to complete all General Degree Requirements in the first year.

The General Degree Requirements are as follows:

1. Writing Requirement   – 6 credit hours, same subject
2. Subject Area Requirements
    a. Humanities   – 6 credit hours
    b. Social Sciences – 6 credit hours
    c. Sciences   – 6 credit hours
3. Language Requirement – 6 credit hours, same language

Students may find that one *General Degree Requirement* remains incomplete at the end of their first year—typically, either **2c) the Science Requirement** *or* **3) the Language Requirement**, depending on their choice of Elective. The Faculty recommends that most students choose a Language as their Elective, thus delaying completion of the Science requirement until second year or later. If you choose a Science course as your Writing Requirement course, then all General Degree Requirements could be completed in first year. However, we strongly urge you to choose your Writing Requirement courses from a subject area that is in or close to the academic discipline in which you expect to pursue a Major.

1. Writing Requirement
The writing requirement must be satisfied by taking 6 credit hours in a single subject.

The courses that you choose to fulfill this requirement will also serve to fulfill a **Subject Area Requirement** (see above: **General Degree Requirements**). For example, ENGL 1005.03 + ENGL 1100.03 will fulfill both the Writing Requirement *and* the Humanities Requirement, or HIST 1510.06 will fulfill both the Writing Requirement *and* the Social Sciences Requirement, or OCEA 1001.03 + OCEA 1002.03, or SUST 1000.06, will fulfill both the Writing Requirement *and* the Science Requirement.

Choose your Writing Requirement from among the following options (listed by subject area):

HUMANITIES:
- **Creative Writing**: CRWR/ENGL1030.06*
- **English:** ENGL1030.06, or <u>two</u> of ENGL 1005.03, 1015.03, 1025.03, 1040.03, 1050.03, 1060.03, 1100.03
- **German:** GERM1026.03 + GERM1027.03
- **History:** HIST 1510.06*
- **Performance Studies:** PERF1000.03 + one of PERF1001.03 or PERF 1002.03
- **Philosophy:** PHIL1810.03 + PHIL 1820.03
- **Russian:** RUSN 1020.03 + RUSN 1070.03

SCIENCES:
- **Oceanography:** OCEA 1001.03 + 1002.03
- **Sustainability:** SUST 1000.06*

SOCIAL SCIENCES:
- **History:** HIST 1510.06*
- **Political Science:** POLI 1001.03 +1002.03

OTHER:
- **Journalism:** JOUR 1002.03 + 1003.03 (School of Journalism, Uni. King's College)

* 6-credit hours in a single term.

2. Subject Areas Requirement

NOTE: Some of these subjects may appear under more than one Subject Area.

A. HUMANITIES (6 credit-hours, any combination of subjects)
When choosing courses in the Humanities, explore the subject areas listed below.

- Arabic
- Canadian Studies
- Chinese (Mandarin)
- Classics
- Contemporary Studies
- Creative Writing
- Early Modern Studies
- English
- European Studies
- Film Studies (Cinema and Media Studies)
- French
- Gender & Women's Studies
- German
- History
- Italian studies
- Music
- Performance Studies
- Philosophy
- Religious Studies
- Russian
- Spanish & Latin American Studies
- Theatre

B. SOCIAL SCIENCES (6 credit-hours, any combination of subjects)
When choosing courses in the Social Sciences, explore the subject areas listed below.

- Canadian Studies
- Contemporary Studies
- Early Modern Studies
- European Studies
- Economics
- Gender & Women's Studies
- History
- History of Science & Technology
- International Development Studies
- Law, Justice, and Society
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology & Social Anthropology

C. SCIENCES (6 credit-hours, any combination of subjects)
When choosing courses in the Sciences, explore the subject areas listed below.

NOTE: BA students should typically choose from the subject areas that are marked with an asterisk (*), these subject areas generally require less high-school preparation in science.

- Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science*
- Earth Sciences*
- Economics*
- Environmental Science
- Human Physiology*
- Marine Biology
- Mathematics
- Microbiology and Immunology
- Neuroscience
- Oceanography
- Physics
- Psychology*
- Science*
- Statistics*
- Sustainability*

> BA students are permitted to Major in any Science subject, but should consult an academic advisor about their planned course choice and to ensure that they are properly prepared to be successful in their proposed area of study, particularly if an application for admission to the Faculty of Science was unsuccessful.

3. Language Requirement

Students may choose language courses as Electives or as Humanities courses. Completing six credit-hours (typically two courses, one each term) in a *single* language will fulfill the Language Requirement.

Choose your **Language Requirement** from among the following options:

Arabic: ARBC 1021.03 + ARBC 1022.03
Chinese: CHIN 1031.03 + CHIN 1032.03
Latin CLAS 2401.03 + CLAS 2402.03 (listed under 'Classics')
Ancient Greek: CLAS 2505.03 + CLAS 2506.03 (listed under 'Classics')
French: Six credit hours in any courses taught in French; but typically,
FREN 1007.03 + FREN 1008.03, or
FREN 1047.03 + FREN 1048.03 (Intermediate), or
FREN 1057.03 + FREN 1058.03 (for Former Immersion Students)
German: GERM 1003.03 + GERM 1004.03
Italian: ITAL 1000.03 + ITAL 1001.03
Russian: RUSN 1002.03 + RUSN 1003.03
Spanish: SPAN 1021.03 + SPAN 1022.03; or SPAN 1035XY.06

> **NOTE:** BA students who choose to major in economics, philosophy, political science, psychology or sociology and social anthropology may substitute for a language course at least six credit hours in mathematics or statistics taught by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, other than MATH 1001.03, MATH 1002.03, MATH 1003.03, MATH 1110.03, MATH 1120.03, or MATH 1115.03, to meet this requirement; or they may meet it by passing the test administered by the Department of Math and Stats.

Electives

The Faculty recommends that you select *either* **Language Requirement** courses *or* **Science Requirement** courses as your Electives in your first year. If you are interested in Majoring in a language (or languages), you should choose Language Requirement courses as your Electives.

Students are permitted to enroll in elective courses offered by Faculties at Dalhousie University other than the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences including courses from the Faculties of Science, Computer Science, and Agriculture, as well as the College of Sustainability.

Access to courses in the Faculties of Architecture, Health, Law, Management, or Engineering is possible, but limited by the rules and regulations of these Faculties, and these "Outside Electives" are also limited in number to a maximum of 18 credit-hours in the BA degree. Consult the prerequisites and restrictions that may apply to any course listed in the Academic Timetable to determine admissibility or talk to an Advisor.

First Year Interest Groups (FIGs) - Arts

A First-Year Interest Group, or FIG, is a great opportunity to meet other first-year students with similar interests or goals. These non-credit courses are led by senior students, and groups will meet once a week during the fall term to explore interests, build connections, and learn tips for success! Visit **www.dal.ca/figs** for information about what FIG courses are being offered or ask your Advisor for details.

Questions? Contact **Bissett Student Success Centre** at 902.494.3077 or toll free 1.866.359.4709 or email advising@dal.ca to book a virtual advising appointment.