

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

First Year Bachelor of Arts (BA) Course Planning Worksheet 2023 - 2024

This guide has been created to help you choose your courses and plan your schedule in your first year of a Bachelor of Arts (BA) program. It is recommended that you start by scheduling your required courses, then your recommended courses, and finally, your electives. This worksheet is meant to be a reflective tool to help you plan your first (and perhaps part of your second) year of studies. It doesn't include all possibilities for program planning or course scheduling. For complete program requirements, please see the Dalhousie Academic Calendar at www.dal.ca/calendar or ask your academic advisor.

You are encouraged to register for both the Fall and Winter terms as soon as possible. If you delay registering in Winter term courses, you may find that many of the classes you plan to take are already filled.

When scheduling your classes, pay attention to the credit hour weights. Most courses are listed as .03 (3 credit hours), but some are shown as .06 (6 credit hours). When you're filling in the worksheet on page 7, enter .06 courses into two slots, and .03 courses into one. You cannot exceed 15 credit hours per term.

When you're looking at a course description, please look for prerequisites. Prerequisites are courses that you must complete before enrolling in this course. For instance, many language courses are described as Part 1 and Part 2; most of the time, you must complete Part 1 before Part 2 (Part 1 is a prerequisite for Part 2). Some upper-level courses (2000-, 3000-, or 4000-level) have lower-level prerequisites. Check the course descriptions in the Academic Calendar to make sure that you're aware of any prerequisites (or other restrictions) for any classes that you plan to take.

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1. Required First Year Course

Introduction to the Humanities/Social Sciences (3 credit hours)

ASSC 1300 or 1400: Introduction to the Humanities / Introduction to the Social Sciences
One of these two courses must be completed in your first Fall term. If the course is full, please join the wait list. If the wait list is full, please email asstdeanfass@dal.ca.

2. Recommended First Year Courses

Writing Requirement (6 credit hours)

BA students must take an approved writing course or set of courses. Choose 6 credit hours from a single subject area listed here (any single bullet from the list below).

It is recommended that you complete the Writing requirement early in your program, preferably in your first year of studies.

The courses marked with (1) may also fulfill Subject Grouping 1.

Courses marked with (2) may also fulfill Subject Grouping 2.

Courses marked with (3) may also fulfill Subject Grouping 3.

Writing requirement courses can only be used to fulfill *one* of the Subject Groupings.

- **Classics (1):** CLAS 1011.03 & CLAS 1012.03*
- **Classics (1):** CLAS 1103.03* & CLAS 1104.03*
- **English/Creative Writing (1):** ENGL/CRWR 1030.06
- **English (1):** Any two of ENGL 1005.03, ENGL 1015.03, ENGL 1025.03, ENGL 1040.03, ENGL 1050.03, ENGL 1060.03, ENGL 1100.03
- **German (1):** GERM 1026.03 & GERM 1027.03
- **German (1):** GERM 1080X/Y.06*
- **History (1) or (2):** HIST 1022.03 & HIST 1023.03
- **History (1) or (2):** HIST 1510.06
- **History (1) or (2):** Any two of HIST 1503.03, HIST 1504.03*, HIST 1006.03*
- **History of Science & Technology (1) (2):** HSTC 1800.03* & HSTC 1801.03*
- **Journalism:** JOUR 1002.03: & JOUR 1003.03
- **Integrated Science Program:** SCIE 15XX
- **King's Foundation Year (1) (2):** KING 1XXX
- **Oceanography (3):** OCEA 1001.03 & OCEA 1002.03
- **Performance Studies (1):** PERF 1000.03 and one of PERF 1001.03 OR PERF 1002.03
- **Philosophy (1):** PHIL 1810.03 & PHIL 1820.03
- **Political Science (2):** POLI 1001.03 & POLI 1002.03
- **Religious Studies (1):** RELS 1201.03* & RELS 1202.03*
- **Russian:** RUSN 1020.03 & RUSN 1070.03
- **Sustainability (3):** SUST 1000.06

**Not offered in Fall/Winter 2023/2024*



Language Requirement or Math Requirement (6 credit hours)

Language Requirement:

BA students* must obtain six credit hours in a *single* language. Choose from any single bullet from the list below.

Courses used to satisfy the Language Requirement *cannot* also satisfy Subject Grouping 1.

- **Arabic:** ARBC 1021.03 & ARBC 1022.03
- **Chinese (Mandarin):** CHIN 1030X/Y.06 or CHIN 1031.03 & CHIN 1032.03
- **Latin:** CLAS 2401.03 & CLAS 2402.03
- **Classical Hebrew:** CLAS 1901.03 & CLAS 1902.03
- **Ancient Greek:** CLAS 2505.03 & CLAS 2506.03
- **French:** any course(s) taught in French
- **German:** GERM 1003.03 & GERM 1004.03 or GERM 2046.03 & GERM 2047.03
- **Mi'kmaw:** INDG 2901.03 & INDG 2901.03
- **Italian:** ITAL 1000.03 & ITAL 1001.03
- **Sanskrit:** RELS 1600.03/CLAS 1600.03 & RELS 2600.03/CLAS 2600.03
- **Russian:** RUSN 1000X/Y.06: Elementary Russian or RUSN 1002.03 & RUSN 1003.03
- **Spanish:** SPAN 1021.03 & SPAN 1022.03 or SPAN 1035.06: Intensive Beginning Spanish

For students with advanced language skills, upper-level language courses may be substituted; please talk to the Registrar's Office or a department advisor.

This requirement may be completed after the first year. It is recommended that you complete the full Language Requirement in a single academic year.

Math Requirement:

*BA students who choose to major in economics, philosophy, law, justice and society, political science, psychology or sociology and social anthropology may (if they choose) substitute for a language course at least 6 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 Mathematics and Statistics.

This requirement may be completed after the first year.



Subject Groupings (18 credit hours total)

Courses may fulfill both a Subject Grouping Requirement and a Writing Requirement. Courses may *not* fulfill both the Language Requirement and the Subject Grouping Requirement. Any single course may not fulfill more than one Subject Grouping Requirement.

All or part of each of these requirements may be completed after the first year.

Subject Grouping 1: Languages and Humanities (6 credit hours)

BA students must complete 6 credit hours in any of the following subjects:

Arabic, Black and African Diaspora Studies, Canadian Studies, Chinese (Mandarin), Cinema and Media Studies, Classics, Comparative Religion, Contemporary Studies, Creative Writing, Early Modern Studies, English, European Studies, French, Gender and Women's Studies, German, Greek, History, History of Science and Technology, Indigenous Studies, Italian Studies, King's Foundation Year, Latin, Music, Performance Studies, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Russian, Spanish, Theatre.

Subject Grouping 2: Social Science (6 credit hours)

BA students must complete 6 credit hours in any of the following subjects:

Black and African Diaspora Studies, Canadian Studies; Contemporary Studies, Early Modern Studies, European Studies, Economics, Gender and Women's Studies, History, History of Science and Technology, Indigenous Studies, International Development Studies, King's Foundation Year; Law, Justice and Society, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology and Social Anthropology.

Subject Grouping 3: Life Sciences and Physical Sciences (6 credit hours)

BA students must complete 6 credit hours in any of the following subjects:

Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Earth Sciences, Economics, Engineering, Environmental Science, Human Physiology, Informatics, Marine Biology, Mathematics, Microbiology and Immunology, Neuroscience, Oceanography, Physics, Psychology, Science, Statistics, Sustainability.

3. Elective Courses

Your first year is a good time to start exploring subjects that interest you. Do you know what program you'd like to pursue (Major, Minor, Honours, Combined Major or Combined Honours)? Are you considering your program options? In your first year, you can sample courses from different subject areas.

In addition to courses from Arts & Social Sciences or Sciences, you can take some electives from other faculties. However, BA students may only take up to 18 credit hours in courses from outside the Faculty of Arts & Social Science, Faculty of Science, College of Sustainability, Faculty of Computer Science or Faculty of Agriculture (e.g., from Agriculture, Architecture & Planning, Computer Science, Health, Management, Medicine, or others), plus up to 12 credit hours in Commerce. Please note that BA students registered for minors in Business, Law, Justice and Society, Health Studies, Community Design, Journalism, or other FASS-approved Minors are permitted to take the courses necessary to satisfy the requirements for the minor. In addition, 12 credit hours from courses offered in other faculties are permitted.



There are many different types of programs that you can pursue in the \FASS subject areas listed below. However, not all program areas offer Majors; some programs offer Combined Honours, Double Majors, or Minors only. These programs have been marked with an asterisk *. The list below doesn't include programs that are offered as Minors only (not Majors, Honours, Double Majors or Combined Honours).

If you are interested in pursuing a program in any of these subject areas, you may consider some of these courses in your first (or second) year:

Program Area	Recommended Courses
Canadian Studies*	6 credit hours in French at the 1000 level: FREN 1007.03 and FREN 1008.03, or FREN 1047.03 and FREN 1048.03, or FREN 1057.03 and FREN 1058.03 (or a course in an Indigenous language may be substituted as a transfer credit)
Classics	Writing requirement Students are encouraged to take two language courses in Greek and/or Latin. CLAS 1011.03, CLAS 1101.03, or CLAS 1600.03
Contemporary Studies*	Completion of either the King's Foundation Year Program or at least 12 credit hours of 1000-level courses at Dalhousie
Creative Writing*	Any class or combination of classes that satisfies the College of Arts and Sciences Writing Requirement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CRWR 1030.06/ENGL 1030.06 • Any two of ENGL 1005.03, ENGL 1015. 03, ENGL 1025.03, ENGL 1040.03, ENGL 1050.03, ENGL 1060.03, ENGL 1100.03 • PERF 1000.03 and PERF 1001.03 or PERF 1002.03
Early Modern Studies	Completion of <i>either</i> the King's Foundation Year Program (either the three or the four-credit version) or at least 12 credit hours of 1000-level courses.
English	Completion of 6.0 credit hours at the 1000 level in ENGL, CRWR, KING or PERF; Writing requirement
European Studies	Both HIST 1020.03& HIST 1021.03 or equivalent course(s) totaling 6 credit hours in a later year
French	FREN 1045, FREN 1050, FREN 1047.03 and FREN 1048.03, or FREN 1057.03 and FREN 1058.03, or 2000-level Placement Test result
Gender and Women's Studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least one of GWST 1010.03, GWST 1015.03, SOSA 1002.03, SOSA 1003.03, the King's Foundation Year Program, or 3 credits of GWST at any level • Writing requirement.



Program Area	Recommended Courses
German	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GERM 1010.06, or GERM 1003.03 and GERM 1004.03 to be taken by students with no previous knowledge of German • GERM 2046.03 and GERM 2047.03 to be taken by students with no previous knowledge of German. • Students who have completed high school German will normally take GERM 2001.03 and GERM 2002.03. • A combination of GERM 1010X/Y.06, GERM 2046.03 and GERM 2047.03 serves as an intensified introduction to German language. <p>Students with previous knowledge of German should see the German Undergraduate Advisor.</p>
History	HIST 1020.03 and HIST 1021.03, or HIST 1022.03 and HIST 1023.03, or HIST 1501.03, or HIST 1503.03, or HIST 1510.06-
History of Science and Technology*	There are no prerequisites for 2000-level HSTC courses. HSTC 1201.03 and 1202.03 are available for students who are interested in this subject.
International Development Studies	Students are highly encouraged to take INTD 1102.03/CANA 1102.03 INTD 1103.03/CANA 1103.03.
Law, Justice & Society	<p>Recommendations for 3-6 credit hours of introductory offerings in each of political science, sociology and social anthropology, philosophy, and history, making sure that 6 credit hours are taken in a course that satisfies the Writing Requirement (WR). Examples of recommended credits include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PHIL 1500.03 and PHIL 1501.03 or PHIL 1810.03 and PHIL 1820.03 • POLI 1050.03 and POLI 1055.03 or POLI 1060.03 and POLI 1065.03 or POLI 1001.03 and POLI 1002.03 • SOSA 1002.03 and SOSA 1003.03 or • HIST 1020.03 and HIST 1021.03; HIST 1022.03 and HIST 1023.03; HIST 1510.06
Philosophy	<p>Students wishing to major in philosophy are encouraged to begin with 1 - 2 Introduction to Philosophy courses. Select from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PHIL 1500.03 and/or PHIL 1501.03 • PHIL 1810.03 and/or PHIL 1820.03
Political Science	6 credit hours at the 1000 level in Political Science (POLI 1001.03 and POLI 1002.03, or POLI 1060.03 and POLI 1065.03) or the Foundation Year Program
Religious Studies	6 credit hours of 1000-level RELS classes or King's Foundation Year Program
Russian Studies	RUSN 1002.03 and RUSN 1003.03
Sociology & Social Anthropology	One SOSA 1000 level course e (SOSA 1002.03 and/or SOSA 1003.03) or King's Foundation Year Program
Spanish & Latin American Studies	SPAN 1021.03 and SPAN 1022.03, or SPAN 1035.06, equivalent or instructor's permission



4. Fall and Winter Term Course Plans

Use these tables to plan your Fall and Winter term course schedule. For more help, please talk to an Academic Advisor or visit these webpages:

[Register for Courses](#)

[Register in DalOnline](#)

[How to read the Academic Timetable](#)

Fall Term				
Requirement or Elective	Course	CRN(s) (including labs/tutorials, if applicable)	Credit Hours	Day, Time Location
Required first year course: ASSC 1300 or 1400			3	
Writing requirement			3 or 6	

Winter Term				
Requirement or Elective	Course	CRN(s) (including labs/tutorials, if applicable)	Credit Hours	Day, Time Location
Writing requirement			3, 6 or n/a	
Additional course ONLY if no Writing Requirement this term				

