1. Make sure you know the exact program you were admitted to

On your Bear Tracks landing page, scroll down to the “Admissions” heading and click on “Application Status” to see which program you have received Admission for.

2. What courses should you register in?

Start with your Junior Core requirements and throw in some electives to explore your interests.

Your program outline is available at: uab.ca/SciGeneralDegree. Select “Admitted Fall 2014 onward”. You can't make an error in your first year. Take advantage of the flexibility and explore courses in many disciplines to help discover your interests. You are allowed to take anywhere from 2-5 courses per term in this program. (3+ courses = full-time, 1-2-3 courses = part-time). A 2.0 yearly GPA is required to stay in good Academic Standing and continue in the program. *If you are thinking about applying to a professional program, it is recommended to take a full course load of *30.

3. What courses count as options to fulfill your option requirements for your BSc General degree?

- **Arts options**: Courses offered by the Faculty of Arts, these are a diverse range of courses within Humanities, Social Sciences, Fine Arts and Language courses.
- **Science options**: Courses offered by the Faculty of Science.
- **Outside options**: Courses not offered by the Faculty of Science or Arts. These are available to General Science students.

4. Tips for creating your ideal timetable.

- **Create a balanced timetable**: Do not register for more than three lab based courses per term as you will have lab assignments and exams in addition to regular course work.

- **Do not register for a course if you do not have the pre-requisite**: Students without the appropriate pre-requisites will be removed from the course. Make sure to read the course description before you register in a course on Bear Tracks.

- **The class you want is full**: If a class is full simply place the class on your watch list (found on Bear Tracks). You will be notified via email or text message when a spot becomes available in the class.
5. Preparing for your General degree

a) **Declaring your Major/Minor.** When you're ready, you can easily declare your major/minor by filling out the [online sciform](#). You may stay undeclared for up to two years.

b) **Registering for BIOL 107 and 108.** This course tends to fill up quickly in the Fall term. Keep in mind that if it does, you can schedule it in the Winter term and take BIOL 108 in the Fall term instead.

c) **Biology and Chemistry Labs** will begin later in the semester, after 2-3 weeks. Check your course syllabus or speak with your Professor to know when your labs begin. Use this time wisely to solidify your study habits and keep up with your assignments. Things will get much busier once your labs begin. Go to a Studying and Reading Workshop hosted by the [Student Success Centre](#) for strategies on time management.

d) **Biology Seminars** will be scheduled at a later date, but don't worry; they won't conflict with your schedule. More information will follow once you start attending your lecture.

e) **Chemistry Seminars** are run by the TAs (Teaching Assistants) and include help sessions. Help rooms are available for all intro chemistry classes; times are listed in your lab manual.

f) **Have a solid background in math.** Math plays a significant role in our Physics or Computing Science degrees; therefore it is recommended that students interested in these majors/minors have a good background in Math 31 (Calculus). If not, you can ease your transition by refreshing your math skills in a two-week, hands-on refresher course, [Mathematics Primer](#), from August 20-31, 2018.

g) **Consider the many first year calculus courses available.** Many students think they should take MATH 114 to satisfy their junior core requirement and this course tends to fill up quickly and have a long wait list. If your minor is in Biological or Physical Sciences, consider one of these MATH courses instead:

- MATH 134 – Calculus for the Life Sciences (biological focus)
- MATH 144 – Calculus for the Physical Sciences (physics focus)  *PHYS 144 is the co-requisite*

h) **PSYCO 104/105 labs will not be scheduled in your timetable.** Instead, you will be asked to volunteer as participants in various research projects that are happening on campus. In the first 2 weeks of your 104/105 lecture sections, you will be given all necessary information.

i) **Use the resources available.** Many [resources](#) are available to help you with your Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Statistics and English courses.

6. Additional assistance

- Degree assessments and planning for BSc General students are completed through Student Services: [advisor.science@ualberta.ca](mailto:advisor.science@ualberta.ca)
- See the Science online step-by-step registration guide: [uab.ca/afteryouapply](http://uab.ca/afteryouapply)

*For additional questions contact a Faculty Recruiter at science.recruiting@ualberta.ca (while we will not register you in courses, we would be happy to provide assistance and answer your questions).*