

## 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?

### **BSc General, Biological Sciences Major:**

Your program outline is available at: [uab.ca/SciGeneralDegree](http://uab.ca/SciGeneralDegree). We recommend you register for the junior core requirements in your first year of study. These 100-level courses are normally the pre-requisites for higher level science subjects and can be used towards professional programs.

### **BSc Specialization: Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Biology; Integrative Physiology; Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology**

Locate your program curriculum in our registration guide at [uab.ca/ScienceSpecialization](http://uab.ca/ScienceSpecialization). For the Specialization degrees you are required to have a course load of at least \*24 through the Fall and Winter terms. You must also achieve a minimum 2.3 GPA each year in order to stay in your program and remain in good standing (this is equivalent to a C+ average). Always review the calendar section in the link above in case there are changes.

### **BSc Honors: Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Biology; Integrative Physiology; Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology**

Locate your program curriculum in our registration guide at [uab.ca/ScienceHonors](http://uab.ca/ScienceHonors). For the Honors degrees you are required to have a course load of at least \*24 through the Fall/Winter terms. You must also achieve a minimum 3.0 GPA each year in order to stay in your program and remain in good standing (this is equivalent to a B average). Always review the calendar section in the link above in case there are changes.

Note: a minimum of \*120 normally taken in no more than five consecutive academic years is required to complete the Honors program for the degree of BSc with Honors. Some departments require that an Honors program be completed in four years, others permit five. See individual departments for details

## 3. What courses count as options to fulfill your option requirements for your Biological Science 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.

**Approved (Pool) options:** only apply to Specialization & Honors students. These are normally science courses chosen by your department. See the calendar for your list of choices.

## 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 degree in Biological Sciences

**Registering for BIOL 107:** This course tends to fill up very 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. BIOL 107 is not a pre-requisite for BIOL 108.

**Biology 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 [Academic Success Centre](#) for strategies on time management.

**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.

**Interesting field schools to think about:** the Department offers unique opportunities for some hands-on learning on Vancouver Island (marine science) or in South Africa. Earn credits towards your degree through these amazing [field schools](#).

## 6. Additional assistance

- Honors and Specialization students have their own departmental advisors, please contact them for any questions related to your program: [science.ualberta.ca/deptadvisors](http://science.ualberta.ca/deptadvisors)
- 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 all questions relating to Biological Science courses or registration issues, please email the Department at [biougrad@ualberta.ca](mailto:biougrad@ualberta.ca).

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