

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 Specialization: Biochemistry; Cell Biology; Immunology & Infection; Pharmacology

Locate your program curriculum in our registration guide at uab.ca/ScienceSpecialization. Each program has its own course load and GPA requirements that must be met each year, in order to stay in your program and remain in good standing. Always review the calendar section in the link above in case there are changes. Averages for Specialization degrees can range from 2.3-2.7, and most require full time course registration.

BSc Honors: Biochemistry; Cell Biology; Immunology & Infection; Neuroscience; Pharmacology; Physiology

Locate your program curriculum in our registration guide at uab.ca/ScienceHonors. Each program has its own course load and GPA requirements that must be met each year, in order to stay in your program and remain in good standing. Always review the calendar section in the link above in case there are changes. Averages for Honors degrees can range from 3.0-3.3, and most require full time course registration.

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 will meet requirements for your Medical Science degree?

Biochemistry: Students should consult the Department of Biochemistry for advice about course selection throughout the program. Several alternative course schedules are possible.

Cell Biology: Students are required to consult the Department of Cell Biology for selection and approval of all options.

Neuroscience: Each student’s program must have the approval of the Neuroscience and Mental Health Institute.

Pharmacology: Students must consult the Chair of the Department or designee for approval of the selection of options. Students will not be permitted to take 400-level pharmacology courses unless all prerequisites have been met.

Physiology: All options must be approved by Departmental Advisor.

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.

Succeed from the start. If you have questions about how to tackle a paper, report, or exam, how to study or take notes, how to plan your term, or manage a course project, visit the [Academic Success Centre](#).

5. Preparing for your degree in Medical Science

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.

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.

Biology Seminars will be scheduled at a later date so as to avoid conflict with your schedule. More information will follow once you start attending your lecture.

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.

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
- See the Science online step-by-step registration guide: 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).