The University of Saskatchewan's main campus is situated on Treaty 6 Territory and the Homeland of the Métis. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Métis ancestors of this place and reaffirm our relationship with one another.
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Welcome to the College of Arts and Science!

Congratulations! You have started your educational journey at the University of Saskatchewan, and we’re delighted that you’ve chosen the College of Arts and Science.

This Handbook is designed to assist you as you begin your studies. Consider it your ‘landing pad’ to help you get started. This Handbook was created by a team of academic advisors and student peer advisors in the Undergraduate Student Office, i.e. the ‘UGSO.’

Academic advisors help students navigate through their program of study. Advisors act as coaches, mentors, and advocates for students, and they take a ‘holistic’ approach to advising. In other words, not only do advisors help students figure out their academic requirements, they also help students connect their degree choice to their goals and aspirations, they direct students to wellness and learning supports, and they work with students to develop a plan of action if they run into academic difficulty.

For the 2022 Spring and Summer sessions, we have scheduled weekly group advising sessions for incoming and first year students. These information sessions will be led by academic advisors and student peer advisors, and they will cover everything you need to know to start your educational journey.

Barring another shift in the status of the pandemic, the University of Saskatchewan will resume in-person delivery of classes and services in the 2022-2023 academic year.

We look forward to seeing you in the Fall, and we hope you enjoy your first-year experience.

Sincerely,

Renée Penney
Director of Student Advising and Academic Services
College of Arts and Science
Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

On October 19, 2021, the University of Saskatchewan hosted an inaugural Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) day.

In the words of University of Saskatchewan President and Vice-Chancellor, Peter Stoicheff, “its ground-breaking events featured a superb program, leading scholars, informative discussions, and outstanding attendance. I am proud of the cross-campus support that our EDI policy has received - equity, diversity and inclusion are fundamental to our university community’s ability to move forward, to make progress and be a better place for all of our students, staff, faculty and alumni. This inaugural event set the tone and course for the next phase of this institutional priority - the implementation of the forthcoming EDI Strategy and Action Plan.” (Inaugural, n.d.)

This event was recorded, so you can listen to the inspiring voices of scholars, administrators, and students who spoke passionately about equity, diversity and inclusion. Click on the image above to access recordings of this event.

You may also be interested in the University of Saskatchewan Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Policy.

Reference:
First Year Student Checklist

- Make sure you send in your transcripts by the document deadline.
- Attend a U-Start registration workshop!
- Get connected at Welcome Week and attend the university-wide Orientation at the beginning of September 2021.
- Log into your PAWS (Personalized Access to Web Services) account with your NSID (Network Services ID) and password provided in your acceptance letter. Check your Academics channel for your registration date (click on Registration) and familiarize yourself with your student email account.
- Attend a group advising session for incoming and first year students.
- Browse through the Course and Program Catalogue and check out the different degree options.
- Build a class schedule that includes lectures, labs, tutorials, study time, part-time work, family-time, and ‘free’ time.
- Register for your classes on PAWS. Not sure how to register? Check out the Classes and Registration page.
- Consider registering in a Learning Community like First Year Learning Experience (FLEX), or Indigenous Student Achievement Pathways (ISAP).
- If you are an international student, be sure to check out the International Student and Study Abroad Centre.
- If you self-identify as an Indigenous student, be sure to check out the Aboriginal Student’s Centre.
- Be sure to check out the Gordon Oakes Red Bear Student Centre.
- Find a place to live (if you’re not living at home). There are many on-campus and off-campus housing options. Students interested in residence are encouraged to apply early!
- Find out which textbooks you need using the U of S Bookstore website or PAWS (the My Textbooks menu is found under the Academics channel).
- If you already have health coverage, opt out of the University of Saskatchewan Student’s Union (USSU) Student Health and Dental Plan.
- Order your University of Saskatchewan student identification card online.
- Get your Saskatoon Transit U-Pass online (you’ll need a student card first!).
- Bookmark these important resource pages: Arts and Science Undergraduate Students, Arts and Science Academic Advisors, the Course and Program Catalogue, and Arts and Science Academic Policies.
- Get connected with the University community through the University of Saskatchewan Student Union (USSU), or the Arts and Science Student Union (ASSU).
Get to know your College!

If you’re reading this Handbook, it probably means you’ve been accepted into the College of Arts and Science, which is one of twelve Colleges at the University of Saskatchewan. It’s also the largest College on campus with over 10,000 students. The College of Arts and Science offers degrees, certificates, and minors in over 70 different fields of study. It’s important to know which College you’re enrolled in because each College has its own degree programs and certificates, as well as its own academic policies that students must follow. Be sure to bookmark the College of Arts and Science Course and Program Catalogue which includes a list of all programs offered in the College, as well as academic policies you’ll need to know.

Understand the shared responsibility of education

Becoming a student at the University of Saskatchewan means you’ve entered a community of student peers, educators, educational administrators, and academic advisors. We all share commitments and responsibilities within this journey. If you want to find out more, check out the University of Saskatchewan Learning Charter, and the Academic Advising Charter.

Stay connected!

All students are assigned a personalized usask email account. Be sure to check your usask email every day so you don’t miss important information about deadlines or course requirements. It’s also important to communicate with faculty and staff at the University via your usask email rather than your personal email account. This way, we can verify that we are communicating with you and not someone else. And, be sure to read your student newsletters each month!
First Year Student Resources

Group advising is an opportunity to meet academic advisors and student peer advisors who will provide you with all the information you require to get started, get oriented, and create a plan of action for your educational journey.

The New Students page provides information about events happening across campus for first-year students including USTART, Orientation and, Open House.

Download the USAFE app on your phone.

It’s a great safety resource!
When Should I Meet With An Academic Advisor?

Students in their first year should attend a group advising session to identify first steps and next steps in their educational journey. After first year, students can schedule an appointment with an academic advisor at any time. The appointment bookings link can be found in the Arts and Science Channel in your PAWS account. The table below provides an overview of advising resources, and it frames degree progression in relation to key learning outcomes from year to year.

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<td>• Attend a group advising session between May and August.</td>
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<td>• Review the First Year Undergraduate Student Handbook.</td>
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<td>• Choose courses and set-up a class schedule that includes study time.</td>
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<td>• Consider registering in a Learning Community.</td>
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<td>• Familiarize yourself with the Course and Program Catalogue.</td>
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<td>• Get to know the campus. Meet new people!</td>
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<td>• Learning Outcomes: build awareness, practice self-assessment, learn how to balance</td>
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<td>• Review your progress and reflect on what you have learned.</td>
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<td>• Attend drop-in advising at the beginning of September and January to check in.</td>
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<td>• If you have not chosen your major, attend Major Possibilities in March.</td>
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<td>• Once you choose your major, attend Departmental Spring Advising in April.</td>
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<td>• If you didn’t achieve all your goals, contact an academic advisor to create a plan of action.</td>
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<td>• Learning Outcomes: explore degrees and certificates, compare options, plan next steps</td>
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<th>YEAR 3 – Review your progress!</th>
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<td>• Continue to review your progress and reflect on what you have learned.</td>
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<td>• Attend drop-in advising at the beginning of September and January to check in.</td>
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<td>• Refine your time management and study skills – Student Learning Services offers tutorials!</td>
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<td>• Attend Departmental Spring Advising in April.</td>
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<td>• Concerned about your grades? Work with an academic advisor to make changes.</td>
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<td>• Learning Outcomes: apply what you have learned so far, decide on goals and priorities</td>
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<th>YEAR 4 – Submit a Graduation Check!</th>
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<td>• Think you might be ready to graduate? Submit a graduation check for confirmation.</td>
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<td>• Concerned about your grades? Work with an academic advisor to develop a strategy for success.</td>
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<td>• Learning Outcomes: start activating your degree by building connections in your chosen field</td>
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Students may choose to take more than three years to complete a 3-year degree, and more than four years to complete a 4-year degree. Just remember, your first year is about getting oriented, and your final year is about preparing to graduate. Everything in between is about choosing a major, monitoring your progress, and making adjustments when necessary.
## Important Deadlines in 2022-2023

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<td>Fall Term</td>
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<td>100% tuition credit</td>
<td>September 15</td>
<td>January 17</td>
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<td>75% tuition credit</td>
<td>September 22</td>
<td>January 24</td>
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<td>50% tuition credit</td>
<td>September 29</td>
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<td>0% tuition credit</td>
<td>December 7</td>
<td>April 5</td>
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The last day to make registration changes... Enjoy your educational journey on the way to your career destination!
High School Prerequisites: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Math

In order to study university-level biology, chemistry or physics, the 30-level / senior-level / Grade 12 high school course of the same subject is required. University-level chemistry and physics also require Foundations of Math 30 or Pre-Calculus 30. And, in order to study university-level calculus, which is required for some degrees, Pre-Calculus 30 (or equivalent) is required.

Students can upgrade their high school courses through any of the programs listed below:

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<th>ONLINE OPTIONS</th>
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<td>Saskatoon Public Schools Online Learning Centre</td>
<td>Nutana Collegiate Academic Upgrading</td>
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<td>Sun West Distance Learning Centre</td>
<td>Saskatchewan Polytechnic Academic Upgrading</td>
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<td>Saskatoon Catholic Cyber School</td>
<td>Great Plains College - Grade 12 and Upgrading</td>
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<td>Carlton Trail College – Adult Basic Education</td>
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In some cases, course options are available through the University of Saskatchewan, and these courses will count for credit towards your Arts and Science degree.

If you have not completed high school prerequisites for University-level courses in CHEMISTRY...

You can register in **CHEM 100.3: Problem-solving Foundations for University Chemistry** at the University of Saskatchewan. This course will count for credit towards your degree.

If you have been admitted to the U of S with a MATH deficiency...

You must clear the deficiency in your first year of study. You can upgrade your high school math courses through the programs listed above, or you can register in **MATH 101.3: Quantitative Reasoning** at the University of Saskatchewan. This course will count for credit towards your degree.

90-level courses offered at the University of Saskatchewan

A limited number of seats are available in the following 90-level courses, which will enable you to register in 100-level university courses in the same subject: **Chemistry 90: Introduction to Chemistry**, **Biology 90: Introduction to Biology** and **Physics 90: Foundations of Physics**.

These courses are offered through **Indigenous Student Achievement Pathways**. ISAP is a program that brings Indigenous students with common academic goals together. Students registered in ISAP will be given priority access to these courses. Throughout the summer, seats will also become available for students who are not registered in ISAP.

To request a seat in one of the above courses, please complete this **survey**. Once completed, you will be granted permission to register, or you’ll be placed on a waitlist. All students who are offered a seat will be notified by mid-August via their PAWS email.

Please note: these courses are weighted at 3 credit units each for the purpose of determining your registration status (part time of full time enrollment), but 90-level courses do not contribute credits toward an undergraduate degree. Students who complete all three courses, can apply to receive the **STEM Accelerator Certificate**, recognized as strong preparation for studying in the STEM disciplines.
Key Requirements of an Arts and Science Degree

Five Degree Requirement Areas

All degree programs in the College of Arts and Science are comprised of five requirement areas that students must complete in order to receive their degree. The five categories are:

1. **College Requirement**
   - Includes English Language Writing, Indigenous Learning, Quantitative Reasoning requirements.
2. **Breadth Requirement**
   - Ensures students complete courses in Humanities, Languages, Social Sciences, Fine Arts, and Sciences.
3. **Cognate Requirement**
   - Prerequisite courses associated with the major that must be completed before senior-level courses.
4. **Major Requirement**
   - Core courses in the major area of concentration.
5. **Electives Requirement**
   - Arts and Science electives that students choose based on personal interest.

Credit Unit Requirements for Your Degree

For a **3 yr degree**, students must complete:

- a minimum of **90 credit units overall** (that is, 30 courses across the five course requirement areas)
- at least 42 cu must be at the senior level (200, 300, or 400 level)

For a **4 yr or an Honours degree**, students must complete:

- a minimum of **120 credit units overall** (that is, 40 courses across the five course requirement areas)
- at least 66 cu must be at the senior level (200, 300, or 400 level)

The Minimum Grades You Need to Graduate

To be eligible to receive a **3 yr or a 4 yr degree**, students must achieve a minimum cumulative weighted average (CWA) of **60% overall and 62.5% in their major**.

To be eligible to receive an **Honours degree**, students must achieve a minimum cumulative weighted average (CWA) of **70% overall and 70% in their major**. Some degree programs require students to achieve higher minimum averages to be eligible to receive an Honours degree.

This is what we refer to as **graduation standards**.

Explore Degree Options in the **Course and Program Catalogue**
Choosing Your Courses

How do I choose?!

First year students in the College of Arts & Science are often surprised by the range of options they have for courses to take. These tips and charts can help you choose courses to create an education all your own!

A few things to keep in mind before you get started:

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<th>Courses + Credit units</th>
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<td>Part-time status</td>
<td>6 credit units or less per term (1 -2 courses), or 12 cu or less September to April (2 – 4 courses)</td>
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<td>Full-time status</td>
<td>9 – 15 credit units per term (3 - 5 courses), or 18 - 30 cu September to April (6 - 10 courses)</td>
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<td>Full course-load</td>
<td>15 credit units per term (5 courses), or 30 cu from September to April (10 courses)</td>
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<td>100-level courses</td>
<td>Introductory courses that must be completed before 200, 300, and 400 senior-level courses</td>
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Tips for deciding how many courses to take

Most classes are held for 3 hours per week and meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for 50 minutes each day, or Tuesday and Thursday for 1 hour and 20 minutes each day. Night classes are usually held for 3 hours once a week.

Your ‘courseload’ refers to the number of courses you register in, the number of hours per week you must attend each class, and the amount of study time you must dedicate to each course every week. That’s a lot to think about!

Some courses include labs and tutorials that are scheduled outside of class time, so students must also factor this time commitment into their schedules.

In your first year, it’s best to limit your lab-based courses to no more than two per semester. Lab-based courses include a class lecture plus a lab, so the workload is significant. It’s a good idea to get a feel for this type of workload before launching into a semester full of lab-based courses.

When deciding how many courses you will take during a semester, it’s important to think about how many courses you feel you can manage in addition to your other commitments such as part-time work, family responsibilities, ‘me-time’, and extracurricular activities.

Avoid trying to ‘fast-track’ your degree by taking more courses than you are able to manage. It’s important to pay attention to your course load. If you’re struggling, drop a course or two so you can focus on fewer classes and get stronger grades.

If you are receiving funding that requires you to be registered ‘full-time’, this means you must register in a minimum of 9 cu or 3 courses per semester from September to April.

For every hour spent in class, students should spend 2 hours on course work outside of class. If you take five classes per term, that’s 15 hours spent in-class and 30 hours spent on course work each week. At 45 hours per week, being a successful student is equivalent to a full-time job!
FOUR strategies to help you decide which courses to choose in your first year

1. If you have a POTENTIAL MAJOR in mind, you can choose foundational courses required for your degree.
2. Register in a LEARNING COMMUNITY, which is a pre-established cluster of first-year courses.
3. Treat your first year as an EXPLORATORY YEAR and choose a variety of courses to help you decide.
4. Start with a CERTIFICATE to gain a credential and build confidence.

Whatever strategy you choose, the courses you complete in your first year can be applied to any degree in the College of Arts and Science. You really can’t go wrong!

#1. Choose Courses Based on a Potential Major

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| **Applied Mathematics**                  | MATH 110.3  
MATH 116.3  
CMPT 141.3  
CMPT 145.3  
English Language Writing  
Indigenous Learning                                                                                           |
| **Archaeology**                          | BIOL 120.3  
CHEM 112.3  
6 cu from: ANTH  
ARCH 112.3  
ARCH 116.3  
English Language Writing  
Indigenous Learning  
Quantitative Reasoning                                                |
| **Archaeology and Anthropology**         | ANTH 111.3  
ARCH 112.3  
English Language Writing  
Quantitative Reasoning                                                  |
| **Art History**                          | ARTH 120.3  
ARTH 121.3  
English Language Writing  
Indigenous Learning  
Quantitative Reasoning                                                 |
| **Biochemistry, Microbiology Immunology**| MATH 110.3 or  
MATH 125.3  
PHIL 140.3  
BIOL 120.3  
CHEM 112.3  
PHYS 115.3  
English Language Writing  
Indigenous Learning                                                |
| **Bioinformatics**                       | BIOL 120.3  
BIOL 121.3  
CHEM 112.3  
CMPT 141.3  
English Language Writing  
Indigenous Learning  
Quantitative Reasoning                                                  |
| **Biology**                              | BIOL 120.3  
CHEM 112.3  
BIOL 121.3  
CHEM 115.3  
English Language Writing  
Indigenous Learning  
Quantitative Reasoning                                                |
| **Biomedical Foundations**               | BIOL 120.3  
CHEM 112.3  
PHYS 115.3  
CHEM 115  
PHYS 117  
PHIL 140.3  
English Language Writing  
Indigenous Learning  
Quantitative Reasoning                                                |
| **Biomedical Neuroscience**              | MATH 110.3 or  
MATH 125.3  
BIOL 120.3  
PSY 120.3  
CHEM 112.3  
PHYS 115.3  
PHIL 140.3  
English Language Writing  
Indigenous Learning                                                |
| **Business Economics**                   | ECON 111.3  
3 cu CMPT  
ECON 114.3  
English Language Writing  
Indigenous Learning  
Quantitative Reasoning                                                |
| **Cellular, Physiological, Pharmacological** | MATH 110.3 or  
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|                                            | POLS 111.3  
|                                            | SOC 111.3 or SOC 112.3  
|                                            | English Language Writing  
|                                            | Indigenous Learning  
|                                            | Quantitative Reasoning  |
| Religion and Culture                        | 6 cu RLST  
|                                            | 6 cu of Language  
|                                            | English Language Writing  
|                                            | Indigenous Learning  
|                                            | Quantitative Reasoning  |
| Sociology                                   | SOC 111.3  
|                                            | SOC 112.3  
|                                            | English Language Writing  
|                                            | Indigenous Learning  |
| Sociology: Indigenous Justice & Criminology | SOC 111.3  
|                                            | SOC 112.3  
|                                            | English Language Writing  
|                                            | Indigenous Learning  |
| Statistics                                  | CMPT 141.3  
|                                            | MATH 110.3 or MATH 176.3  
|                                            | CMPT 145.3  
|                                            | MATH 164.3 or MATH 177.3  
|                                            | English Language Writing  
|                                            | Indigenous Learning  |
| Studio Art                                  | ART 110.3  
|                                            | ARTH 120.3  
|                                            | ARTH 121.3  
|                                            | 6 cu ART  
|                                            | English Language Writing  
|                                            | Indigenous Learning  
|                                            | Quantitative Reasoning  |
| Toxicology                                  | BIOL 120.3  
|                                            | CHEM 112.5  
|                                            | PHYS 115.3  
|                                            | BIOL 121.3  
|                                            | CHEM 115.3  
|                                            | PHYS 117.3  
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|                                            | Quantitative Reasoning  |
| Women’s and Gender Studies                  | WGST 112.3  
|                                            | English Language Writing  
|                                            | Indigenous Learning  
|                                            | Quantitative Reasoning  |

Want to find out more about a degree program on this list? Check out the [Course and Program Catalogue](#).

Want to find out more about a course on this list? Check out the [Course Description List](#).

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**#2. Register in a Learning Community**

In a Learning Community (or ‘LC’), students register in a cluster of pre-established courses. LC’s are usually comprised of two to three 100-level courses and depending on the LC selected, students can add-on courses they choose themselves. Students in Learning Communities benefit from a small cohort of students, smaller class sizes, and the support of peer mentors, academic coaches, and academic advisors. In the College of Arts and Science, there are four Learning Community options:

- First-year Learning Experience (FLEX)
- Indigenous Student Achievement Pathways (ISAP)
- University of Saskatchewan Transition Entrance Program (USTEP)
- Level-UP Second Year Learning Community
FLEX and Level-UP are open to all students, and it is common for students to join FLEX in their first year and continue on with Level-UP in their second year. ISAP and USTEP are designed with particular students in mind; however, a limited number of seats are available for non-Indigenous students, and for students who wish to opt into USTEP.

Indigenous Student Achievement Pathways (ISAP)

ISAP is a program that brings Indigenous students with common academic goals together and includes small cohort learning experiences in some 100-level courses. In Banner these courses are indicated with “ISAP Permission” required, and students registered through ISAP have priority access to these courses. Throughout the summer, seats in some courses may become available for students who are not registered through ISAP. Students who are interested in exploring Indigenous perspectives in the discipline in a small cohort class environment may request a seat in these course by completing this survey. Once completed, you will be granted permission to register, or you’ll be placed on a waitlist. All students who are offered a seat will be notified by mid-August via their PAWS email.

University of Saskatchewan Transition Entrance Program (USTEP)

USTEP provides a supportive learning environment that helps students overcome common first-year university challenges. Students in the program register in 18 credit units per year or nine credit units per semester as well as a weekly peer mentor hour.

#3. Treat Your First Year as an Exploratory Year

If you are uncertain about what major you are most interested in, you can take a variety of courses to keep your options open! Don’t worry too much about taking the wrong courses – as long as they are approved Arts & Science courses, they can be used to meet your degree requirements when you decide on your major.

Reminder: in general, one course = 3 credit units. If you wish to do an exploratory year, you can take a lighter course load in Term 1 so you get a feel for the academic requirements. If you feel confident, you can increase your course load in Term 2, or you can maintain a light course load throughout your degree.

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<td><strong>Potential Bachelor of Arts (BA)</strong></td>
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100-level course subject areas to choose from for your Exploratory Year

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<th>Fine Arts</th>
<th>Art, Art History, Drama, Music</th>
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<td>Humanities</td>
<td>Classics, Classical Medieval Renaissance, English, History, Philosophy</td>
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<td>Languages</td>
<td>Arabic, Chinese, Cree, English, French, German, Hebrew, Hindi, Japanese, Latin, Sanskrit, Spanish, Ukrainian</td>
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<td>Science</td>
<td>Astronomy, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Geology, Geography, Health Studies, Math, Physics, Statistics</td>
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<td>Social Science</td>
<td>Anthropology, Archaeology, Economics, Indigenous Studies, International Studies, Linguistics, Political Studies, Psychology, Religious Studies, Women’s and Gender Studies</td>
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Interdisciplinary courses that can help you transition into University

- INTS 100.3: Strategies for Academic Success
- INTS 102.3: Studying in Science Essential Skills and Strategies
- INTS 103.3: Writing for Academic Success

#4. Start with a Certificate to Gain a Credential and Build Confidence

In the College of Arts and Science, students can complete Certificates in the following areas:

- Advance Studio Art
- Applied Gender Justice
- Astronomy
- Biological Research
- Catholic Studies
- Classical and Medieval Latin
- Computing
- Criminology and Addictions
- Ethics, Justice and Law
- Formal Reasoning
- Foundations of Studio Art
- French-English Translation
- Geomatics
- Global Studies
- Indigenous Governance and Politics
- Intermediate Studio Art
- Jazz
- Jewish and Christian Origins
- Mathematical Modelling
- Medical Language
- Peace Studies
- Politics and Law
- Queer Theory, Gender Diversity, and Sexualities Studies
- Religious Literacy
- Statistical Methods
- STEM Accelerator
- Study of Indigenous Storytelling
- Ukrainian Studies
- Urban Design
- Water Science
- wîcêhtowin Theatre

Explore Certificate Options in the Course and Program Catalogue
Registering in Classes

The best resources for understanding how to register in your classes are available on the Classes and Registration page. This page includes step-by-step instructions, a link to the Registration Channel in your PAWS account, and an easy-to-follow video. Scroll down the page and look for this section:

For the 2022-2023 academic year, the University will resume in-person delivery of classes. Classes that were offered online before the pandemic will continue to be delivered in this format. Some in-person classes may include hybrid delivery options. If you are unsure, talk with your instructor.
Choosing a Major

Choosing a major is a personal decision. If you’re unsure in your first year, you can always choose a ‘potential’ major and change your major later. Here are a few questions to help you decide on a major.

- What subjects did you enjoy in high school?
- What are your personal interests?
- What types of ideas or activities grab your attention?
- Do you have a role model or a mentor who inspires you?
- What type of career are you interested in?
- What type of career are you NOT interested in?

As you can see, choosing a major is tied to your interests, your influences, and your career goals. An academic advisor in the Undergraduate Student Office can help you explore some of these questions, while an advisor in Career Services can help you find connections between your academic and career goals.

Still Have Questions?

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Applying to Another College at the University of Saskatchewan

If you’re interested in applying to another College at the University of Saskatchewan, you’ll need to contact that College for full details. Academic advisors in the College of Arts and Science cannot advise on degree programs in other Colleges because each College has their own policies, procedures, and degree requirements.

One of the best things you can do is review the admissions page of the College you are interested in applying to. Here’s what to look for:

- find out what the admission requirements are;
- take note of the minimum admission averages required;
- identify pre-requisite courses you are required to complete in advance;
- identify courses you can complete in advance and use for your degree.

To help you get started, below you will find links to the admissions pages for Colleges at the University of Saskatchewan.

Direct entry Colleges

Direct entry colleges are colleges you can apply to directly out of high school; however, students can also start out in the College of Arts and Science and transfer to another College at a later date. If you are currently a student in the College of Arts and Science, some of the courses you complete can be used towards a degree in another College. Click on the links below to find out more about the undergraduate programs each College offers, and the Arts and Science courses that can be used towards their degrees. (Look for the ‘Sample First Year’ tab – it will show you how your first-year courses can transfer.)

- Agriculture and Bioresources
- Education
- Edwards School of Business
- Engineering
- Kinesiology
- St. Thomas More College

Non-direct entry Colleges

Non-direct programs require previous university study and cannot be applied to directly from high school. Admission requirements and deadlines can be found on individual program pages. Click on the links below to find out more about each College.

- College of Dentistry
- College of Law
- College of Medicine
- College of Nursing
- College of Nutrition
- College of Pharmacy
- School of Physical Therapy
- College of Veterinary Medicine

For more information, check out Colleges and Schools and Admissions Requirements and Deadlines.
Frequently Asked Questions

Should I register for Term 1 and Term 2 classes when my registration window opens?
Yes! When registration opens in June it is for the regular session from September to April. Be sure to register for all your courses for the year. If you want to change your Term 2 course selection before January, you can do that.

What do I do if I cannot get into a course?
Keep checking PAWS to see if a seat has opened up. Many students change their classes over the summer or in the first two weeks of class, and seats become available. If you are still unable to register in a course in late August or early September, you can submit a Class Limit Override to request a seat. There are no guarantees that the instructor will approve this, but in many cases, they do.

Do I have to do a four-year degree in four years?
No. There is no time limit on how long you have to complete your degree. Most students take longer than four years to complete a ‘4 year’ degree, and more than three years to complete a ‘3 year’ degree.

What Course and Program Catalogue should I use?
Students start with the Course and Program Catalogue that is in effect when they start their studies. You have ten years to follow the degree requirements as described in that Catalogue, or you can switch to a later Catalogue if you prefer. After ten years, you must follow the Course and Program Catalogue that is in effect in your eleventh year. If you can’t find your Course and Program Catalogue, look for the Archives tab on the top of the page.

Can I register in courses at any college at the University of Saskatchewan?
Once a student is accepted into a specific college at the University of Saskatchewan, their course options are limited to courses offered in Arts and Science as well as some courses that are offered in other direct entry colleges. However, not all courses offered at other colleges will transfer for credit in Arts and Science. Before you register in a class that is being offered through another college, check out the automatic transfer for courses from other colleges. If the class you plan to register in is not on this list, it cannot be used for your Arts and Science degree.

Can I take classes at other universities while I am a student at the U of S?
Yes, but you should submit a Visiting Student request first. Once approved, this not only makes you eligible for a modified admissions process at the other university, but it also lets you know ahead of time whether or not the course will transfer for credit toward your Arts and Science degree. If it doesn’t transfer, you won’t waste time and money on a course!

Can you tell me which professors are “good”?
All professors at the University of Saskatchewan are highly qualified in their fields and interested in the subject areas that they teach. What makes a teacher “good” has more to do with the “fit” between the student’s learning style and the instructor’s teaching style.

What is an “easy” course to take?
In truth, there are no courses that every student will find easy. It depends on a student’s skills, talents, interests, and background. University is supposed to be challenging, so choose challenges you will enjoy, and make use of campus resources to learn how to navigate these challenges skillfully.
How approachable are professors and TAs when it comes to extra help?
Most professors and teaching assistants are invested in student success and are therefore very approachable when it comes to providing their students with clarification on course concepts. You can visit your professor or TA during assigned office hours or contact them about scheduling a private appointment.

How do I access my class notes?
If your professor decides to provide class notes or slides, they will be posted in Canvas (accessible through your PAWS account by clicking on “Course Tools”). Not all professors choose to provide notes or summaries, but even if they do, you should always be prepared to take your own notes during your lecture, tutorial, etc.

What happens if I’m late handing in an assignment/essay/project?
The course syllabus you receive from your professor will indicate his or her policy on late assignments. Often, a small percentage of your grade will be deducted each day you are late, up until a point when you would receive a zero.

Who do I contact if I have technical issues?
If you have issues with your usask email, trouble accessing your online course content, or issues with PAWS, contact the ICT Service Desk. You can also find great information on the Student Technology Help page.

How do I declare my major?
Students can declare (or change) their major through PAWS, under the Arts & Science channel. (It is okay to change your major!)

When do I declare my major?
We recommend that students declare a major as soon as they have decided, or at least by their second year. Students who have not chosen a major by the end of their second year may take longer to complete their degree requirements.

If I stop attending a class, will I be automatically withdrawn?
No. Be sure to withdraw from your course by the deadline. Otherwise, you might be surprised by a fail grade on your transcript!

What average is required to continue on to second year?
In order to progress from year to year, students must achieve specific averages. In the table below, you’ll see that the average we look for (we call it the ‘cumulative weighted average’ or CWA) is based on the number of credit units attempted. Promotion standard means your CWA is high enough for you to progress to the next year. Probation status means your CWA is high enough for you to progress, but you’ll be limited to 12 credit units or four courses per semester for one year. If you are required to discontinue, it means your CWA is too low, and you must leave your studies for one full year before you can return and proceed.

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**What averages are required to receive a degree?**

In order to be eligible to receive a degree, students must achieve a minimum of 60% overall, and 62.5% in their major. If they are pursuing an Honours degree, students must achieve a minimum of 70% overall and 70% in their major. Some degree programs require students to achieve a higher minimum grade to be eligible to receive an Honours degree.

**If my grades are low in my first semester, will I be kicked out of University?**

No. An academic advisor can assist you in developing a strategy for success.

**If I’m sick during final exams, what should I do?**

Take care of yourself and request a deferred exam within 3 business days of the scheduled final exam.

**If I fail a class, what should I do?**

You can retake a class if you fail it. When you retake a course, the higher grade is used in the calculation of your averages (or CWA’s) and the lower grade is no longer included in that calculation.

**What do I do if I need extra help with a class?**

There are a number of student support resources available on campus. Here are the top two:

- Student Learning Services provides free workshops on a range of academic skills and topics, as well as math and stats help for introductory courses, structured study sessions for 100 level BIOL, CHEM, and PHYS courses, and writing help to all students.
- U of S Hire a Tutor provides a list of tutors whose qualifications have been checked by staff.

**I have a diagnosis or condition which I am afraid will affect me academically. What should I do?**

Contact Access and Equity Services to find out about the types of supports and accommodations you may be able to access. Many students are wary of making use of AES because they fear repercussions or feel that their degree is not as legitimate as other students. AES is strictly confidential, and using AES ensures that you receive an equitable opportunity to succeed.

**Is it hard to make it to class on time with the 10-minute break?**

For most students, 10 minutes is enough time to get to their next class. A suggestion: at the beginning of the term, before classes start, come to campus and find out where all your classes are. See how long it takes you to get from building to building. If you discover that getting from one class to the next may be challenging, let your instructors know so if consistently arrive a couple minutes late, they know why. For students with mobility issues, speak to the professors about possible accommodation and consider contacting Access and Equity Services for Students.

**What happens if I get lost on campus?**

Ask someone – people are very friendly! If you are outside, you can always use the Arts building as a reference point (it’s the tall tower), which is at the west end of campus. Before your first day of classes, come on campus and find the locations of all of your classes so you have an idea of where to go and how long it takes to get there.

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Glossary of Terms
(Learning the Academic Jargon)

At the university, you will begin to learn a whole new language. Listed below are a few of the more important terms you will encounter as you familiarize yourself with university life.

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<td>Course Description</td>
<td>Course descriptions can be found in the Course and Program Catalogue. They give you information about a particular course, such as the course name, course number, credit units (c.u.), and the term(s) in which it is offered.</td>
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<td>Course Reference Number (CRN)</td>
<td>A unique 5-digit number assigned to each class section for the purpose of registration. You will need to know the specific CRN for each course section you wish to register in.</td>
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<td>Credit Unit (cu)</td>
<td>The amount of university-level credit to be awarded for successful completion of a course or, in the case of transfer credit, of study elsewhere. The majority of courses in the College of Arts and Science span one term and have a weight of three (3) credit units (e.g., SOC 111.3). Courses that extend across two terms have a weight of six (6) credit units (e.g., ENG 110.6)</td>
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<td><strong>Cumulative Weighted Average (CWA)</strong></td>
<td>An indicator of your academic performance. The CWA is calculated based on the grades you receive and the number of credit units you attempt. In the College of Arts and Science we monitor your CWA overall (average in all courses completed) as well as your CWA in your major (your average in the courses directly connected to your major area of study).</td>
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<td><strong>Full-Time Student</strong></td>
<td>At the University of Saskatchewan, undergraduate students are considered full-time if they are registered in 9 cu or more per term during regular session (September to April). Students with a permanent disability who are approved for a reduced course load are considered full-time students when taking 6 cu per term. Please note: the definition of full-time can vary depending on the institution or government agency you are working with. When applying for student loans or student visas, be sure to ask how ‘full-time study’ is defined.</td>
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<td><strong>Full Course load</strong></td>
<td>The maximum number of cu’s a student can register in per term and per academic year. In the regular session (September to April), students can register in up to 15 cu per term or 30 cu from September to April. This is equivalent to five courses per term or 10 courses per academic year. In the Spring/Summer session, students can register in up to 9 cu from May to June, and 9 cu from July to August for a maximum of 18 cu.</td>
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<td><strong>Graduation Standards</strong></td>
<td>The minimum CWA’s (cumulative weighted averages) required for a student to be eligible to receive a degree. In the College of Arts and Science, students must achieve a minimum average of 60% overall and 62.5% in their major to be eligible to graduate with a 3 yr or 4 yr degree. If they wish to pursue an Honours degree, students must achieve a minimum average of 70% overall and 70% in their major.</td>
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<td>100-level courses numbered in the range of 100 to 199. These courses are usually introductory courses and prerequisites for senior-level courses.</td>
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<td><strong>Lab</strong></td>
<td>In some programs, a lab is a required part of the course that involves practical/hands-on work. Labs are mandatory.</td>
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<td><strong>Lecture</strong></td>
<td>A lecture refers to class time that is usually lead by a professor according to course content. Lectures are usually 50 minutes for Monday-Wednesday-Friday (MWF) courses, and 1 hour and 20 minutes for Tuesday-Thursday (TR) classes. Evening classes are often scheduled on one evening and are 3 hours in duration. Courses in the spring/summer sessions follow a different structure. Please pay attention to the day and time of your classes during class registration.</td>
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<td><strong>Network Services ID (NSID)</strong></td>
<td>A Network Services ID (NSID) is a unique identifier issued to all members of the university community. NSIDs take the format of three letters from the student’s first three initials followed by three</td>
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Students use their NSID and password to access university computer and network services such as PAWS, email, computer labs and password protected sites.

**Part-Time Student**

At the University of Saskatchewan, an undergraduate student is considered part-time if they are registered in fewer than 9 credit units per term during regular session (September to April).

**Personalized Access to Web Services (PAWS)**

PAWS is web-based platform used by all members of the University community. It is the portal that students use to check their campus email, register for courses, view their grades or transcripts, access their financial information, access course content via Canvas, and much more. ICT Services offers training, online manuals, and video tutorials to help students become more familiar with using PAWS.

**Prerequisite**

A prerequisite is a course or requirement that you must successfully complete before registering in a specific course. They are listed in the Course Descriptions found in the Course and Program Catalogue. Note that some university courses require high school prerequisites. Please read the course description carefully.

**Probation Status**

Student grades are reviewed each year in June. If they do not satisfy minimum promotion standards (see below) they may be placed on academic probation for one year. In this case, students cannot register in more than 12 credit units per term during the regular session, September-April.

**Promotion Standard**

The minimum CWAs (cumulative weighted averages) required each academic year so a student can progress to their next year of study without being placed on probation, or being required to discontinue.

**Quarter**

Quarters are condensed one-month terms offered during the Spring/Summer session: Quarter 1 – May, Quarter 2 – June, Quarter 3 – July, Quarter 4 – August.

**Regular Session**

Refers to the time period between September and April and is made up of the fall term (Sept-Dec) and the winter term (Jan-Apr).

**Required to Discontinue**

Students' grades are reviewed each year in June. If they do not satisfy minimum promotion or probation standards (see above), they may be required to discontinue their studies for one year from September to August. Students cannot register in any courses in their College while an RTD is in effect.

**Section**

Refers to the different times that a course is offered, its location, and who it is taught by (ex: ENG 110.6 (03)). It is important to know what particular section of a course you are registered in because the same course can be taught by different professors, at different times, and in different locations.
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<th><strong>Senior Level Courses</strong></th>
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<td><strong>Spring/Summer Session</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Syllabus</strong></td>
<td>Also referred to as a course outline, the syllabus is like a contract. It outlines the instructor’s expectations of student performance while also ensuring students are given the opportunity to meet those expectations. The syllabus is also an important learning document and should be referred to regularly throughout the term. Be sure to read your syllabus for each class and use it to build a schedule that includes your class days and times, your assignment deadlines, your exam dates, study time.</td>
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<td><strong>Term</strong></td>
<td>Refers to academic periods of study: Fall Term (T1) – September to December; Winter Term (T2) – January to April; Multi-Term (T1T2) – September to April; Spring and Summer Term 1 – May to June; Spring and Summer Term 2 – July to August; Spring and Summer Multi-Term – May to August.</td>
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<td><strong>Tutorial</strong></td>
<td>A tutorial is a weekly discussion-based session that accompanies lectures for certain courses. Tutorials can be led by the professor or a senior or graduate student. They are often used to clarify or further explore specific concepts taught in class. Tutorials are mandatory.</td>
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Quick List of U of S Resources

College of Arts and Science: www.artsandscience.usask.ca
A&S Undergraduate Students: https://artsandscience.usask.ca/undergraduate/
Student Inquiries: https://jira.usask.ca/servicedesk/customer/portal/7/create/350

✓ Aboriginal Student Centre (ASC)
  https://students.usask.ca/indigenous/index.php
✓ Academic Advisors (College of Arts and Science)
  https://artsandscience.usask.ca/undergraduate/advising/
  306-966-4231
✓ Academic Advisors (Other Colleges at the University of Saskatchewan)
  https://students.usask.ca/academics/advisors.php
✓ Academic Calendar
  https://students.usask.ca/academic-calendar/
✓ Academic Policies (College of Arts and Science)
  https://programs.usask.ca/arts-and-science/policies.php
✓ Academic Misconduct
  https://governance.usask.ca/student-conduct-appeals/academic-misconduct.php
✓ Access and Equity Services
  https://students.usask.ca/health/centres/access-equity-services.php
✓ Admissions
  https://admissions.usask.ca/
✓ Arts and Science Programs by Major
  https://programs.usask.ca/
✓ Arts and Science Student Forms
  https://jira.usask.ca/servicedesk/customer/portal/7/group/77
✓ Bookstore
  https://shop.usask.ca/
✓ Campus Maps
  https://maps.usask.ca/
✓ Career Services
  https://www.usask.ca/careerservices
✓ Child Care and Parent Resources
  https://students.usask.ca/essentials/housing.php#ChildCare
✓ Confirmation of Enrolment - Available through PAWS
✓ Continuing Education (aka Distance Education)
  https://continuing.usask.ca/
✓ Course Descriptions
  https://catalogue.usask.ca/
✓ Course Offerings Search
  https://banner.usask.ca/StudentRegistrationSsb/ssb/registration
✓ Degree Program Requirements (College of Arts and Science)
  https://programs.usask.ca/arts-and-science/programs.php
✓ DegreeWorks Information
  https://artsandscience.usask.ca/undergraduate/advising/degereeworks.php
✓ Discrimination and Harassment Prevention
✓ Exam Schedules
  https://students.usask.ca/academics/exams.php
✓ Finances and Awards (see also Scholarships, Bursaries and Awards)
  https://teaching.usask.ca/about/units/student-finance-and-awards.php
✓ First Year Students (includes link to First Year Student Handbook)
  https://artsandscience.usask.ca/undergraduate/info/firstyear/
✓ Frequently Asked Questions from Students
  https://artsandscience.usask.ca/academics/advisor/degree-planning/faq.php
✓ Frequently Used Forms
  https://students.usask.ca/forms.php
✓ Funding Resources (Government, External)
  http://www.canlearn.ca/eng/index.shtml
✓ Graduation – Online Application
  https://students.usask.ca/academics/graduation.php
✓ High School Transcripts (Saskatchewan Ministry of Education)
  https://www.k12.gov.sk.ca/etranscript/
✓ Huskies Athletics
  http://huskies.usask.ca/
✓ Indigenous Student Achievement Pathways
  https://artsandscience.usask.ca/indigenous/isap.php
✓ International Student and Study Abroad Centre
  https://students.usask.ca/international/issac.php
✓ Math and Statistics Help
  https://library.usask.ca/studentlearning/math-help.php
✓ Orientation
  https://students.usask.ca/events/orientation.php
✓ Parking
  https://parking.usask.ca/
✓ Prospective Students
  https://artsandscience.usask.ca/undergraduate/info/prospective.php
✓ Registration Information
  https://students.usask.ca/academics/classes.php
✓ Residence
  https://livewithus.usask.ca/
✓ Scholarships, Bursaries, and Awards
   https://admissions.usask.ca/money/scholarships.php
✓ Protective Services
   https://www.usask.ca/protectiveservices/
✓ Safety
   https://students.usask.ca/essentials/be-safe.php
✓ Spring and Summer Session Courses
   https://students.usask.ca/academics/registration/summer.php
✓ Student Central
   https://students.usask.ca/student-central.php
✓ Student Wellness Centre
   https://students.usask.ca/health/centres/wellness-centre.php
✓ Student Wellness Resources
   https://students.usask.ca/health/be-well.php
✓ Study Abroad (see International Student and Study Abroad Centre)
✓ Student Learning Services
   https://library.usask.ca/studentlearning/
✓ Study Skills Help
   https://library.usask.ca/studentlearning/study-skills/index.php
✓ Transcripts - Available through PAWS
✓ Transfer Credits
   https://admissions.usask.ca/requirements/transfer-credit.php
✓ Truth and Reconciliation – Current Initiatives at the U of S
   https://indigenous.usask.ca/
✓ University Learning Charter
   https://teaching.usask.ca/about/policies/learning-charter.php
✓ University of Saskatchewan Transition Entrance Program (USTEP)
   https://artsandscience.usask.ca/undergraduate/about/transition.php
✓ University of Saskatchewan Student Union
   https://ussu.ca/
✓ U-START
   https://students.usask.ca/events/ustart.php
✓ Writing Help
   https://library.usask.ca/studentlearning/writing-help/