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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, and it is also a helpful guide to keep on hand throughout your degree. You’ll notice this Handbook was created by the Undergraduate Student Office, i.e. the ‘UGSO.’ The UGSO is a student support unit in the College of Arts and Science. You can find us in the Arts Tower in room ARTS 265.

At the UGSO, undergraduate students can book an appointment with an academic advisor who will help them navigate their way through their student experience. Academic 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.

The First Year Student Handbook is revised each year by student peer advisors who work in the UGSO. Student peer advisors understand the student experience firsthand. In that sense, this Handbook is written by, for, and about students in the College of Arts and Science.

While this Handbook is comprehensive, it was written before the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, this information may refer to in-person and face-to-face interactions. Please know, student support units at the University of Saskatchewan are open, and classes are going ahead, but the University is operating remotely until further notice.

With this in mind, it’s important that students check the College’s COVID-19 Undergraduate FAQ page and the University’s COVID-19 Updates page on a regular basis. You’ll also receive updates through your PAWS account.

To find out more about academic advising services in the College of Arts and Science, or to book an appointment with an academic advisor, please click here.

Enjoy your first year experience. We’re here to guide you!

Sincerely,

Renée Penney  
Director of Student Advising and Academic Services  
College of Arts and Science
First Year Student Checklist

- Do your research! Read this handbook and explore the Arts & Science website.
- Attend a U-Start registration workshop.
- Send in all of your final transcripts and check your application status (if conditionally accepted).
- 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.
- Browse through the Course and Program Catalogue and check out all of the different degree options within the College of Arts & Science.
- Make an appointment to speak with an academic advisor if you need help choosing courses or have questions about your degree requirements. To make an appointment, please call (306) 966-4231. Appointments are available in person, over the phone, or through Webex.
- Register for your classes on PAWS. First-year students can register as early as Saturday June 13th, 2020 at 9:30 am. Consider registering in a Learning Community or an academic support program as well:
  - Arts & Science Learning Communities - First-year Learning Experience (FLEX): a small group of first-year students who choose to register in a common set of two to four classes. In addition to sharing a common classroom experience in large lectures, students gather as a smaller community in a weekly Learning Community (LC) hour guided by two successful senior student peer mentors. Be sure to register early to reserve your spot! For more information, or to register, contact aslc@usask.ca.
  - Indigenous Student Achievement Pathways (ISAP) Learning Community: a small group of first year Indigenous students who take a common set of courses together and meet weekly with upper year university students called peer mentors. Indigenous students develop a community on campus, improve their academic skills, and set academic and career goals. ISAP is supported by the Trish Monture Centre for Student Success. For more information, or to register, contact tmc@artsandscience.usask.ca.
  - Writing for Academic Success: a for-credit writing skills course focused on grammar and the principles of essay organization and editing. Students learn to apply their grammar knowledge to their writing, increasing its efficiency and effectiveness.
- Discover which textbooks you need using the U of S Bookstore website or PAWS (the My Textbooks menu is found under the Academics channel).
- Find a place to live (if you are not living at home). There are many on-campus and off-campus housing options. Students interested in residence are encouraged to apply early!
Apply for government student loans, grants, and/or scholarships to assist you with tuition and other education costs.

Get connected at Welcome Week and attend the university-wide Orientation on September 2, 2020.

Consider getting involved in campus life! Join a club or group, volunteer, or participate in recreation activities – there’s something for everyone!

Opt out of the University of Saskatchewan Student’s Union (USSU) Student Health and Dental Plan if you have alternative coverage.

Order your University of Saskatchewan student card online or in-person at the U of S Bookstore; and then you will be able to get your Saskatoon Transit U-Pass at the Information Centre in Upper Place Riel.

Explore study abroad opportunities and consider building one into your degree. Studying abroad is a fantastic opportunity to live in a foreign country, experience another culture, and gain global insight.
## Important Dates to Remember in 2020-2021

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Getting Oriented

Explore the University’s Online Resources
The U of S website contains a wealth of valuable information. Here are a few links to get you started:

- **U of S Students’ website**: your one stop destination for current U of S students. This is the place to go for registration tutorials, information on exams, transcripts, tuition and fees, scholarships, student loans, and student support services. You can also find information for new, Indigenous, and international students.

- **Course and Program Catalogue**: see the degree requirements for all U of S programs. You can check out exactly which courses you need to complete a degree from any college/department on campus.

- **Arts & Science homepage**: find information on the College of Arts & Science, including academic advising contacts, a list of departments and programs, and current research facilities.

- **Arts & Science Learning Communities**: learn about the College of Arts & Science Learning Communities (LC). Find the best LC for you by exploring course combinations connected to your career and program goals.

- **Student Learning Services at the University Library**: access a variety of resources to help you be successful academically, including study skills workshops, math and stats help, and a drop-in writing centre.

- **Study Abroad**: discover the various ways to study abroad, whether it be a term or class abroad. You can also find a list of the different countries that have educational agreements with the U of S.

Events and Info Sessions
University orientation and information sessions can help you begin your journey at the university. Before registration opens, you and your parents can attend free U-Start registration workshop, held across western Canada throughout May and June. You will be introduced to PAWS (Personalized Access to Web Services), course registration, and a wide variety of on campus resources including housing, transition programs, and more. On September 2, 2020, right before school starts, you can also attend the campus-wide Orientation for all new students. This is a great opportunity for you to meet new friends, get important academic information, learn more about student life, find your classrooms, and get your student card. Additional orientation activities are also available for Indigenous and international students. Other groups on campus, such as the University of Saskatchewan Students’ Union (USSU), also organize welcome activities in September, such as Welcome Week. Be sure to check out the university’s event calendar.

Contact an Academic Advisor
Confused about what to take in your first year? Wondering which Learning Community is for you? Not sure how to get into a professional college? Having problems with a course? Talk to an academic advisor if you need help choosing courses, have questions about your degree requirements, or want to chat with someone about any academic problems you are facing. To make an appointment with an academic advisor call (306) 966-4231 (toll-free 1844 966 4231) or drop by ARTS 265.
**Undergraduate Student Office (Arts 265)**

The Undergraduate Student Office is a one stop shop for students in the College of Arts & Science. This is the place to go if you have questions about university or your academics, need to defer a final exam or request a graduation check, or you would like to see an academic advisor. Academic advisors help students determine which classes to take to obtain a specific degree or to apply to a professional college. They also advise on many academic issues including academic appeals for retroactive withdrawals, strategies to address academic difficulty, DegreeWorks, and more. They can help you develop a plan for the rest of the term and refer you to different resources and support services on and off campus. For more information call (306) 966-4231 (toll-free 1844 966 4231) or email student-advice@artsandscience.usask.ca.

**Trish Monture Centre for Student Success (Arts 250)**

The Trish Monture Centre for Student Success (aka, the ‘TMC’) supports Indigenous Student Achievement Pathways (ISAP) and it is the home of the University Transition Program (UTRAN).

In the TMC, Indigenous student advisors offer holistic academic advising, they provide information about on-campus and community-based Indigenous programs, they assist students with course selection, and they work closely with post-secondary coordinators. For more information, contact tmc@artsandscience.usask.ca.

The Transition Program provides a supportive and close-knit learning environment that helps students make the jump from high school to university. Students in the Transition Program register in a maximum of 18 credit units from the UTRAN Learning Communities course clusters. Academic Coaches in the UTRAN Program lead weekly ‘coaching hours’ to help students navigate academic challenges, while Peer Mentors help students to build community. For more information, or to register, please contact utran@artsandscience.usask.ca.

**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.

**Class/Course**

The terms “class” and “course” are often used interchangeably.

**Course Description**

Course descriptions, found in the Course and Program Catalogue, give you information about a particular course, such as the course name, number, credit units (c.u.) and the term(s) in which it is offered.
**Course Reference Number (CRN)**

The Course Reference Number (CRN) is a unique 5 digit number assigned to each class section for the purpose of registration. You will need to know the corresponding CRN for each course section (e.g. lecture, lab, tutorial, and seminar) in which you wish to register. You can register more quickly by entering these numbers directly into PAWS instead of searching for each section during your registration session.

**Credit Unit (cu.)**

A value assigned to a course which indicates its relative weight within the student program. Credit units define 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. A frequent criterion used in judging credit units is the expected student effort in the course or hours of instruction. Normally, courses that span one term have a weight of three (3) credit units (e.g., SOC 111.3) while courses that take two terms to complete have a weight of six (6) credit units (e.g., ENG 110.6).

**Cumulative Weighted Average (CWA)**

Your cumulative weighted average or CWA, calculated as a percentage, is a general indicator of your academic performance. A CWA is based on two factors: the grade you receive in a course, and the number of credit units the course is worth. This won’t be relevant until after your first term once your grades are posted, and further on into your studies.

**Exchanges**

Students are able to do one or two terms abroad at an institution that has an exchange agreement with the U of S, allowing students to pay tuition to the U of S while attending the partner university. An exchange is a fantastic way for students to study their degree program at another university.
**Full-Time Student**  
At the University of Saskatchewan, an undergraduate student is considered full-time if they are registered in 9 or more credit units **per term** during regular session (September to April). Students can use this loans page to determine if their spring and summer registration meets the criteria to be considered full-time.

Students with a permanent disability who are approved for a reduced course load will be considered full-time students when taking 6 credit units per term.

Please note that the definition of full-time can vary depending on the institution and government agency you are involved with. When dealing with issues such as student loans or visas, make sure to check directly with the applicable agency or institution to determine how many credit units must be taken for them to consider a student full-time.

**Graduation Standards**  
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.

**Independent Studies**  
Independent Studies courses are offered through Distance Education, giving students the flexibility to take U of S courses regardless of where they live. Students receive a course guide outlining required assignments and readings. These courses may use audio or video tapes, CDs, DVDs, and online resources. When registering, class section numbers beginning with X are Independent Studies classes.

**Internships**  
Internships allow students to gain valuable work experience while pursuing their degree. An internship is a period of extended and intensive field study experience. Internships are done through specific departments and can be arranged by that department. They are not always for U of S credit, but they will show up on a student’s transcript.

**Junior Level Courses**  
Courses numbered in the range of 100 to 199. These courses are usually general introduction courses, or courses that introduce core subject material and serve as prerequisites to senior-level courses in that subject.

**Lab**  
A lab accompanies lecture and/or tutorial time to allow for more practical/hands-on work. In a biology class, for example, a scientific experiment may be performed, whereas in a drama class, set and prop construction may be the purpose of the lab. Labs must be attended as well! See diagram on p. 9 under the entry for “Course Description” to learn how to tell if a class has a lab or not.

**Lecture**  
A lecture refers to class time which is structured 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. Please note this is not true of the spring/summer sessions. Night classes will also have a different structure. Please pay attention to the day and time of your classes during class registration.

Network Services ID (NSID) 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 numbers (e.g., abc123). Students can 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 is a customizable web environment used by all members of the university community. It contains a variety of web-based tools and 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/Blackboard Learn, 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 Students’ grades are reviewed each year and 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 (for a total of 24 credit units in the regular session, Sept-April).

Promotion Standards The minimum CWAs (cumulative weighted averages) required each academic year so a student can progress through their studies without being required to discontinue.

Quarter Quarters are condensed academic periods of study during the spring and summer session. Some courses are offered in a time-intensive format over a period of one month (instead of the regular four-month term). Spring and summer terms are broken down as follows:

  Quarter 1 – May
  Quarter 2 – June
  Quarter 3 – July
Quarter 4 – August

**Regular Session**

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

**Remote Delivery**

If a course is offered 'remotely' it means it is not delivered in a classroom or in-person. Instead, students will interact with their instructor and their classmates online. If the course is remote and 'synchronous,' it means students must be online on specific days and times. If the course is remote and 'asynchronous,' it means students will not have scheduled days and times to meet. A lot of courses that are delivered remotely will be both synchronous and asynchronous.

**Required to**

Students’ grades are reviewed each year and if they do not satisfy minimum promotion standards (see above), they may be required to discontinue their studies for one year. Students cannot register in any courses in their College while an RTD is in effect.

**Discontinue**

Differentiates between 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. Generally, for 3 c.u. courses, odd-numbered sections are in the fall term (term 1); even-numbered sections are in the winter term (term 2).

**Senior Level Courses**

Courses identified with numbers in the range of 200 to 499. Senior level courses involve a more in-depth look at subject areas and commonly require junior level course prerequisites or a certain number of credit units completed at university.

**Spring/Summer Session**

Pertains to the time period between May and August, and is made up of the spring term (May-June) and the summer term (July-Aug).

**Syllabus**

Also referred to as a course outline, the syllabus is like a contract of sorts. It outlines the instructor’s expectations of students while also ensuring students are given the opportunity to meet those expectations. It will state required and recommended learning materials, a week-by-week schedule of topics, readings, assignments, and the like; grade-weights of coursework, due dates for assignments, midterm dates, the instructor’s late policy, the instructor’s contact information and office hours, and important College policies. Just as the syllabus is a way of communicating expectations, it also protects student rights in that there are rules about what types of changes are allowed to be made to the syllabus after the course starts and how these changes can and cannot be made. Students should inform themselves of their rights and responsibilities alike. Additionally, syllabus is also an important learning document and should be referred to regularly throughout the term.
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| Term | Used to refer 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 |
| Term Abroad | Allows U of S students to take preselected U of S (or equivalent) courses abroad. This program is the duration of a full term and incorporates 15 credit units of U of S courses in another country. |
| Tutorial | A tutorial is a weekly discussion-based session that can accompany lectures for certain courses. Tutorials can be led by the professor or a senior or graduate student and are often used to clarify or further explore specific concepts taught in class. Tutorials must be attended as well! See the graphic on p.10 under the entry for “Course Description” to learn how to tell if a course has a tutorial or not. |
| Web Based Class | A course that is delivered primarily through the internet. They usually include a web interface where students can access course content, reading materials, and participate in online discussions or quizzes. When registering, class section numbers beginning with a W are online classes. |
| Linked | A course that is linked is a course that requires an additional class that must be registered in (such as a lab, a tutorial, or seminar). |
The Basics

Biking
Biking is a very convenient way to get to the university in the spring, summer, and fall. Winter biking is possible, but take extra precautions like installing studded tires on your bike. Bike racks are located throughout campus, and you should be able to find a spot near any building you have classes in. Make sure to bring a sturdy lock and ensure that quick-release tires and seats are also secured. The university has 16 bike lockers available to rent, each with a locking mechanism and padlock. There is also bike storage for rent at various locations across campus. Please note that bicycles are considered a vehicle and riders must abide by all traffic laws on campus and throughout Saskatoon. If you are an avid rider, you may want to check out the Bridge City Bicycle Co-op to learn some maintenance skills and connect with other cycling enthusiasts. For on-the-go bicycle repairs, there is a tool station hear the midpoint of the Arts, Thorvaldson, and Murray Library buildings.

Campus Safety and Emergencies
If you see suspicious activity, or if something of yours is stolen on campus, report it to Protective Services by calling (306) 966-5555 (or just 5555 from any campus phone). Protective Services also operates a lost and found. In case of an emergency call 911 or 9-911 from any campus phone.

Childcare
The University of Saskatchewan Students’ Union (USSU) Childcare Centre is operated independently as an affiliated organization. The USSU childcare center has two locations with 156 childcare spaces in total. For more information call (306) 966-2777.

The U of S offers Campus Daycare located in the Education building. It provides childcare to staff, faculty, and students, and has room for 44 children between 30 and 60 months (two and a half to six years old). There is a waiting list when all the spots are filled, so call early. For more information email campus.daycare@usask.ca or call (306) 966-7807.

In the event that on-campus daycare programs are full, you may wish to use a licensed childcare provider from the city. It is important to select a licensed childcare provider to ensure the safest and highest quality care for your child. The Government of Saskatchewan provides an up-to-date listing of licensed childcare providers in Saskatoon. The government also offers a monthly subsidy to meet the costs of licensed child care. This funding goes directly to child care facilities in order to reduce the fee charged to eligible parents. As such, eligible parents may enroll their children in a government subsidized childcare program at a reduced rate. To be eligible for a child care subsidy, individuals must have a child under the age of 13, be Canadian citizens or permanent residents of Canada, be residents of Saskatchewan, and have a valid reason for care (employment, school, special medical needs etc.). For more information about government subsidized childcare please visit their website or call 1-800-667-7155.

Computers
Students can use a number of university computer labs on-campus by logging in with their NSID and password, although some may be restricted to students in specific colleges. All students have access to computers at U of S library locations. The College of Arts & Science also maintains a large number of computer labs in various buildings across campus.
Students can rent laptops for periods of about six hours (or until one hour before close) from the library. Each laptop requires a student card to check-out and comes with a carrying case, charger, and mouse (optional). Students can also bring their own laptops and tablets to the university. The U of S has a secure wireless network available to all students using laptops, tablets, or other mobile devices. If you plan on using a laptop or tablet on campus, be sure to read the wireless set-up guide for your device.

Students can print using the university's Campus Print Accounting System (CPAS). Printing costs $0.10 per black and white page or $0.25 per colour page. Every student is automatically given a CPAS account to which they can add printing money. Money can be added using a Student Information Terminal (SIT), by going to the USSU Information Centre in Upper Place Riel, or by visiting any library circulation desk. Students can monitor their printing account using the Student Printing channel on PAWS. To add this channel, click on +Browse Channels in the bottom left hand corner and click on Student Printing under Personal Tools.

Students wanting to purchase a new computer, laptop, tablet, software, printer or other accessories can use Shop USask Tech online, or visit one of two locations on-campus in Marquis Hall and in the Health Studies Building, or off-campus at Preston Crossing.

Students experiencing technical difficulty can contact the ICT Service Desk.

Financial Awards
Students who have not yet completed 18 credit units of university classes are eligible for guaranteed entrance scholarships and competitive entrance awards. Once you complete at least 18 credit units you can apply for U of S continuing scholarships and bursaries. All students may be eligible for awards that are not administered by the university. There are thousands of dollars in student awards available and not all awards are claimed every year, so it never hurts to apply.

Housing
Students can apply to three residence complexes on and near campus. If you'd like to live off campus, the University of Saskatchewan Students’ Union (USSU) operates a housing registry. There are also ads listed online in the PAWS classified ads. Other places to look are classifieds in The Star Phoenix or on Kijiji. Off campus housing isn’t regulated by the university, so read the City of Saskatoon Housing Handbook to be aware of your rights and responsibilities.

Parking
Students living in Voyageur Place, McEown Park, College Quarter, Lutheran and Sheptytsky residences can purchase parking via the residence housing portal until August 1st. If you don’t live in one of these residences you must enter the online parking sale on PAWS from May 1 at 8:00 am to August 21 at 10 am to get a parking permit. If you don’t see the Parking channel on PAWS, click on the +Browse Channels button on the bottom left hand corner of the page to add it. If you obtain a spot you can collect your parking pass from Parking and Transportation Services in the Animal Science Building. Bring your valid student card and method of payment (no cheques) when you go to pick up your permit. If you do not obtain a spot there is a second chance online sale, which is only for those who
were unsuccessful with the first online sale. In the event that you do not get a parking spot and you absolutely need one, the University of Saskatchewan Students’ Union (USSU) offers a Designated Parking Program for students with exceptional circumstances.

If you don’t have a parking permit you can park at meters on campus. Most meters have a four-hour limit during the day. Parking and Transportation Services enforces meters very strictly. Stadium Parkade (on College Drive across from the PAC) offers hourly parking with a $12.50 maximum during weekdays in the fall and winter terms. There are also automated hourly rate parking lots across campus. Much of the residential area around campus has time limits on parking. These limits are enforced. Park here at your own risk.

Student Cards
You can order your student card online or in person at the U of S Bookstore Card Office, located in Marquis Hall*. Use the link provided to fill out the online form; or stop by the U of S Bookstore.

What you need to order your ID card online:
- Be registered for classes a minimum of two days prior to requesting a student ID card
- The photo must be a close-up of your head and shoulders shot on a plain light background with direct view of your face so that your face covers approximately 65% to 75% of the photo
- Photo must be in .jpg file format and should be less than 2MB
- Provide your First name, Last name, and address along with your NSID or Student Number along with your photo
- We also ask that headwear be removed unless it is worn for medical or religious reasons

New campus ID cards typically take 2-3 business days to complete and are available for pick-up in person at the Card Office. When you pick-up your card, you’ll need to show government issued photo-identification such as a driver's license or passport.

As a registered student, your first card is free. Additional replacement cards/lost cards will be issued at a cost of $20.00. If the information on the campus ID card is worn or if the card is cracked, the fee will be waived. You do not require a new campus ID card every year. Your card is automatically activated when you register in at least one class. Even if you are not enrolled in classes for a year or two, your card is reactivated when your return, so hold on to that card in the meantime. For more information, visit the link provided.

Student Health and Dental Plan
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Full-time students starting classes in September are automatically enrolled in the Student Health and Dental Plan. Part-time students and full-time students starting classes in January who would like to be enrolled in the plan must opt in during the change of coverage period. You can also enroll a spouse and/or dependents in the plan. If you are enrolled in the plan, undergrad health and dental plan fees will appear on your student account in PAWS along with your tuition.
If you have other insurance coverage though parents, guardians, a spouse/partner, or on your own, you may be able to opt out of the plan (enter USSU as your student association and look for the opt out link). Students who opt out of the plan must provide proof of other insurance coverage during the change of coverage period in September.

For more information, you can visit the Health and Dental Plan Office in Place Riel across from the USSU Information Centre.

**Student Loans**
When students think of student loans they typically mean government student loans. Government student loans are a legal agreement between a student, the federal government, and their provincial government. The university does not handle applications for student loans. You must apply online to your provincial student loans office. You can review the website for [Saskatchewan Student Loans](https://www.studentaid.sk.ca) or call 1-888-815-4514 for information regarding your loan application, including provincial residency requirements. You can also find student loans information on the [U of S Students’ website](https://www.usask.ca/grams/graduate/student-aid/).

**Textbooks**
You can look up the required textbooks for your courses on PAWS (click on the Academics channel to access the My Textbooks menu) or on the [bookstore website](https://www.bookstore.usask.ca). Make sure to check the section number of your courses so that you get the right books. You can choose to beat the rush and get your textbooks before classes begin; going early could also increase your chances of finding used books. Some students wait until they see the syllabus to see how often a textbook will be used in a class, or if it is available from the library, before purchasing their books.

You may be able to find used copies of some of your textbooks. Make sure to check with your instructors to see if older editions of textbooks will work. The bookstore sells used copies of some books. You can also check out the classified ads on PAWS. Students will also post ads for used books outside classrooms and in high traffic areas, like the tunnel between Place Riel and Arts.

If you’d like to sell used textbooks, the university bookstore operates a buyback at the end of both fall and winter terms. You can also place a classified ad on PAWS, or place a poster on a bulletin board outside classrooms or busy areas like the Arts tunnel. Make sure to get approval from the right student society when posting on a bulletin board. If you are unsure of who can approve your posters, check with either the [Arts & Science Students’ Union Office (ASSU)](https://www.assu.usask.ca) or the [USSU Information Centre](https://www.usask.ca/ussu) on the main floor of Place Riel.

**Tuition and Fees**
Your tuition and fees for fall term are due on the last business day of September. For winter term, your tuition and fees are due the last business day of January. Students with past-due balances are charged monthly late payment fees equal to 1.5% and will have a hold placed on their student account. This means that the student cannot access grades, will not receive transcripts, and will not be eligible for registration in additional classes until all overdue accounts have been cleared with the university (although students with holds can still drop courses if needed). You
can view your tuition and fees by logging into PAWS using your NSID and password. Using the search bar at the top of the screen, search for and click on the Academics channel and then Tuition and Fees and finally Account Summary by Term.

There are several ways to pay your tuition and fees, including online banking, MasterCard, in-person cash, cheque, or debit card payments, or via the mail through a cheque or money order. If you receive funding from a band or other agency and have any questions you should check with Student Accounts and Treasury, located in room E40 of the Administration Building. If you receive a scholarship from the U of S it will be added to your student account on PAWS. If your scholarship is not added to your account please check with Student Central in the Administration Building. Typical reasons for a scholarship not being added include not having your final high school transcripts sent to Admissions or not being registered in at least 9 credit units of classes in both the fall and winter terms.

**U-Pass**
The U-Pass provides U of S students with unlimited access to Saskatoon Transit during the fall and winter terms. Students registered in spring and summer courses may also use the U-Pass during those months. The U-Pass is a part of your student card. Just place your student card on the scanner when you enter a bus; the scanner will even read your U-Pass if you leave your student card in your wallet! Your U-Pass can be activated / reactivated at the USSU Information Centre on the main level of Place Riel about two weeks before the start of each term. The line gets very long the first few days of each term, so if you can, go a few days before classes start. The U-Pass is listed on your student account in PAWS as the USSU Saskatoon Transit Fee.

You can opt out of the U-Pass for a limited number of reasons: if you live in on-campus residence (only Voyageur Place, Ogle Hall, St. Andrew’s and Luther Residence are considered on-campus), live outside of Saskatoon city limits, are enrolled exclusively in distance education classes, or have a disability parking permit or bus pass. You will have to provide proof at the USSU Information Centre to be exempted. There is a deadline in each term to be exempted from the U-Pass.
Deciphering Your Degree

Degrees Offered by the College of Arts & Science
The College of Arts & Science offers a wide variety of degree options to students. Although not mandatory for earning a degree, most options allow students to complete a minor, recognition, specialization, or certificate within their degree requirements.

About the Course and Program Catalogue
You’ll see a lot of references to the “Course and Program Catalogue” in this Handbook! The 2020-2021 University of Saskatchewan Course and Program Catalogue is the official resource for students to find out exactly what courses they need to take to earn their degree. It contains the most up-to-date information on college policies, course descriptions, degree requirements, and programs offered in the College of Arts & Science. Familiarizing yourself with the Course and Program Catalogue can help answer questions you may have about what courses to take, what subject you should major in, and what CWA you need to maintain to apply for an Honors program or to graduate. You can also find out about Academic Policies in the College of Arts and Science.

You can use the information in this section to start thinking about the type of degree you want to pursue.

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Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) or Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) Three Year: These degrees allow students to pursue careers requiring completion of a recognized undergraduate level degree in any discipline. Students may also take a three-year degree to complement a professional program. Students applying to a non-direct entry college in their senior years, such as Dentistry, Law, or Pharmacy, often find these degrees a good fit while they complete their required prerequisite courses and/or years of study.

The Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) and Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) Four Year: Students in four-year degree programs must fulfill more senior level major requirements as well as more senior level elective requirements compared to three-year degrees. Four-year degrees are the most commonly pursued degree in Arts & Science.

The Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) and Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) Honours: Students who would like more intensive training and who meet the higher cumulative weighted average (CWA) requirements may complete an Honours degree. Students must complete more major related courses and less electives than in the four-year degree. Honours degrees are especially suitable for students who plan to study at the graduate level (Masters or Ph.D.). Students can apply to the Honours program once they complete a minimum of 60 credit units with a CWA of at least 70% overall and in the subject of their Honours.

The Bachelor of Arts and Science (B.A. & Sc.) Four-year or Honours: Students will have the opportunity to study a program with major requirements in both an Arts and a Science subject. The B.A. & Sc. Honours degrees are subject to the same criteria as the Honours degrees listed above.

The Bachelor of Music (B.Mus.) or Bachelor of Music (B.Mus.) Honours: Students can choose to specialize in a number of different fields. Incoming students applying to the B.Mus. degree must complete an interview, an audition, and a theory placement exam. Students interested in one of these degrees are strongly encouraged to meet with the Department of Music to review specific admission procedures.

The Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) Honours: Students interested in completing the B.F.A. Honours degree can choose between the areas of Drama (120 credit units) and Studio Art (120 credit units plus exhibition). Students interested in this degree are strongly encouraged to meet with an advisor in the Department of Art & Art History or Drama to review specific admission procedures.

Program Types and Majors
Your major is the subject area you choose to specialize in. It is also the subject or program area where you will take the majority of your courses. With over 60 options to choose from, the College of Arts & Science is sure to have something that piques your interest- but where to start?

You may already know which area you wish to major in, or you may have only been able to narrow it down to a program type. You do not have to choose your major right now, but if there are subject or program areas you are interested in, it is important to take introductory courses in those areas in your first year. This way, you will have the required prerequisites to take senior-level courses in these areas in your later years of study. The following are subject areas that you can major in, listed by program type.

If you don’t know what type of degree you want to pursue, don’t panic! You do not have to decide right now, and you can always change your mind if your original choice is not right for you. Interesting tidbit – a study by
Campbell Ungar & Dutton (2008) found that 60% of post-secondary students graduate from a different program than the one they start in.

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<td>C</td>
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<td>B.Sc.</td>
<td>Applied Mathematics Archaeology Biochemistry Biochemistry, Microbiology &amp; Immunology* Bioinformatics* Biology Biomedical Foundations Biomedical Neuroscience</td>
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*Denotes interdisciplinary majors

For more detailed information on the programs and majors offered by the College of Arts and Science, please refer to the [Course and Program Catalogue](#).

**Minors and Language Recognitions**

Students may also choose to complete a minor in a subject area or receive recognition in a language. Minors and recognitions must be completed in conjunction with an Arts & Science degree. To complete a minor, students must complete 18–24 credit units, as outlined by the department, in that subject area. **Minors are not available in all departments and are not required to receive a degree.** Recognition in a language is available upon completion.
of 18 credit units as required by the Department of Languages, Literatures, & Cultural Studies. For more information students should consult the online [Course and Program Catalogue](#) or consult the department they are seeking a minor or recognition in.

**Degree Level Certificate Programs**
Degree Level Certificate programs allow students to earn a credential in a focused area of study. Certificate programs may be completed alone or concurrently with a degree. Program requirements vary from 15 to 30 total credit units. A list of certificates can be found within the [Course and Program Catalogue](#).

**Exploring degrees**
A great way to explore degrees is to look at the [Course and Program Catalogue](#). Degrees are organized by subject. When you click on the subject, you’ll see the different types of degrees you can choose from. Click on a degree and the full list of requirements will be visible. To explore your options, choose a major that sounds interesting from the programs list. You can then click on the degree options and requirements for that program. You can even click on classes for a course description, prerequisites, and more information.
Choosing Courses

How do I choose?!
Now that you understand degrees and their various requirements, you can select your courses for the upcoming year. First year students in the College of Arts & Science are often surprised at the range of options and choices they have for courses to take. These charts and tips can help you choose courses to create an education all your own!

Course Selection Chart by Potential Major
The following chart has some recommendations for first year course selection based on potential major areas. Please note that these are suggestions based on the junior level prerequisites needed for senior level degree requirements in a particular major.

Always keep in mind that students are not required to enroll in a full course load (15 c.u. per term) and should only take what they feel they can handle. *We strongly recommend students do not register for more than two lab courses per term in their first year.*

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  ○ ARCH 116.3  ○ 100 level ENG  
  ○ CLAS 110.3  ○ 100 level HIST                                                                                                                                  |
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**What to take if you don’t know what you want to take?**!

If you are uncertain about what major you are most interested in, it is a good idea to take a variety of courses to keep your options open! By taking an assortment of courses, you will be able to choose from a variety of subjects to major in later on. And 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 other degree requirements if you later decide to pursue a certain major. *Students can also meet with an academic advisor to discuss course selection. To schedule an appointment, call the UGSO at (306) 966-4231, toll free: 1844-966 4231 or email student-advice@artsandscience.usask.ca.*

**AN EXPLORATORY YEAR OF CLASSES**

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For more information on specific academic requirements, consult the [Course and Program Catalogue](#).

**Course Load**

First year students are usually surprised by the amount of time and effort that university courses require. *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!

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, and extracurricular activities.

**Most class 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.

Some courses include labs and tutorials that are scheduled outside of class time, so students must also factor this time commitment into their schedules. When exploring classes, be sure to take note of whether the courses include lab and/or tutorial components!

In order for students to be successful in a course, a general rule of thumb is that you should spend about 2-3 hours on out-of-class course work for every 1 hour spent in class. For example, a class that meets 3 hours per week will usually require the completion of 6-9 hours of course work outside of the lecture time, plus the possible addition of a tutorial or lab component. For 5 classes per term or a full course load, that is 30-45 hours per week of outside course work and 15 hours spent within the lecture setting. At 45-60 hours per week, being a successful student is equivalent to holding a full-time job!

Because of the significant time commitment university requires, many students may limit the number of courses they take in their first year.

A few more tips to keep in mind

- Please note that many students take more than three years to complete a Three-year degree or more than four years to complete a Four-year or Honours degree. Students may enroll in fewer courses per term so they have more time to focus on their courses, work part-time, or participate in extra-curricular activities.

- In your first year, it’s best to limit your lab-based courses to no more than two per semester. The reason being, 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.

- If you feel uncomfortable taking a course to meet a certain requirement in your first year, you can always take it at a later time. For example, if you are interested in majoring in Political Studies and are hesitant to take a Science course in your first year, don’t. The only thing to be aware of is that certain courses may be prerequisites for upper year courses. So when you are planning your course selection, keep in mind how it will affect your registration options for the next year.

- On the flip side, some majors require first year students to take multiple courses in the sciences in their first year of study. When creating your timetable, keep in mind that many science courses also have weekly labs and tutorials in addition to their lecture times. This means that for some 3 credit courses, you might actually be spending 6+ hours in class per week – that’s the same time commitment as two courses! It is therefore recommended that first year students take no more than 6-9 credit units in lab-based courses per semester to start. If you are fulfilling admission requirements for another college, you may not have as much choice in selecting your courses for your first year.
Most departments will not permit students to take more than 6 credit units at the junior (100) level in one subject area. For example, students who take ENG 110.6 are not eligible to take any of the 3 credit unit 100-level ENG courses.

When registering, it is always important to check the prerequisites for your courses (if applicable) to ensure you have completed them. Some 100 level courses have Grade 12 or junior level university prerequisites. Students who enroll in (and even complete) courses that they do not have the prerequisites for are at risk of being dropped from the course at any time or having the credit revoked.

To view course descriptions and prerequisites for any course offered by the University of Saskatchewan, go to Course Descriptions. Choose the subject area you are interested in from the Subject Code drop down menu and click Search. You will now be able to view all classes offered in the selected subject area and their prerequisites. It’s important to note that not all of the courses listed will be offered every term or every year. See p.10 to learn how to read a course description.

Approved Arts & Science courses can include any course offered through a department within the College of Arts & Science. Some courses from other colleges will transfer automatically towards an Arts & Science degree. For a complete list of courses from other colleges that count for credit, please see this list.
Get Registered!

Searching the Course Offerings

The course offerings or class search function allows you to search for a specific course in a specific term. This will generate a list of the dates and times a course/lab/tutorial will be offered in a specific term, the name of the instructor (if available), the location of the class (if available), and the Course Registration Number (CRN) needed for registration.

- Click here to access the course offerings search.
- Select the appropriate term from the drop-down menu – “2020 Fall Term” for courses that take place from September to December 2020 and September 2020 to April 2021 or “2021 Winter Term” for courses that take place from January to April 2020. Click Continue.
- Select the subject that you are interested in. Entering in a course number is optional. If you want to see all offerings for a subject, leave this field blank and it will generate a list of every course offered that term for that subject. If you are interested in all 100 level courses, you can type in “1%” and it will generate only the 100 level courses offered that term.
- Be sure to select “U of S – Saskatoon Main Campus” to narrow the search down to classes offered on the Saskatoon Campus, otherwise you could end up registering for a course in Yorkton or Prince Albert by accident! The only exception to this would be if you are interested in searching for an independent studies or online offering of a course. To view independent studies and online courses, you would need to select “Off-campus site” as the campus.
- You can now browse through the courses offered. If you find a course with a date/time you are interested in, be sure to copy down the CRN for fast registration later! To view a brief description of the course and prerequisites required, you can click on the CRN for each course.

Understanding Search Results
- Title—The name of a class, which describes briefly what it is about.
• CRN—A number unique to one section or offering of a particular class in a particular term.
• Subject—The subject name, such as ENG for English or CHEM for Chemistry.
• Course Number—Denotes the level of a particular class.
• Section—One offering of a particular class at certain times on certain days of the week. There will be many sections of junior-level courses offered at different times to suit students’ schedules.
• Credit Unit—The number of credit units a course is worth that count towards your degree.
• Campus—The location the class is offered. USask offers classes across Saskatchewan.
• Meeting Times—The day(s) of the week a class is offered and the scheduled start and end times for the class.
• Instructor—The name of the person who will teach the class.
• Availability—The number of seats that are available and if the class has a linked lab, seminar or tutorial that you must also register in.
• Reserved Seats—The number of reserved and unreserved seats.
• Attribute—More information about the class.
• Linked—Alerts to the need to register in an additional class (such as a lab, a seminar, or a tutorial),

Creating Your Schedule
Once you know what courses you want to take, you should create a timetable with your course selections. Make sure that you have not picked courses that are offered at the same time. You must also include lab and tutorial times in your timetable. You can use the Course Offerings tool mentioned above to check the exact days/times during the week that lecture/lab/tutorial sections will be offered.

As a general guideline for students who are planning to take a “full course load” (30 credit units during regular session), you may wish to take three courses on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and two courses on Tuesday and Thursday. This way you will have approximately three hours of lecture time a day. Please be advised that you must schedule your labs and tutorials outside of your course times. Tutorials and labs usually require mandatory attendance and are often essential tools to successfully complete a course. Off-campus courses are scheduled in the morning, afternoon, or evening. Make sure that you make your schedule flexible. You may not get into a course or lab that you want, so provide yourself with alternate times/options.

It is suggested that you schedule your courses around the time of day you find learning easiest. If you are not a morning person, do not schedule all of your courses for 8:30 am! It is also possible to schedule your courses back to back. Professors will let the class out with enough time to get to another class. Try not to schedule more than three hours of course time back to back, as it is important to leave yourself time for food breaks.

Save draft class schedules using the “Plan Ahead” tool

1. Go to the Registration page in PAWS and select “Register for Classes”.
2. Select “Plan Ahead”.
3. Select the term and continue.
4. You may see plans that were already created for the term.
5. To create a new plan, select “Create a New Plan”.
6. Search for courses or class sections to add to your plan in the "Find Classes" tab.
7. Select the "Created by Others" tab to add courses or class sections to your plan from a plan created by an academic advisor.
8. Select the "Degree Works Plans" tab to add courses or class sections to your plan from a Degree Works plan.
9. Add a course to your plan by selecting “Add Course” or add a class section to your plan by selecting “View Sections”.
   a. If you add courses to your plan, instead of class sections, you will have to search for the class section, from your plan, when you register.
   b. No registration error checking is done in the Plan Ahead tool. Make sure to review prerequisites, registration restrictions, reservations, etc. when choosing your classes for the plan.
10. Once you are done, select "Save Plan".

Registering on PAWS

PAWS is your Personalized Access to Web Services. Use your University of Saskatchewan Network Services Identification (NSID: 3 letters followed by three numbers; e.g., abc123) and password to access this web portal. If you are logging in for the first time, use your NSID and the temporary password provided by email when you first apply.

All students must use PAWS in order to register for their courses, check their email, access class notes, as well as access many other personalized student services. Additional PAWS resources can also be found by selecting help below the log in menu. Training manuals, FAQs, video tutorials, and contacts for IT support are available.

Log into PAWS as soon as possible to check your registration time. Your registration date depends on your year of study. Class registration for fall and winter terms for first year students begins in mid-June! To find your registration date, search for “Registration” using the search bar at the top of the page and select “Registration” in the search results.
We strongly encourage students to register close to their initial access time on PAWS. By registering early, you will have the greatest chance of getting the course times and sections that you want. Some courses, such as BIOL 120.3, will fill up shortly after registration opens. Keep in mind that seats often become available throughout the registration period, so keep checking back to see if something has opened up. Once you are eligible to register click on the Registration link shown below.

The next screen will give you a variety of options related to registration. Here you can add/drop classes, check your registration status, pay your student fees or view your current schedule. To add new courses to your schedule, there are two options.

Option 1: Register from a Plan

1. Go to the Registration page in PAWS and select "Register for Classes".
2. Select "Register for Classes"
3. Select the term you want to register in.
4. Select the "Plans" tab.
   a. Click the arrow button to the left of the plan name to view the details of the plan.
5. To add all classes from the plan to your registration summary, select "Add All".
6. To add one class from your plan to your registration summary, select "Add" to the right of the class.
   b. You can add classes from multiple plans to your registration summary.
   c. If the plan includes courses, select "View Sections" to add a class section to your registration summary.
7. Once your classes have been added to the registration summary, select "Submit" to register.
   d. All error checking will be done at this point (e.g., prerequisites, registration restrictions, reservations and permission).
   e. If you register in one part of a multi-term class, you will be prompted to register in the other part of the multi-term class in order to successfully register in the class.
8. If "registered" highlighted in green is in the status column beside the class, you are registered in the class.
9. If you see "pending" in the status column, you are not registered in the class.
10. If "registered" is highlighted in yellow in the status column, you still need to register in the corresponding half of the multi-term class.
11. When you finish registering for classes, select the "schedule and options tab" and the print icon or the email icon to print or email your schedule. You can also add the classes to your calendar from the email you receive.

Option 2: Register by Entering Course Reference Numbers (CRNs)

1. Go to the Registration page in PAWS and select "Register for Classes".
2. Select "Register for Classes" again.
3. Select the term you want to register in.
4. Search for the classes you would like to register in by selecting the "Find Classes" tab, or select the "Enter CRNs" tab to simply register by adding each class's CRN.
5. Enter the CRNs.
   a. Remember to also enter the CRNs of linked labs, tutorials and seminars.
b. Select “Add to Summary”.

6. Select “Submit” to register.
   c. If you register in one part of a multi-term class, you will be prompted to register in the other part of the multi-term class in order to successfully register in the class.

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8. When you finish registering for classes, select the “schedule and options tab” and the print icon or the email icon to print or email your schedule. You can also add the classes to your calendar from the email you receive.

If you still have questions on how to use PAWS or are having difficulty registering, contact Student Central at (306) 966-1212. Technical support requests for PAWS can be sent to the ICT Service Desk.

Dropping a Course
Once you have registered in a course, you are obligated to pay any assessed fees as long as you remain registered! If you want to drop a course, you must do so on PAWS before the drop deadline. The amount of tuition you receive back for dropped courses depends on when in the term you dropped them. This website shows the registration deadlines for the 2020-21 academic year. It is important to note that:

- Courses dropped before the Deadline for Registration Changes (100% Tuition Credit) will not show up on your transcript.

- Courses dropped after the Deadline for Registration Changes but before the final Withdrawal Deadline will show up on your transcript, but with a grade of “W” (for withdrawal). This will have no bearing on your Cumulative Weighted Average (CWA).

- You cannot drop a course after the Withdrawal Deadline. If you do not write the final examination or complete all course components the course will show up on your transcript as a fail and will count towards your CWA.

- To drop or withdraw from a class: Go to the Registration page in PAWS and select “Register for Classes.” Select "Register for Classes" again. Select the appropriate term. In the Action column by the class, select "Drop class" or "Withdrawal from class" (if the class is a multi-term class, make sure to drop/withdraw the other part of the class as well). Select "Submit."
**DegreeWorks**

DegreeWorks is a degree audit service available to students through PAWS. Students can review where they are in their program, check which courses they still need, and explore how their courses would fit into a different major or program. DegreeWorks gives students instant access to their ongoing degree progress and provides students with the tools they need to make informed choices about their major, minor, and course registration.

As a new student who has not yet started your degree, the opening screen of DegreeWorks will not provide much information. Once you declare a major, the degree requirements for your chosen program will appear on the opening screen. Until that time, you can use the “What If” feature to plan your first courses and review future degree requirements. There are two ways to access this “What If” feature:

**Before you register** you can enter courses you are considering, and DegreeWorks will show you how those courses fit into the degree program of your choice. This is very useful if you want to plan out your courses before registration opens in late June. You can try different course combinations and different degree programs to find the best fit for your upcoming year.

**After you have registered** for your courses, you can use the “What If” feature to see how your courses fit into the degree program of your choice. DegreeWorks slots your courses into the appropriate requirement for the degree program you indicated in your search. You can see what you will have completed by the end of your first year and what you would still need to take in the future. Please note that choosing a major is required to earn a degree, but minors are optional.

To use the “What If” feature:

1. Log into PAWS. On the left-hand menu select “Academics” and then "Academic Profile". From there click on the big green button that says “Map Your Degree Progress – DegreeWorks.”
2. Click on the "What If" feature from the left-hand side bar (shown below). This will take you to a series of drop-down menu items. Any menu item with a red star next to it must be filled out to use this feature.

![Image of DegreeWorks interface](image-url)
3. Choose your desired degree from the “Degree” drop down menu (e.g., “Bachelor of Arts Four-Year” or “Bachelor of Science Three-Year”).

4. Choose it again from the “Program” drop down menu (e.g., “Bachelor of Arts (4 Yr.)” or “Bachelor of Science (3 Yr.).”)

5. Choose a major from the “Major” drop down menu.

6. You can also choose to enter a minor from the “Minor” drop down menu – please note that this field is optional.

7. Choose Arts & Science from the “College” drop down menu.

8. If you have chosen your courses but have not registered yet, input the subject and course numbers of the courses you are thinking of taking (clicking “Add Course” after each one) until they all appear in the box under “Courses you are considering.”

9. Then click “Process What-If” at the top of the screen.

At the top of the screen you will see a box that displays information about you as a student (e.g., student status, NSID, etc.) and the information you inputted into the “What If” feature will be at the top of the screen. If you scroll down you will see an estimated progress bar, degree requirements, and your registered or planned courses placed into these outlined degree requirements.
DegreeWorks also has a number of other features that will become useful as you progress further into your degree. For more information on DegreeWorks you can access the FAQ and Help sections at the top of the screen. You can also book an academic advising appointment to have an advisor go through DegreeWorks with you.

If you require technical support, or if the DegreeWorks channel is not visible under your Academics channel, you can contact the ICT Service Desk.
Frequently Asked Questions

What is the ‘new curriculum’ I’ve been hearing about?

The short answer is, effective May 2020, all NEW students in the College of Arts and Science will be required to follow the new curriculum and complete three specific course areas as part of their degree:
- an English Language Requirement
- an Indigenous Learning Requirement
- a Quantitative Reasoning Requirement

The structure of Arts and Science degrees is also changing from seven requirement areas to five requirement areas. The same number of courses will be required for degrees, they’re just organized a little differently.

A more in-depth explanation of the new Arts and Science curriculum can be found on the following page: https://artsandscience.usask.ca/college/curriculumrenewal/#introduction.

Are students allowed to make audio recordings of lectures for personal use?

This depends on the professor. You must ask the permission of your professor before you make a video or audio recording of any lecture, tutorial, etc. as the spoken content is considered the intellectual property of the instructor.

Are there labs or tutorials the first week of school?

Labs typically begin in the second week of classes. However, you should check this with your professor, or check for a course outline or syllabus in the Course Tools section of PAWS, as it will include a lecture and lab/tutorial schedule.

Can I still join a Learning Community after registration has begun?

Yes – although we strongly recommend that students sign up for a Learning Community to guarantee their spot before course registration begins in June. Once registration opens, registration for a Learning Community will be based on the availability of remaining spaces.

Can I take classes at other universities while I am a student at the U of S?

Yes, but you should apply for Visiting Student status first. This involves coming to the Undergraduate Student Office in Arts 265 to pick up a request form, filling it out, and submitting it along with a course description or syllabus of the course you intend to take. 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 count toward your degree or not. If it won’t, this enables you to select and re-submit a different course for pre-approval.

Can you tell me which professors are “good”?

All professors at the University of Saskatchewan are highly qualified in their fields and greatly interested in the subject areas that they teach. While some teachers are more charismatic or entertaining than others, the fact is that what makes a teacher good often has a lot to do with the “fit” between the ways the student learns and the instructor’s teaching style. It will be more helpful to you in the long run to reflect on your learning needs as a
student. How do you learn most effectively? How do you take in and organize information? Are there types of knowledge that are easier for you to learn than others? Knowing these things about yourself will enable you to learn and study effectively, regardless of whether or not the instructor teaches in a way that is intuitive to you. For help with learning and study strategies, visit the Student Learning Services website and peruse their online resources, stop in and see them in person at Murray 106, or sign up for a workshop (workshops September – April only).

Do I have to do a four-year degree in four years?
No. The “Four Year” in a Four-year Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree refers to the amount of time it would take a student to complete the degree if they were registered in a full course load, from September to April, for all four years. It is not a maximum amount of time allowed to complete the degree, or a deadline of any kind. In fact, a large number of students choose to take fewer than five courses per term because they are also working part-time, thus extending the length of their degree by a term or two.

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. That being said, professors and TAs are usually less inclined to provide help to students who have decided to regularly skip class or are requesting help the night before an exam.

How do I access my class notes?
If your professor decides to provide class notes or slides, they will be posted in Blackboard (accessible through your PAWS account by clicking on “Course Tools”). Keep in mind that not all professors choose to provide notes or summaries, so you should always be prepared to take your own during your lecture, tutorial, etc. Also keep in mind that even if your professors do provide notes, it is a good idea to add your own in addition to what they are providing (such as what they discuss in class).

How do I declare my major?
Students can declare their major (and minor, if desired) through PAWS, under the Arts & Science channel. Please note, students often declare their major and change their mind. It is okay to change your major! Please book an appointment with an academic advisor if you require assistance with choosing your major.

How do I know which books I need?
There are a couple of ways to find out. One is through the “My Textbooks” option in PAWS (in the “Academics” channel). Another is via the U of S Bookstore’s website. Once you are registered in courses you can visit the bookstore’s website and click on “My Textbooks” to see a customized list of your required texts. Please note that this feature is only available once faculty have submitted their book orders to the bookstore.

How long do I have to drop a course without receiving a penalty?
Every term there are numerous registration deadlines that dictate how much tuition will be refunded to students for dropped courses and whether an academic penalty will apply. There is also a cutoff date each term, about a month
before the term ends, which is the last chance to drop a course. After this date, it won’t be possible to withdraw from the course and you will be assigned a numeric grade based on the coursework you have completed. Make sure you are familiar with the registration deadlines, view them on p. 7 for the 2020-21 year. If you aren’t sure whether or not you should drop a course, call (306) 966-4231 to book an appointment with an academic advisor where you’ll be able to discuss your options.

**How many classes should I take?**

Firstly, if your goal is to qualify to be admitted into a professional program such as Dentistry or Law, you must make sure you are familiar with their admission requirements. Some programs don’t allow you to take a reduced course load. Also, certain types of funding, e.g., student loans, band funding, etc., require certain course loads, so make sure you familiarize yourself with any stipulations associated with your funding. For other students, there are a couple of considerations.

Your first year will involve a lot of learning related to being successful in university – essentially learning how to be a student. If you want to reduce your course load and consider this type of learning your fifth class, you will reap the benefits throughout your academic career. Also, many students find that having a reduced course load allows them to achieve higher marks because they have more time to devote to each class. If you are a science student, it is recommended that you limit the number of courses with labs to a maximum of three per term, simply because labs have their own coursework and will contribute to your overall workload the same as another class would. If you wish to take a full course load, the other two would be social science, humanities, or fine arts courses. Lastly, if you have other responsibilities outside of school, then you may want to try a reduced course load at first and see how it works for you. It is better to add to your workload next term than to overload yourself at the outset and get poor grades as a result.

Please note that “full time status” and “full course load” are not the same thing. “Full time status” in Arts & Science is 9 c.u., or three courses, per term. A funder, employer, or other agency or institution may have a different definition so please ensure you familiarize yourself with their requirements. A “full course load” is 15 c.u., or five courses, per term.

**How much time is recommended for students to spend on school work outside of class?**

A general rule of thumb is that students should spend two to three hours on school work outside of class for every one hour spent in class. So, if you have a course that requires you to attend three hours of lecture per week, you should probably be spending an additional six to nine hours outside of class reading your textbooks, making notes, studying, or working on assignments. This rule would also apply to time spent in labs, which is why it is recommended to limit the number of lab-based courses to three per term because the lab is like an extra class.

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

Consider consulting with [Access and Equity Services for Students](https://www.usask.ca/access_and_equity) to see if you are eligible for their services. There are more eligible conditions than those listed on the given web page, so if you are unsure, please contact AES. It will also be helpful to meet regularly with an academic advisor. An advisor can help you stay on track, put you in touch with other supports, and work with you to ensure you are meeting your academic potential. Many students are wary of making use of AES because they fear repercussions or feel that their degree is not as legitimate as other
I know that university isn’t like high school, but I don’t understand what I’m supposed to be doing differently. Help!

The first step is being aware that there is knowledge you are missing – how to “do” university. There are a couple major differences between your responsibilities as a student in university versus in high school, or even technical or vocational college. A big one concerns responsibility for your learning. Going to class is only part of what you need to do. Generally, you should be spending two to three hours on homework for every hour of class time. During this time, you may be doing in-depth reading of the text or other assigned reading, making study notes (condensed versions of all course materials), reflecting on what you have learned and building connections between course content, doing practice questions, making flash cards, making and writing mock exams, and learning additional academic skills relevant to the course. As the term progresses, this will also include studying for midterms and writing term papers. In addition, you will need to develop a set of related skills to help you succeed, and the first year of university is where students tend to struggle because they don’t have these skills. These include note-taking, test-taking for various types of tests, e.g., multiple choice, essay exams, etc.; time management, understanding academic conventions, critical thinking and analysis, writing skills, writing and referencing conventions in each discipline, and so on. By focusing on these two main areas, you will be doing the majority of what you need to do to be successful in university. If you still aren’t sure, talk to a professor, teaching assistant, academic advisor, and/or senior student in your discipline for more ideas and insight. Also, an academic advisor can help you make a more detailed strategy for building the skills and knowledge that you feel you need.

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

For most students, 10 minutes is enough time to make it to their next class. However, be conscious of where your classes are located. It can be difficult to run from Health Sciences to Engineering or Archaeology in ten minutes if weather conditions are bad. When creating your schedule, it is always important to remember to leave time in your day for eating and bathroom breaks! For students with mobility issues, speak to the professors about possible accommodation and consider consulting Access and Equity Services for Students to see if you are eligible to register.

Is it true that the first lecture in a class isn’t usually very long?

The length of the first lecture is up to the professor of the class. Often the first day of a class can run shorter than normal. However, students should plan on being available for the full length of time. Please remember that your first day of class is an important one as your instructors set expectations, review the syllabus and prepare you for success within the course, it is just as important as any other class.

Is taking five courses going to be really difficult?

It depends. Many students, especially those who have other commitments outside of school (volunteering, part-time job, children, etc.) can sometimes find a full course load very demanding. Which courses you register for can also make a big difference. Taking five lab-based courses will be much more time consuming than five non-lab-based courses. We advise students to take no more than three-lab based classes a term. Doing more is do-able, but students should pay especially close attention to the registration deadlines and think carefully about whether they
can handle their course load before the final withdrawal deadline passes. Students have to keep in mind that lab-based courses will have lab assignments, quizzes, and lab finals on top of the demands of their regular class work.

Students will also often take courses during the summer in order to reduce their course load during the fall/winter term. If you are thinking of applying to a professional college, ensure that you fulfill their requirements for how many courses you have to take each semester prior to applying.

**What average is required to continue on to second year?**

For a student to continue on to second year, without being required to discontinue or put on probation, they need to maintain a CWA of 56.00% or higher. If they have attempted 18 to 30 credit units and have attained an average between 50.00% and 55.99% then they will be placed on probation, meaning that they can continue on in the College of Arts & Science, but will be required to take fewer classes with a maximum of four classes per semester. If someone falls below a 50.00% after attempting 18 to 30 credit units then they will be required to discontinue from the College of Arts & Science for a year. If ever placed on probation or required to discontinue (RTD), it is important that that student sees an academic advisor for academic counseling and to devise a strategy for success. If your grades suffered as a result of extenuating circumstances, you may be eligible to appeal an RTD. For more information, please either book an appointment with an academic advisor, consult the College’s web resources, or visit the Academic and Financial Appeals section of the Academics Channel in PAWS. Please note that depending on the amount of credit units a student has, the promotion standard changes:

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

In addition to promotion standards as listed above, students must also satisfy graduation standards. In order to be eligible to receive a BA or BSc 3 yr or 4 yr degree or a BA&Sc 4 yr degree, students must achieve a minimum of 60% overall, and 62.5% in their major. In order to be eligible to receive BA, BSc, or BA&Sc 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.

**What can I do with an Arts & Science degree?**

Choosing to complete a degree in the College of Arts & Science means you are able to take a wide variety of courses that lead to a wide range of career choices. A liberal arts or science degree guarantees you a well-rounded education and a host of skills that will make you highly competitive in today's job market. If you are looking for specific careers that will relate to certain majors, start with department web sites for the specific subject or major that interests you. The Student Employment and Career Centre offers free career counseling for students, so talk to a professional career counselor about different career paths. Do not hesitate to ask your professors for possible career options either. Many of them will know of previous students’ careers after graduation and may have useful information to share.
What do I do if I can’t 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. Therefore, spaces may become available. If you are still unable to register in a course in late August or early September, you can try contacting the department of that specific course to see if they are allowing Class Limit Overrides for that class. Class Limit Overrides always have to do with the department of whatever class you are hoping to override (e.g. for an English class that is full, you have to contact the English department; for a Biology class, contact the Biology department).

What do I do if I still have more questions?

If you still have more questions, you can book an appointment with an academic advisor in Arts & Science by stopping by Arts 265 or calling (306) 966-4231.

What do you do if you need extra help with a class?

There are various resources available to students who need extra help with their classes. 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. Students interested in hiring a tutor can check the USSU Tutor Registry, Student Learning Services’ Hire a Tutor resource, or speak to a specific department about available tutors and/or help sessions for a specific course or subject. The USSU Help Centre maintains an exam file of over 1000 old exams that students can use while studying. Most professors will also have scheduled office hours throughout the term for students in their class. Students are encouraged to visit their professors during those times if they need clarification about course concepts, assignments, or grading.

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 and in a west-north direction from the bowl. Alternatively, you could book a campus tour to learn your way around. Before your first day of classes, it is a good idea to 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!

What happens if you’re 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. Regardless of your professor’s late policy, you must complete all of the coursework or it could result in an “incomplete fail” on your transcript, no matter how well you have done in other assignments. If you are in this situation, you should speak to an academic advisor about your options.

What is an easy course to take?

In truth, there are no courses that every student will find easy. Courses a student may find “easy” will vary, depending on his or her skills, talents, interests, and background. The courses that a student tends to do well in are the courses that they are most interested in, and in these cases, being challenged actually adds to the student’s learning and overall satisfaction. Being insufficiently challenged can lead to a loss of motivation, among other
things, so be cautious with the type of thinking that looks for “easy” courses. 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.

**What kind of supplies do I need for class (other than the required textbook)?**

This depends on the class. Some courses may require you to purchase supplies for lab or project work, while others may only involve note taking. Students will generally show up to their first lecture with something to take notes with (a notebook and pen, a laptop, printed slides, etc.). Any additional materials you may need will be specified in the syllabus, which is available from the professor on the first day of class and/or via Course Tools in PAWS.

**What should I do if a textbook I need is sold out?**

The U of S Bookstore typically ensures that the number of textbooks ordered for a course is equal to the number of students registered. If your textbook is sold out, ask the staff in the Bookstore if more are coming. Alternatively, you could buy a used copy from another student or see if you can rent an electronic version. If an older edition is being sold make sure to double check with your instructor that older editions of the textbook will work. Students will often post ads for used books outside classrooms or on PAWS in the classified ads section of the Campus Life channel. Additionally, students can order textbooks from other book sellers, such as Amazon.

**When do I declare my major?**

We recommend that students declare a major as soon as they have decided. This allows students to focus on completing the courses required for their major (degree requirement #4), some of which may be restricted to students who have declared a major in that specific subject or program. Students who have not chosen a major by the end of their second year may prolong their time to completion as a result of needing to complete the required courses in their major. Keep in mind that many students change their major one or more times, so don’t feel dismayed if you feel drawn in a different direction once you have completed some courses. Talk to an advisor or do a “What If” in Degree Works to explore the implications of changing your major.

**When should I buy my textbooks?**

There is no definite answer as to when students should buy their textbooks. If you choose to purchase your books earlier on, before the semester has begun, you will have a better chance of finding used copies (which are cheaper). Some professors will provide guidance on which texts are required and which ones are only recommended. Some professors also put copies of the textbook on reserve in the library for short term student use, so if purchasing textbooks is a challenge for you, speak to your professor about whether this option will be available. However, the later you wait, the busier the bookstore will be!

**Where and how do I get a locker?**

Lockers rentals are handled by the departmental/college student society or group associated with that building. For example, to rent a locker in the Arts building, you would need to contact the Arts & Science Students Union (ASSU) or visit Arts 218.
Where can I get help in choosing my courses?

With over 100 junior level courses available in the College of Arts & Science, it's easy to understand why choosing courses can be such a tough decision for new students! It's okay to be unsure. One strategy is to read the course descriptions that are found in the Course Catalog of the Course and Program Catalogue and make note of any courses that really interest you. You could also check out the program information to explore programs that interest you and see which courses are required in the major (requirement 4). If pursuing this option, be sure to pay attention to prerequisites before planning to register in any course. Another option is to talk to faculty and other students, especially upper year students, and ask for recommendations. If you are still unsure about your course selection, contact the College of Arts and Science at (306) 966-4231 and book an appointment with an academic advisor.

Who can get a food card? Where do I get it?

For students that live in Residence, your student card is your meal card. Your student card will be swiped at the till for all your meals. Meal plan cards are also available for purchase by any member of the campus community.

Who should I talk to if I want to get into a professional or direct entry college, or to transfer to another university?

If you are interested in applying to another university, or to another college within the U of S, it is important that you contact that college or institution for advising. While academic advisors in the College of Arts & Science can help you choose courses that could fit into a variety of program types – in case you change your major, for example – or help you determine how the requirements for a professional college like Medicine or Education could fit into a degree in Arts & Science, they cannot tell you exactly what you need to gain admission into an alternate college, and may not have the most up-to-date information and advice that is available. Similarly, academic advisors at the University of Saskatchewan are not qualified to advise on the programs at other universities. For information on their programs, transfer credit, and admission requirements, contact an advisor or admissions officer at the relevant institution or program.

Why should I sign up for a Learning Community?

There are many benefits to joining a Learning Community as a first-year student. Learning Communities are primarily offered to first year students, so your opportunity to participate in one is now! Because your entire Learning Community will be registered in a common set of courses, you are guaranteed to know someone in those classes, which can be very helpful if you want to study with someone or borrow class notes. For students coming from out of town or without a pre-defined group of friends, joining a Learning Community can also be a great way to meet new people with similar interests. Since Learning Communities are theme-based, it is likely that you’ll find students in your group that share common interests or academic goals with you (like applying to a specific professional college such as Medicine or Education). Learning Community hours also give you the chance to explore possible connections between your courses in a rich and diverse way. You will get to interact with peer mentors, who are students that have been where you are and found a way to succeed and thrive in the university setting. The Learning Community hours will cover topics such as writing a university style essay, mastering multiple choice exams, learning how to talk to your professors, assistance in finding summer jobs, career paths, and so much more. Registration for First-year Learning Experience (FLEX) Learning Communities and the Indigenous Student Achievement Program Learning Communities opens on May 1st, 2019 at noon. Spaces fill up fast, so make sure to guarantee your spot before regular course registration opens in June!
Applying to a Direct Entry College

If you are planning to transfer to a different direct entry college within the University of Saskatchewan, it’s important that you speak with an academic advisor in that college to identify the Arts and Science courses that will transfer into your program of study. If you change your mind and decide not to transfer to the other college, or you are not admitted to that college, these courses can still be used in an Arts & Science degree program.

**Please note that it is the student’s responsibility to contact the college directly to confirm information regarding transfer credits and recommended classes**

Agriculture and Bioresources
*University of Saskatchewan*

https://agbio.usask.ca/
Phone: (306) 966-4056
Email: agbio.studentservices@usask.ca
Undergraduate Programs: https://agbio.usask.ca/programs/undergraduate.php

Education
*University of Saskatchewan*

www.usask.ca/education/
Phone: (306) 966-7654
Email: recruiting.education@usask.ca
Undergraduate Programs: https://education.usask.ca/programs/undergraduate.php

Engineering
*University of Saskatchewan*

www.engineering.usask.ca
Phone: (306) 966-5274
Email: esc@usask.ca
Undergraduate Programs: https://admissions.usask.ca/colleges/engineering.php#About

Kinesiology
*University of Saskatchewan*

www.kinesiology.usask.ca
Phone: (306) 966-1101
Email: kin_advisor@usask.ca
Undergraduate Programs: https://kinesiology.usask.ca/students/undergraduate-students/general.php#WhyChooseKinesiology

N. Murray Edwards School of Business
*University of Saskatchewan*

http://www.edwards.usask.ca/
Phone: (306) 966-4785
Email: undergrad@edwards.usask.ca
Undergraduate Programs: https://www.edwards.usask.ca/programs/undergrad/newstudents/index.aspx
Applying to a Non-Direct Entry Level College

Admission to the College of Arts & Science does not imply or guarantee that you will later be admitted to any professional college, regardless of intentions declared on your admission or registration form. Admission to professional colleges is highly competitive. Many students applying to professional colleges will not be accepted - for some professional colleges, only one or two out of every ten applicants are ever admitted.

We always recommend that students keep other options open. We encourage students, while completing their prerequisite courses for a professional program, to still work toward an Arts & Science major/degree in case they change their mind or do not get admitted to the professional college of their choice.

Many professional colleges have additional admission requirements (such as an entrance exam, interview, admission essay, related volunteer, or other experience, etc.). You must consult the professional college directly to confirm entrance requirements.

Definition of a "30-credit-unit year": Several professional colleges require that students complete one or more "30-credit-unit years," and they use the average achieved in these years to rank students for entrance purposes. This means that the student must complete 30 credit units in one Regular Session (September to April). Professional colleges will, in most cases, count summer courses towards academic entrance requirements; however, courses taken outside of September to April will not count towards the 30 credit units required for a "30 credit-unit year". Marks in summer courses or in courses taken during years when fewer than 30 credit units are completed may also not be included in the average calculation done by the professional college for ranking.

Students must contact the professional college directly to confirm if marks from Spring/Summer session classes will count towards their application average.

Architecture
For a list of institutions offering architecture programs, check out the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture. Consult the calendar of the school that you wish to attend. Courses in art & art history, geography, physics, drawing, urban design, and calculus are recommended.

Chiropractic
Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College
www.cmcc.ca
Phone: 1-800-463-2923
E-mail: admissions@cmcc.ca

Dentistry
University of Saskatchewan
http://www.usask.ca/dentistry/admissions/index.php
Phone: (306) 966-5117
Email: dentistry.admissions@usask.ca
Undergraduate Program: https://admissions.usask.ca/dentistry-bsc.php#Admissionrequirements

**Law**
University of Saskatchewan
www.law.usask.ca
Phone: (306) 966-5874
Email: law.admissions@usask.ca
Undergraduate Program: https://law.usask.ca/students/becoming-a-law-student/applying-to-law.php

**Medicine**
University of Saskatchewan
www.medicine.usask.ca
Email: med.admissions@usask.ca
Undergraduate Program: https://medicine.usask.ca/programs/undergraduate-md.php

**Nursing**
University of Saskatchewan
https://nursing.usask.ca
Phone: (306) 966-6221 – This is the phone number for the office in Saskatoon.
The following link is for contact information for all locations: http://www.usask.ca/nursing/contact/index.php
Email: nursing.advising@usask.ca
Undergraduate Program: https://nursing.usask.ca/programs/bsn.php

**Nutrition**
University of Saskatchewan
www.usask.ca/pharmacy-nutrition/
Phone: (306) 966-6327
Email: Undergrad-Pharmacy-Nutrition@usask.ca
Undergraduate Program: https://pharmacy-nutrition.usask.ca/students/prospective-students/admissions-information.php#GeneralInformation

**Occupational Therapy**
University of Alberta
http://rehabilitation.ualberta.ca/departments/occupational-therapy/msc-in-occupational-therapy
Phone: (780) 492-2499
Email: mscot@ualberta.ca

University of Manitoba
http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/health_sciences/medrehab/ot/index.html
Phone: (204) 789-3259
Email: CORS.MOTprogram@umanitoba.ca

**Optometry**
University of Waterloo
www.optometry.uwaterloo.ca/index.html
Phone: (519) 888-4567
Email: opt-admissions@uwaterloo.ca
Pharmacy
University of Saskatchewan
www.usask.ca/pharmacy-nutrition/
Phone: (306) 966-6327
Email: Undergrad-Pharmacy-Nutrition@usask.ca
Undergraduate Program: https://pharmacy-nutrition.usask.ca/students/prospective-students/admissions-information.php#GeneralInformation

Physical Therapy (Masters program)
University of Saskatchewan
www.usask.ca/physther
Phone: (306) 966-6579
Email: pt.admissions@usask.ca

Social Work
University of Regina
http://www.uregina.ca/socialwork/programs/index.html
Phone: (306) 664-7370 (Saskatoon Campus)

Speech-Language Pathology (Masters program)
University of Alberta
www.csd.ualberta.ca
Phone: (780) 492-5990
Email: csd@ualberta.ca

Veterinary Medicine
University of Saskatchewan
http://www.usask.ca/wcvm
Phone: (306) 966-7459
Email: wcvm.admissions@usask.ca
On Campus Resources & Programs

Aboriginal Students’ Centre
Gordon Oakes Red Bear Student Centre

The Aboriginal Students’ Centre (ASC) promotes the spiritual, physical, emotional, and mental well-being of Indigenous students on campus. The ASC is a friendly and bustling place where students can hang out. New students can meet upper year students who provide peer support and tutoring. There are computers, printers, and a fax machine for students to use. The ASC offers a Fresh Food Market every week, where students can purchase inexpensive fresh fruits and vegetables. Students also have access to two elders. The ASC organizes an annual Graduation Powwow, holds pipe and sweat lodge ceremonies, provides workshops on skills such as beadworking, cooking, and crafting, and offers all students soup and bannock every week during the fall and winter terms.

Academic Advocacy Office
Room 110, Place Riel

The University of Saskatchewan Student’s Union (USSU) offers an Academic Advocacy Office, which is committed to helping students deal with their academic grievances and violations of their student rights (grade appeals, problems with professors or TAs, academic dishonesty, academic hearings). The Academic Advocacy Office also provides academic information for students.

Access and Equity Services
Room 105, Administration Building

Access and Equity Services, formerly Disability Services for Students (DSS), is guided by Saskatchewan’s Human Rights legislation and the duty to accommodate individuals requiring accommodations based on disability, religion, family status and gender identity.

Access and Equity Services assists students by offering programs and advocacy services to help foster an accessible and welcoming campus for all students. Students with disabilities are encouraged to register with AES to gain access to valuable services and programs such as note taking, alternate format textbooks, exam accommodations, classroom changes, library assistance, and assistive technology. Students wishing to register with AES should do so as soon as possible, preferably in early August after they have registered for all of their classes. For more information, please contact AES at (306) 966-7273.

Childcare Centre and Campus Daycare
Various locations

The University of Saskatchewan Students’ Union (USSU) Childcare Centre is operated independently as an affiliated organization. It is government subsidized and licensed for 66 children aged six months to six years and exists primarily to serve the needs of undergraduate students. There is often a wait list, so apply early. For more information, please email williams@ussuchildcarecentre.ca or mceown@ussuchildcarecentre.ca or call (306) 966-2777.

The University of Saskatchewan offers Campus Daycare located in the Education building. It provides childcare to staff, faculty, and students and has room for 44 children between 30 and 60 months (two and a half to six years old). There is a waiting list when all the spots are filled so call early. For more information email campus.daycare@usask.ca or call (306) 966-7807.
College of Arts & Science Undergraduate Student Office
Room 265, Arts Building

The Undergraduate Student Office is a one stop shop for students in the College of Arts & Science. This is the place to go if you have questions about university or your academics, need to defer a final exam, or would like to see an academic advisor. Academic advisors help students determine which classes to take to obtain a specific degree or to apply to a professional college. They also advise on most academic issues including grade appeals, academic integrity, academic difficulty, academic grievances, DegreeWorks, and more. If you are experiencing difficulty while at the U of S you can speak with your academic advisor. They can help you develop a plan for the rest of the term and refer you on to different resources and support services on and off campus. For more information call (306) 966-4231 or email student-advice@artsandscience.usask.ca.

Discrimination and Harassment Prevention Services
Room 237, Research Annex

Sexual harassment violates the principles of mutual respect and fair treatment. The Discrimination and Harassment Prevention Services (DHPS) Centre offers students confidential consultation, assistance in preventing, resolving, or investigating issues of discrimination or harassment; workshops/presentations, and activities that encourage respectful interactions on campus. Students in need of information or support can contact DHPS at (306) 966-4936.

Food Centre
Room 113, Memorial Union Building

The Food Centre has emergency food hampers for students in need. It also is the campus coordinator for the CHEP Good Food Box, an alternative to grocery stores for getting fruit and vegetables. The Food Centre also offers a Fresh Food Market once a week, where students can purchase inexpensive fruits and vegetables on campus. Students can contact the Food Centre by phoning (306) 966-1972, emailing food.centre@usask.ca, or dropping by during its office hours (call to find out when they are).

Gordon Oakes Red Bear Student Centre
5 Campus Drive

The Gordon Oakes Red Bear Student Centre is an intercultural gathering place that is dedicated to student success. The centre is the home to the Aboriginal Student’s Centre (ASC), provides space for Indigenous student leadership and plays a central role in the co-ordination and communication of on-campus Indigenous initiatives.

The centre is grounded in the teachings of respect, responsibility, relationship, collaboration, cooperation, humility, reciprocity and sharing. The centre is a safe and welcoming place that is respectful of all Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

Information Centre
Upper Place Riel

Operated by the USSU, the Information Centre is a central hub for many campus services and products: UPass, Ticketmaster tickets, evening parking passes, locker rentals, adding printing credit, general information, such as
directions or directory listings; poster approval, notary services, cell phone recycling, Arts Tunnel table or kiosk rentals, lost and found, and SPC cards. Hours are Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.

**Pride Centre**  
Room 104, Memorial Union Building (MUB)

The **Pride Centre** welcomes people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. It is a vibrant space where students can take part in the centre's programming (such as queer men's night, queer women's night, or gender revolution) or just hang out with the many volunteers between classes. The Pride Centre also hosts a variety of events such as drag shows, speaker series, or workshops. You can become a volunteer at the Pride Centre.

**Student Help Centre**  
Room 27, Lower Place Riel  
Also accessible from Arts Tunnel

The **Help Centre** offers support and referrals to students in almost any situation. There is space to hang out and meet supportive people. The Help Centre maintains a file of over 1000 exams from previous years. In addition, it also has a free phone, candy, condoms, and a kitchenette. You can become a volunteer at the Help Centre!

**International Student and Study Abroad Centre**  
Room 80, Lower Place Riel  
Also accessible from Arts Tunnel

The **International Student and Study Abroad Centre (ISSAC)** is a resource for students who come from outside Canada and for students participating in study abroad programs. It is accessible through both the Arts Tunnel and the Lower Place Riel food court.

International Students can get help with the transition to Saskatoon and to the U of S. ISSAC can help students find accommodation, get settled in Saskatoon, improve their English, and provide assistance or referrals for almost any question.

Like most universities, the U of S offers **study abroad opportunities** for students wishing to take university courses in another country. Students can take a class, term, or an academic year abroad. There are a number of universities around the world that the U of S has educational agreements with, some of which are program specific. You can apply for study abroad once you’ve completed 30 credit units of coursework, provided you meet any additional requirements of the program you’re interested in.

**Safewalk**  
Phone 306-966-SAFE (2733)

**Safewalk** has teams of volunteers who will walk with you to your destination on or near campus (within a 30-minute radius). It is offered Sunday through Thursday evenings from 8:30 pm to 11:30 pm. Outside of these hours, Campus Security (306-966-5555) will provide walking escorts. There are a number of options for requesting or scheduling walks, as well as a number of ways to contact Safewalk, so visit the link at the start of this paragraph for more information.

**Student Central**  
Room 105, Administration Building
**Student Central** provides undergraduate and graduate students with centralized assistance with finances, registration and academic life. Student Central officers provide confirmation of enrolment for federal and provincial student loans; authorize emergency loans and financial appeals, provide information on scholarships, bursaries and other financial information; troubleshoot registration problems, process late registrations, audit registrations and section changes; help students navigate PAWS, and provide information about exams, transcripts and convocation. For more information, please contact Student Central at (306) 966-1212 (press 4 to speak to a Student Central Officer) or email askus@usask.ca.

**Student Employment & Career Centre**
Lower Marquis Hall

The Student Employment and Career Centre (SECC) provides assistance in the search for full-time, part-time, and summer employment. Students can get help exploring their career options, creating a resume and cover letter, or practicing for an interview. The SECC also coordinates employer information sessions and career fairs on campus, so students can meet industry professionals in their desired field. They also offer a number of tools and resources for students who are in the process of choosing their path or direction.

**Student Learning Services at the University Library**
(Formerly the University Learning Centre)
Murray 106

Student Learning Services are here to support and enhance your learning at the University of Saskatchewan. You can find a number of free academic support programs and services to help throughout your degree:

Academic Help — in-person and online writing help, math and stats help, study skills resources, and a variety of workshops to help enhance your academic skills in areas such as study skills, library research skills, writing, and undergraduate research.

Information for New U of S Students — they offer a number of webpages with information for students new to the U of S. Check out ‘What we offer’ on the website and get tips from students just like you.

Structured Study Sessions — weekly study sessions for a set of historically difficult first-year courses. You will hear about these during the first week of classes in courses where they are offered, so keep your ears open.

Peer Assisted Learning (PAL) Program — many of their support services and programs are facilitated by successful upper-year student volunteers. Once you’ve completed your first year, you can apply to join the program and help other students with the skills you’ve learned.

**Student Wellness Centre**
3rd & 4th Floors, Place Riel

The university operates Student Health, a clinic strictly for students and students’ significant others and children. It is on the fourth floor of Place Riel. There is also free personal counselling available to students at Student Counselling on the third floor of Place Riel. Student Health & Counselling Services provides urgent and non-
urgent medical treatment, birth control and pregnancy testing, testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections, mental health assessment and treatment, nutrition counseling, sport and athletic injury treatment, chiropractic and massage services, regular physical exams and check-ups, immunizations, shots, and injections.

**Trish Monture Centre for Student Success**
Room 250, Arts Building

The Trish Monture Centre for Student Success supports the Indigenous Student Achievement Pathways (ISAP) Learning Communities and is home to the University Transition Program (UTRAN). The mission of the Trish Monture Centre is to encourage Indigenous and Transition Program students in the College of Arts & Science. To do this, academic advisors and coaches working within the Centre use a holistic approach to advising that addresses the student as a whole person. Indigenous student advisors provide information about on-campus and community based Indigenous programs, assistance with course selection and registration, and partnering with post-secondary coordinators and funding agencies. Transition Program supports include dedicated academic coaches who lead a ‘coaching hour’ to assist students with academic challenges, as well as serving as academic advisors for the UTRAN program; and peer mentors who lead a ‘learning communities’ hour to help students build community.

**Women’s Centre**
Room 105, Memorial Union Building (MUB)

The Women’s Centre is a positive space based on feminist activism. It welcomes feminist minded individuals of all sexual orientations and gender identities. The Women’s Centre organizes programming throughout the academic year. Women’s Centre volunteers are trained in peer support for women’s issues and are able to provide referrals. There are comfortable couches and a microwave for students looking for a friendly place to visit and have lunch. You can become a volunteer at the Women’s Centre.
Campus Clubs
There are a variety of different campus clubs based on interests. Students who wish to start a new campus club may be eligible to be ratified by the University of Saskatchewan Students' Union (USSU) and receive funding.

Food and Drink
The nearest grocery stores to campus are Sobey’s and Save on Foods, both located at Cumberland Avenue and 8th Street. There are also Co-Op and Superstore full-service grocery stores further east on 8th Street.

On campus there are cafeterias in Arts, Agriculture, Education, Marquis Hall, and St. Thomas More College. There is also a food court located in Lower Place Riel, a Subway in the Physical Activity Complex (PAC), a Booster Juice in Arts, Louis’ pub and grill in the basement of the Memorial Union Building, and Louis’ Loft, a coffee shop with paninis and full menu, on the top floor.

Off campus there is a Dairy Queen at the corner of College Drive and Cumberland Avenue. Around the corner is Alexander’s restaurant, and Subway. If you are up for a bit of a walk, there is also D’Lish café, a coffee shop with homemade soup, paninis and desserts located on 14th St E and Lansdowne Ave (keep in mind they can be a bit busy over the noon hour). A little bit further out there’s Broadway Avenue which has a variety of cafés and restaurants.

U of S Culinary Services provides the residence dining program and meal plans for all students.

The USSU Food Centre provides emergency food hampers, offers a Fresh Food Market, and coordinates the CHEP Good Food Box program. The Good Food Box is a hamper full of a variety of fruits and vegetables delivered every two weeks at an affordable price.

The Aboriginal Students’ Centre in the Gordon Oakes Red Bear Centre offers all students soup and bannock during fall and winter terms every Wednesday from 12-1:00pm.

Coffee and other beverages are available at Starbucks on the main floor of the Murray Library, Louis’ Loft on the upper floor of the Memorial Union Building, and Tim Horton’s on the second floor of the Geology Building, on the first floor of Marquis Hall, in the Health Sciences Building, and in the Arts Tunnel.
**PAC Fit Centre and Campus Rec**
87 Campus Drive

Student fees cover use of the Fit Centre gym facility at the Physical Activity Complex (PAC). There are fees for joining Campus Rec activities, but you may be able to get reimbursement from the Arts & Science Students’ Union (ASSU). The Fit Centre has cardio equipment, weights, squash and racquetball courts, a swimming pool, studios for free fitness classes (yoga, spin, etc.), an indoor running track, and a climbing wall. Campus Rec offers leagues in several sports at various competition levels and “learn to” events for various activities, such as fencing and kayaking.

**Student Governance**

USSU Offices, Second Floor, Place Riel
ASSU Offices, Arts 218

All undergraduate students are represented by the University of Saskatchewan Students’ Union (USSU). The USSU is governed by University Students’ Council (USC). USC is a 27-member body that represents students from each undergraduate college as well as indigenous students and international students. Members of Student Council are elected by the students they represent. The elected four person USSU executive carries out the decisions of USC. The USSU executive consists of a president, and vice-presidents in charge of Student Affairs, Academic Affairs, and Operations and Finance. Student government elections take place in March for the following academic year.

College of Arts & Science students are represented by the Arts & Science Students’ Union (ASSU). The ASSU has a file of past exams, provides funding to students travelling for university related activities, refunds students for Campus Rec fees, stamps posters for display in Arts & Science buildings, and provides two scholarships annually.

**Huskies Athletics**
The U of S Huskies compete in the Canada West Conference of Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS). Men and women compete in basketball, cross country, hockey, soccer, track and field, volleyball, and wrestling. Men also compete in football. **You receive free admission to every regular season Huskies home event with your valid student card.**

**Other Fun Activities**
Take a class or attend a monthly dance with the U of S Ballroom Dancing Club. No partner required!
Murray Library Leisure Reading Collection – The Murray Library offers a small selection of leisure books across from the circulation desk. You cannot place holds or renew these books.

Community Association Programming – Community Associations across Saskatoon offer low priced classes for people of all ages in various activities, such as sports, dance, art, and cooking. Click on the link for your community and you’ll find course and registration information.

Volunteer Opportunities
The following is a list of some of the volunteer opportunities available to you.

On Campus: Campus Clubs and Groups, International Student and Study Abroad Centre, Note Taking for Access and Equity Services for Students, Open House, Orientation, Peer Health Mentors, Safewalk, Student Learning Services at the Library, Peer Mentors, USSU Centres

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