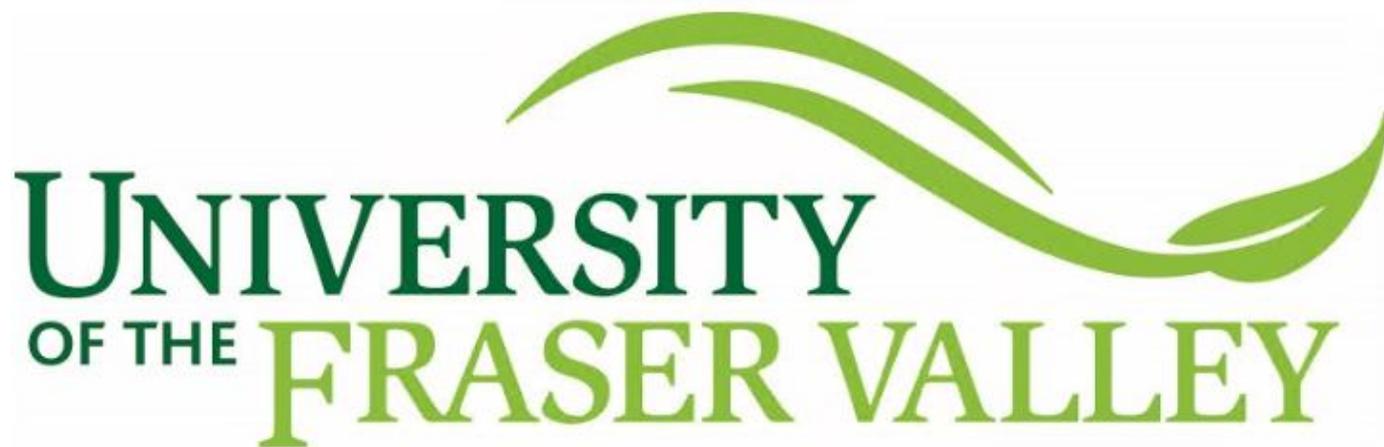


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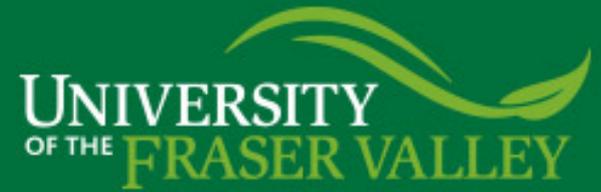
This program orientation is for:

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE



ADVISING CENTRE

TIPS FOR VIEWING THIS PRESENTATION



This presentation is for anyone who **applied to UFV to complete a Bachelor of Arts degree (BA)** and was either:

1. Admitted/conditionally admitted into the BA
- or**
2. Was not admitted but who intends to complete a BA degree as their goal program

TIPS FOR VIEWING THIS PRESENTATION



Take Your Time

- This presentation serves as your first advising appointment; we cover the same information as if this was an in-person, new student appointment
- A regular advising appointment takes about 45 minutes - give yourself at least that amount of time
- Bookmark this presentation – you'll want to refer back to it more than once

TIPS FOR VIEWING THIS PRESENTATION



TRUST the information is sufficient

- This was developed by the Advisors you will work with you throughout the course of your degree, through to graduation. *Your success is their goal.*
- This presentation will not include all BA details - what is included will prepare you for your first semester, and into your first year
- We will build off this information in future appointments

TIPS FOR VIEWING THIS PRESENTATION



Questions?

- Jot down your questions as you work through these slides
- We will most likely address your questions throughout & have included tips, reminders, & a glossary section at the end

TIPS FOR VIEWING THIS PRESENTATION



We are here to help!

If you already feel a bit overwhelmed about starting university, you are not alone!

Much of this will be new; we're going to introduce some key pieces to assist you now and help normalize this experience for you.

Let's get started!

Who Are We?

Academic Advisors support your educational planning by providing you with the information needed to **make informed decisions**. We work with you to:

- ✓ Clarify your educational goals
- ✓ Develop academic success skills
- ✓ Access available resources and services



ADVISING CENTRE



A screenshot of the University of the Fraser Valley's Advising Centre website. The page features a green header with the university logo, a search bar, and a navigation menu. Below the header is a large image of a diverse group of students and staff. The main content area includes the heading "ADVISING CENTRE", a breadcrumb trail "UFV / ADVISING CENTRE", and the text "Academic Advisors help students plan their education and careers". A large orange arrow points to a green button labeled "+ Reasons to Connect with an Advisor". Other buttons visible include "Book a workshop/seminar" and "View/cancel my bookings".

Find us here:
www.ufv.ca/advising

Check out
these
options
for more
on Advising
Services

On the Advising Centre webpage you can book advising appointments:

- ✓ recommended at least once/year or every 30 credits
- ✓ **this presentation serves as your first appt.**
If you need it, book your next appointment prior to winter registration (October)

BA STRUCTURE



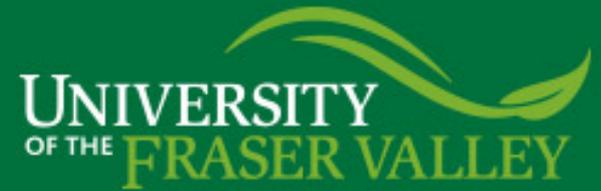
Let's break down what a degree is:

A BA degree requires the completion of a minimum of 120 credits. This is approximately 40 classes.

IMPORTANT NOTE: the BA does not require completion of these credits/courses within a specific timeframe.

Your pace for completion of these credits is based on your personal schedule & goals - **it needs to work for you.**

BA STRUCTURE



Example:

If you want to complete a degree in 4 years, that means completing 30 credits (about 10 classes) per year.

There are 3 semesters/year at UFV: Fall, Winter, Summer

FYI: there is no standard timeframe for degree completion. Many students complete this degree in 5+ years, adjusting their course workload in relation to work schedules, non-academic commitments, etc.

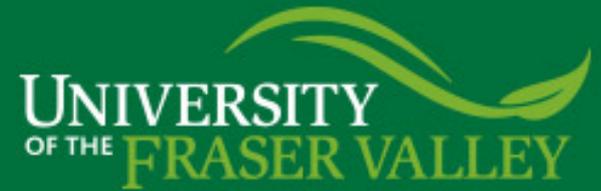
BA STRUCTURE

The BA degree is broken down into **five main sections**:

1. Foundational Skills (or 'general education' requirements)
2. Second language competency
3. E-portfolio
4. Personal and Social Responsibility
5. Program requirements
(subject specific requirements called majors & minors)



BA STRUCTURE

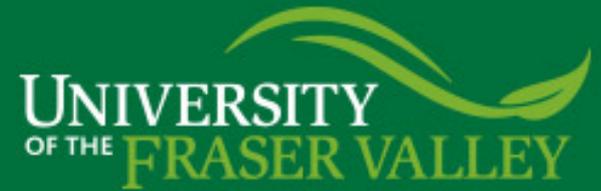


These are requirements that all BA students must complete.

Over the course of your degree, you will have plenty of opportunity to complete them all.

This presentation will be focussed on **the foundational skills & program requirements** as the most pertinent pieces in your planning at this time.

BA STRUCTURE



If you would like more information on the other 3 requirements, you can click on them here:

- [second language](#)
- [e-portfolio](#)
- [personal and social responsibility](#)

(We suggest saving that for after you've worked through this presentation in it's entirety).

BA FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS

Foundational Skills requirement includes:



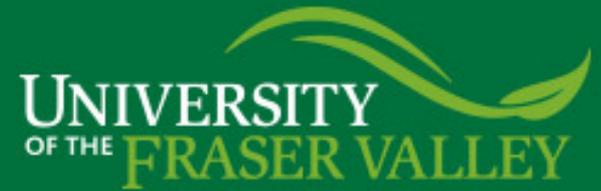
1. Writing Foundation
2. Critical Thinking
3. Written, Oral, or Visual Communication
4. Quantitative Literacy
5. Scientific Literacy

Each requirement will be met by completing 1 course from a list of options for that skill.

The simplest way to view these requirement options is by logging into your **MyGRADplan** program:

- Login to myUFV using your usual credentials
- Locate the MyGRADplan channel on the myUFV home page
- Click on "Students click here to learn more about how it works and to access your program audit"
- Read through a short introduction to the software
- Click the "Access your personal MyGRADplan here" link.

MyGRADplan

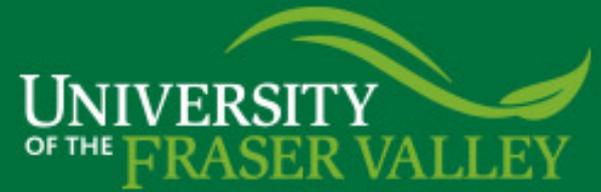


As a UFV student you can log into MyGRADplan 24/7 - **you will always have access to your program plan.**

IMPORTANT NOTE: in this program audit the foundation skills are listed under “General Education” requirements.

Review the MyGRADplan [tutorial here](#), specifically learning about the **‘what if’ & ‘look ahead’** features – these will be very helpful in your course planning!

BA PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS



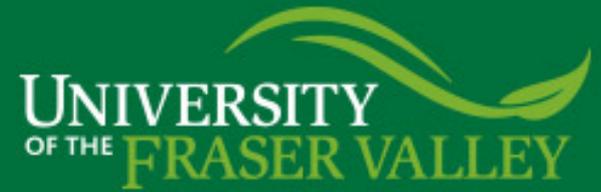
Program Requirements & Declaration

These terms refer to choosing major &/or minor areas of study within your BA degree.

What subjects (disciplines) you choose to “declare” as your major or minor(s) will be based on a number of factors including:

- ✓ personal interests
- ✓ educational goals
- ✓ career goals

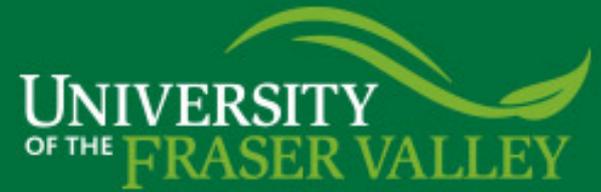
BA PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS



IMPORTANT NOTE: You do not have to be certain of these factors yet!

What is most important at this starting point, is that you **begin considering your interests** and start trying out those skill/content areas in your course selection.

BA PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS



To earn a BA, students must choose to **complete at least one** of the following declaration options:

1. One major or
2. two extended minors/minors

Click [here](#) to view discipline options for declaration
(about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way down the page).

BA, with MAJOR

120 Credits Total

Foundational
Skills
~ 20 credits

Electives
~ 50 credits

Major Reqts.
~ 50 credits

EXAMPLE:

In this option, about half of the degree credits will come from one MAJOR subject area.

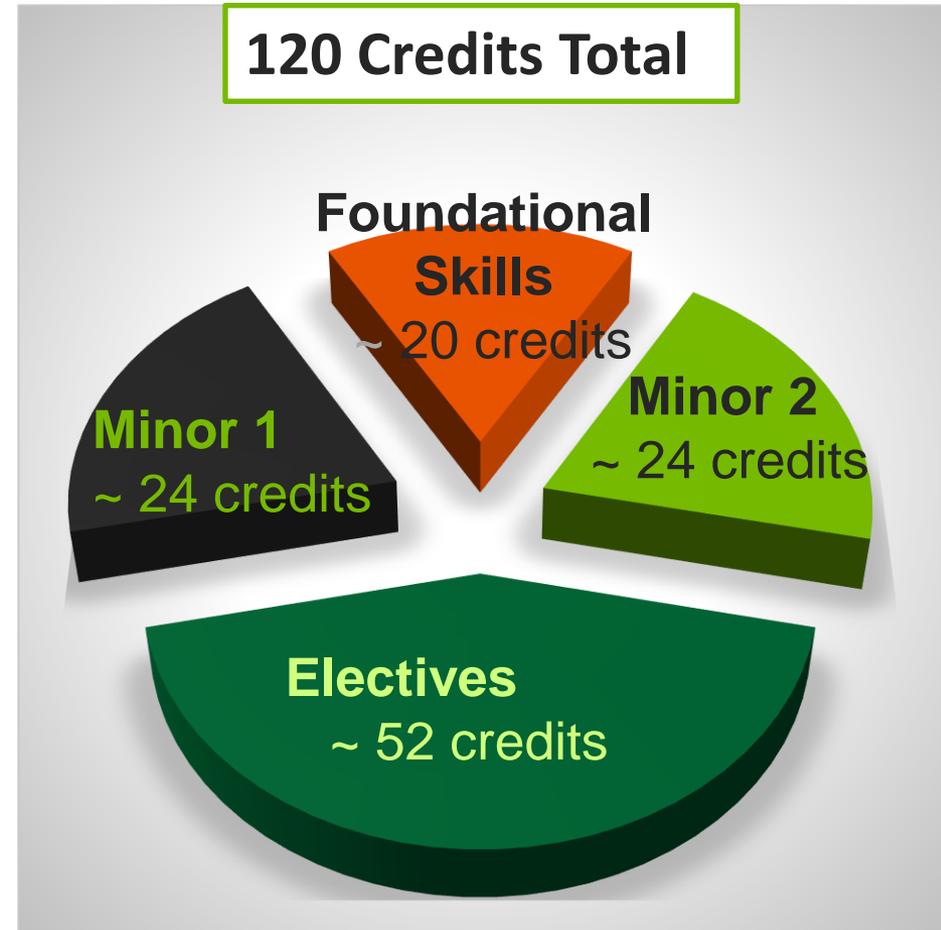
The electives section will be comprised of personal interest courses and other course options that relate to your career and educational goals.

BA, with 2 MINORS

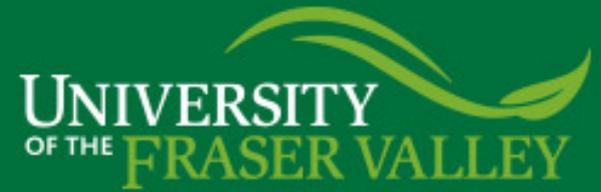
EXAMPLE:

In this option, about half of the degree credits will come from TWO MINOR subject areas.

The electives and foundational education pieces remain the same as in the major option.



BA PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS



REMINDER: You do not need to know which option to choose now!

Declaration of major/minor(s) is not even permitted until 30 credits have been completed & not required until 60 credits – **you have time to figure this out.**

BA PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS



How you choose to build your degree will **develop over time**, throughout the course of your education.

What is most important at this time, is that you simply **begin thinking about your interests** and start trying out those areas of coursework.

BA PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Student support areas like [Academic Advising](#) & [Career Counselling](#) can assist you along the way in your **decision-making process**.

There are useful resources on both departmental webpages (linked above) including a **career planning assessment** tool on the counselling site.

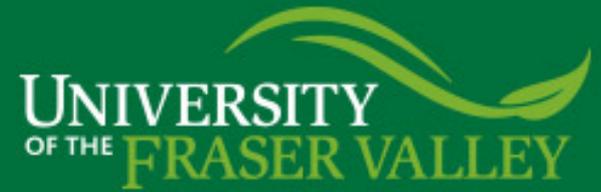




Are you still with us?!

Up next is a sample semester & some tips!

SAMPLE FIRST SEMSTER



In choosing courses, try to select a mix of what you like and what is required:

1. **WRITING FOUNDATION REQUIREMENT:** ENGL 105 or CMNS 125
(Note: Students completing ENGL 12 with an A meet this requirement)

OR

CRITICAL THINKING REQUIREMENT: PHIL 100 or IDS 100

2. **POSSIBLE MAJOR/MINOR 100-LEVEL COURSE**

What might you want to focus your studies in?

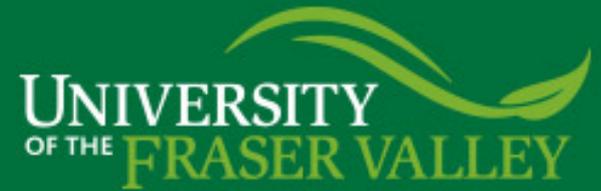
3. **PERSONAL INTEREST ELECTIVE (100-LEVEL)**

Yes, really – something that sounds interesting to you!

4. **ACADEMIC SKILLS COURSE: UNIV 101**

A course on “how to” UFV – there is a lot to learn!

SAMPLE SEMSTER



Here is **an example** of how you may want to organize your fall and winter semesters:

Fall (Sept – Dec)	Winter (Jan – Apr)
ENGL 105	PHIL 100
UNIV 101	CMNS 180
100-level SOC, or PSYC, or HIST	100-level GEOG, or GDS, or FNST
or ANTH, or THEA, or VA, etc.	or ECON, or BUS, or CYC, etc.

The choice is yours!

Take courses that appeal to your interests to see what you might want to major or minor in later on.

WORKLOAD



How many courses you take each semester is up to you.

Our recommendation (and what most first year arts students take) is 3 or 4 courses to start. That equates to approximately 9 – 12 hours per week in class.

Expect to need at least that same amount of time per week for homework (readings, assignments, group work, etc.)

WORKLOAD

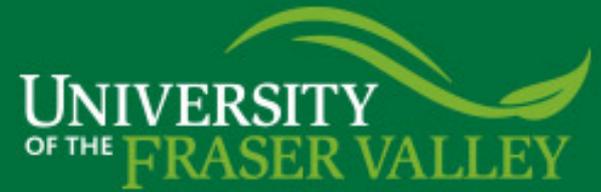


Plan accordingly to your own situation

Given 3 classes equates to approximately 20+ hours/week of school work both in & out of the classroom, it is very important that you **consider your workload capacity carefully.**

It is much better to start with less & add more coursework in future semesters, than to start out feeling over-loaded in your first semester.

REGISTER FOR COURSES



Now what?!

Now is the fun part – planning your courses for Fall semester!

Go to the [OReg webpage](#) for a **step by step guide to registration** (with tutorial videos) as well as information on fee payment, important dates & more.

REGISTER FOR COURSES



Click on these links to learn more about the courses you may be interested in:

Academic Calendar:

Official source for **information about all courses and programs offered** at UFV including course descriptions.

Semester Timetable:

Lists all **courses offered in a specific semester** including prerequisites, date/time, campus, course fees, instructor, etc.

THE END



You just had your first advising session!

Remember, bookmark this presentation to refer back to as you get closer to your registration day.

Read on for more tips including a reminders checklist and glossary of some terms we mentioned in this presentation.

WELCOME TO UFV & THE BA!

Keep reading on for some more



Set up your MyUFV account

This is your one-stop website with access to on-line services (i.e. registration) & student email account. **Start using this email account now** – this is how UFV faculty and staff will contact you.

Resources to support your transition to University

- www.ufv.ca/asc/
- www.ufv.ca/services/

Get your Campus Card

Use your card to take advantage of services available on campus.

Get involved on Campus

- www.ufv.ca/studentlife/
- www.ufv.ca/mycampuslife/
- www.ufvsus.ca/

REMINDERS



- Login to myUFV frequently** to check your UFV email account. Suggest Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.
- Check myUFV > Self-Service links for your **assigned registration date**.
- Pay your \$200 registration deposit ASAP** but no later than 3 business days prior to your registration date.

REMINDERS

- Review Fall timetable & create your schedule.
- Register on your assigned date & time for best course selection. Fall registration period starts mid-June.
- Check myUFV in August for the final decision on your application.

REMINDERS

- ❑ **Attend the first day of all classes** – registered & waitlisted.
(If you do not attend you forfeit your seat).
- ❑ **Check Dates and Deadlines page** for more information including the fee payment deadline -
www.ufv.ca/registrar/deadlines/
- ❑ Financial Aid questions: www.ufv.ca/fineaid/

GLOSSARY

**Course:**

A unit of instruction that is offered under a designated subject code, course number, and credit value; for example, ANTH 102 (3 credits).

Credit:

A numeric value assigned to a course, based on both the hours of direct instruction and the coursework done outside of the classroom, which indicates the course's weight relative to other courses.

Prerequisite:

A requirement such as a previous course, a specified number of course credits, or other academic skills, knowledge, or achievements that must be completed prior to enrolling in a particular course.

Co-requisite:

A course that is to be taken at the same time as another course.

GLOSSARY



Lower-level:

Courses that are considered first- or second-year courses and are numbered 100–299.

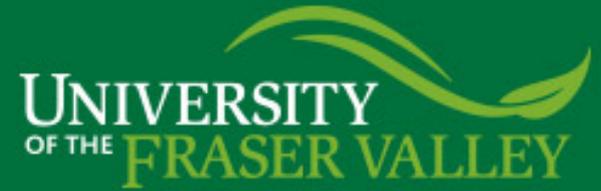
Upper-level:

Courses that are considered third- or fourth-year and are numbered from 300–499.

Preparatory level:

Courses considered developmental or preparatory to post-secondary studies. Course numbers will start with a 0 and will not be used to satisfy program requirements.

GLOSSARY



Elective:

A course that may be chosen from a number of course options, as specified in the requirements for completion of a particular program. For the BA degree, any UFV course numbered 100-level or higher chosen based on interest in content, satisfy course prerequisites, and fits with schedule of courses already chosen.

Full-time Studies:

Enrolment in nine credits per semester (considered 60% of a standard course load).

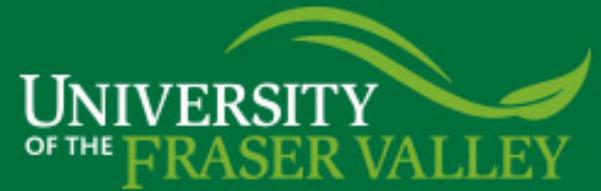
Grade Point Average (GPA):

Academic performance expressed as a numerical average of grades in UFV courses. GPA values are truncated at two decimal places, not rounded.

Tuition:

Amount of money assigned to a course based on the number of credits assigned. This increases once a year starting with the Summer semester.

GLOSSARY



Major:

A degree option in a particular subject area consisting of a defined set of courses, including a minimum of 30 upper-level credits. In general, 5-7 courses at the lower-level and 8-11 courses at the upper-level.

Extended Minor:

A degree option in a particular subject area consisting of a defined set of courses that includes a minimum of 14 upper-level credits. In general, 5-7 courses at the lower-level and 4-5 courses at the upper-level.

Minor:

A degree option in a particular subject area consisting of a defined set of courses, including a minimum of 14 upper-level credits. In general, 3-4 courses at the lower-level and 4-5 courses at the upper-level.

GLOSSARY



Fall semester:

Courses are scheduled September to December.
Registration period occurs in June.

Winter semester:

Courses are scheduled January to April.
Registration period occurs in November.

Summer semester:

Full courses are scheduled May to August.
Early courses are scheduled May and June.
Late courses are scheduled July and August.
Registration period occurs in March.