



WELCOME!

Bachelor of Integrated Studies (BIS)

Discover Your University

May 2021

Tips For Viewing This Presentation



This presentation is for anyone who applied to UFV to complete a Bachelor of Integrated Studies (BIS) degree and was either:

1. Admitted/conditionally admitted into the BIS, or
2. Was not admitted, but who intends to complete a BIS as their goal program.

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TAKE YOUR TIME

- A regular advising appointment takes about 45 minutes, so ensure you give yourself at least that amount of time.
- This presentation serves as your first appointment as we will cover what we would do in an in-person new student appointment.

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TRUST the information is sufficient for your needs at this time.

- This presentation will not include ALL BIS information.
- What is included will be sufficient to prepare you for your first semester, possibly your first year.
- This was developed by the Advisors that you will work with throughout the course of your degree, through to graduation. Your success is their goal!!

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QUESTIONS

- Jot down your questions as you work through the slides.
- We will most likely address your questions throughout and have included a glossary section at the end.
 - When you see an * beside a word, this means you will find more detail on the glossary slides.

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WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

If you are already thinking “I don’t even know what a degree means” - you are not alone!

- Much of this will be new – we’re going to introduce the key pieces of a BIS degree and,
- Help normalize the experience for you.

Let’s get started!

Academic Advisors

- Who Are We?

Completion advisors support your educational planning by providing the tools & 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



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 advisors. The main content area includes the heading "ADVISING CENTRE", a breadcrumb trail "UFV / ADVISING CENTRE", the title "Advising Centre", and a sub-heading "Academic Advisors help students plan their education and careers". A large orange arrow points from the text on the right to a green button labeled "+ Reasons to Connect with an Advisor". Other buttons include "Book an appointment", "Book a workshop/seminar", and "View/cancel my bookings".

Find us here:
ufv.ca/advising

Check out
these
options
for more
on Advising
Services

Advising Centre



On the **Advising Centre** webpage you can book an advising Appointment (phone or virtual)

- Recommended at least once/year or every 30 credits.

An appointment with an Advisor can be booked directly online.

ADVISING CENTRE

Student Union Building, 3rd Floor

Phone: 604-864-4674

Toll-free (Canada): 1-888-504-7441, ext. 4674

Email: advising@ufv.ca

What is Integrated Studies?

Customizable Programming

Create a multidisciplinary degree that meets your academic, professional, and personal goals by blending your:

- ✓ Skills
- ✓ Previous education
- ✓ Academics
- ✓ Professional development
- ✓ Vocational credits
- ✓ Transfer credits (up to 90 credits)
- ✓ Cooperative education experiences



BIS degree Program Requirements



This degree requires completion of a minimum of **120 credits**.^{*} This is approximately 40 classes.

At least 45 upper-level credits, of which 30 must be completed at UFV.

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

Your pace of completion is based on your personal schedule and goals. **It needs to work for you.**

BIS degree Program Requirements



EXAMPLE:

If you are planning on completing this degree in **4 years**, that would mean completing **30 credits per year**.

There are 3 semesters per year at UFV:
Fall, Winter and Summer.*

*FYI: there is no standard timeframe for completion; many BIS students complete this degree in approximately 5 years due to work schedules, non-academic commitments, etc.**

BIS degree Program Requirements



Within the required 120 credits, there are several layers of specific requirements. Additional detail on each will be provided:

- Types of credit (lower and upper level requirements)*
- GPA (minimum grade requirements)
- General education requirements (courses all BIS students must complete)
- Discipline specific requirements (minors)*

(For more info on minors, see slide 17)

BIS degree Program Requirements



TYPES OF CREDIT

- As a new student, you will be taking lower level courses in your first year.
- These are courses numbered at the 100-200 level.
- Upper level courses are numbered at the 300-400 level. Upper level courses will come later, and do not need to be addressed at this point in your planning, unless you have transfer credits.

BIS degree Program Requirements



GPA

- GPA stands for Grade Point Average.
- To remain in Good Academic Standing, students must maintain (as per UFV's Continuance policy):
 - A 2.0 cumulative grade point average (CGPA) to remain in good academic standing.
 - Students who do not maintain a 2.0 CGPA may have restrictions on their account and may be required to withdraw from UFV.

Core Competencies

As part of the BIS program, you will demonstrate competency in six areas which are met using a mixture of courses, short programs, and professional experiences and/or transfer credits. **These are requirements that all BIS students must complete within their degree.**

1. Effective Communications
2. Use and Interpretation of Quantitative Information
3. Digital Competency
4. Scientific Literacy
5. Intercultural Engagement
6. Professional and Applied Skills

Visit the BIS degree Academic Calendar to learn more about competency requirements.



Specialization – Minor(s)

Build one or more minors or extended minors into your program from a diversity of fields in the arts, sciences, professional studies, and health.

Common Minors in the BIS:

- ✓ English
- ✓ Sociology
- ✓ Communications
- ✓ Business
- ✓ Geography
- ✓ Criminal Justice
- ✓ History
- ✓ Adult Educ. (New for Fall 2020)

Learn more about [Minors](#).



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Program: Bachelor of General Studies

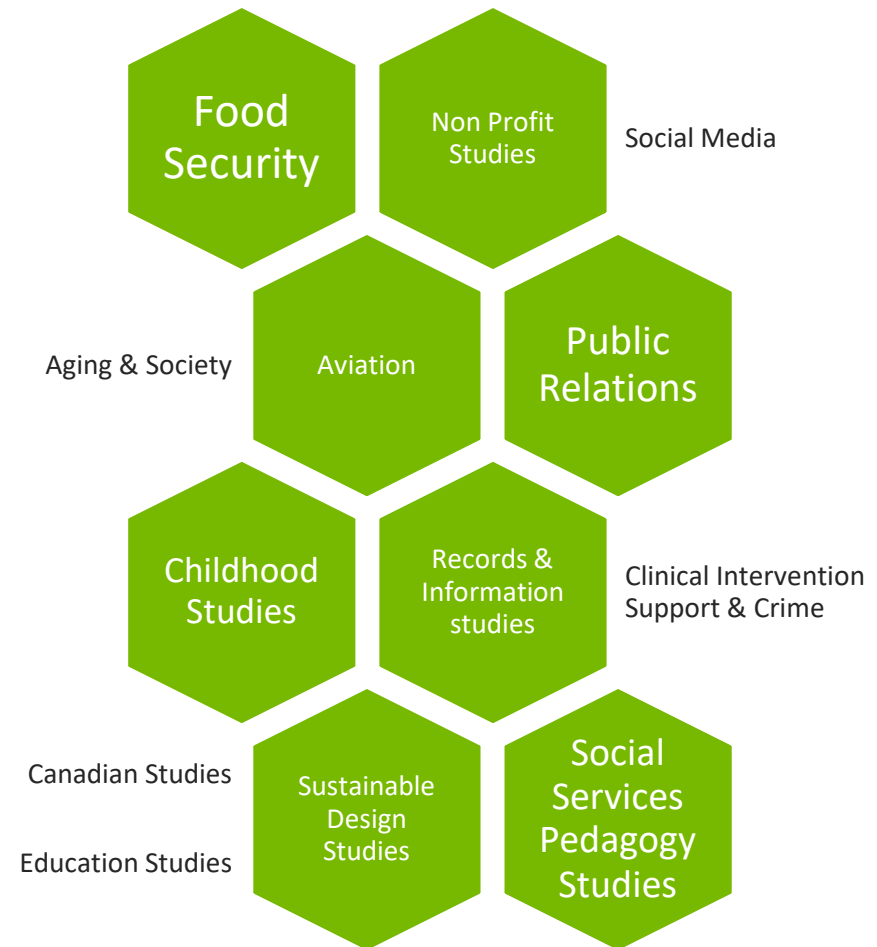
Career: Communications with the RCMP

Specialization - Themes

As a BIS student, you may choose to complete additional credentials to suit your own interests and goals by creating a specific theme or concept within your degree, completing the bulk of your theme courses in your last two years.

Learn more about [Themes](#).

Examples of recent themes from fellow students:



Specialization – Career Paths

While completing your BIS, you can meet the entrance requirements for other programs depending on your career choice.

For example:

If you want to become:

- A teacher, or
- You'd like to continue your graduate studies.



Sukhi Brar
Program: Bachelor of General Studies
Career: Residence Life Coordinator at SFU

UFV Partnership



UFV - McDonald's Partnership

Are you currently employed as a manager with McDonald's?

You could receive credits towards one of four UFV credentials including the Bachelor of Integrated Studies.

Learn more about the McDonald's transfer credit partnership, or contact your advisor.

Academic Calendar

www.ufv.ca/calendar/current



The **online academic calendar** is the official source for information about the Integrated Studies degree and other courses and programs of study offered at the University of the Fraser Valley.

Let's learn more about it...



BIS Quick links

- What are the requirements for the Bachelor of Integrated Studies?
- How many credits in the BIS need to be completed at UFV? How many can be transferred from other institutions?
- Graduation requirements
- Relevant policies

- **Program information** is found under “*Select Area of Study...*” tab, from entrance requirements to graduation requirements for selected program.
- **Course information** is found under “*Select Courses ...*” tab, including number of credits, prerequisites, and an overview of course content.

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- **Official course outlines** under the *“Course Outlines”* tab provide more specific details about courses. The course syllabus given out on the first day of class includes information taken from here. This can also be submitted to another post-secondary institution as part of the transfer credit evaluation process.
- The information found in **MyGRADplan** has been taken from the current Academic Calendar – this is our official legal document. If there is a discrepancy between the two sources, the current Academic Calendar is the one in effect.

BIS degree Program Program Requirements



So how do you know which courses to take?

- You will find the official program outline in the current [Academic Calendar](#).
- You can also find your personal program plan in MyGRADplan accessed via myUFV under the Campus Life tab.

MyGRADplan



MyGRADplan can help you assess:

- Your program progress (how many courses/credits left?)
- Which classes transferred with me when I came to UFV?

As a UFV student, you can log into this program 24/7 so that you **always have access to your program plan**. It is accessible via your myUFV account, and is reviewed during your Academic Advising appointments. Please keep in mind it does NOT replace appointments.

Click [here](#) to learn more about my MyGRADplan.

MyGRADplan



Here's how to login:

1. Login to [myUFV](#) using your usual credentials.
1. Locate the MyGRADplan channel & follow prompts to access MyGRADplan.

Make sure to **review the tutorial, specifically learning about using the 'what if' & 'look ahead' features** – this will be very helpful in your course planning process!

MyGRADplan Audit Sample View...



Student View for [REDACTED]

UFV Program Audit

Student View A0004pEG as of 02APR19 at 11:44

Student ID	[REDACTED]	School	Undergraduate
Level	up to 30 credits completed	Degree	Bachelor of Integrated Studies
Institutional CGPA	0.00	Major	Integrated Studies degree program
Academic Standing		Minor	
		Concentration	

Bachelor of Integrated Studies degree
Calendar Term: Fall 2019
GPA: 0.00
Credits Required: 120
Credits Applied: 0

- A 2.0 GPA is required. Still Needed: A minimum 2.0 GPA is required. You currently have 0.00.
- Total credits required. Still Needed: 120 credits are required. You currently have 0, you still need 120 more credits.
- An upper-level 2.0 GPA is required. Your upper-level GPA is 0.00. Still Needed: A minimum upper-level 2.0 GPA is required.
- A minimum of 45 upper-level credits are required. Still Needed: 45 credits are required. You currently have 0, you still need 45 more credits.
- A minimum of 30 credits must be completed at UFV. Still Needed: 30 credits are required. You currently have 0, you still need 30 more credits.
- A minimum of 24 upper-level credits must be completed at UFV. Still Needed: 24 credits are required. You currently have 0, you still need 24 more credits.
- Customized Learning Plan Still Needed: Customized Learning Plan
- General Education Requirements Still Needed: See **General Education Requirements** section
- Breadth Requirement Still Needed: See **Breadth Requirement** section
- No in-progress or incomplete course (s) exist.

General Education Requirements
Calendar Term: Fall 2019
GPA: 0.00

- EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION
 - One of ENGL 105 or CMNS 125 Still Needed: 1 Class in ENGL 105 or CMNS 125
 - One specified AH, CMNS, GEOG, HSER, SOC or VA Still Needed: 1 Class in ABT 135 or AH 100 or 101 or 102 or 204 or CMNS 115 or 120 or 175 or 235 or 251 or 257 or 300 or ENGL 104 or 200 or 208 or 210.215 or AH 267 or FREN 101 or 102 or GD 101 or 102 or 157 or GEOG 257 or GERM 101 or 102 or HSER 120 or JAPN 101 or 102 or JRNL 300 or MEDA 260 or RUSS 101 or 102 or SOC 254 or SPAN 101 or 102 or 201 or THEA 111 or 112 or VA 113 or 115 or 116 or 180 or 180
- USE AND INTERPRETATION OF NUMERICAL DATA
 - One of STAT 104, 106 or PSYC 110 Still Needed: 1 Class in STAT 104 or 106 or PSYC 110
 - One specified ANTH, CRIM, ECON, GEOG, MACS, MATH etc. Still Needed: 1 Class in ANTH 255 or CRIM 320 or ECON 100 or 101 or GEOG 252 or 253 or MACS 255 or MATH 100.499 or STAT 100.499 or PSYC 110 or 202 or SOC 255
- SCIENTIFIC LITERACY

Student View for [REDACTED]

- One specified AGRI, ASTR, BIO, CHEM, GEOG, HSC, KIN, PHYS or PSYC Still Needed: 1 Class in AGRI 123 or 124 or 129 or 163 or ASTR 103 or 104 or BIO 100.499 or CHEM 100.499 or GEOG 103 or 116 or HSC 111 or KIN 163 or 170 or PHYS 100.499 or PSYC 202
- DIGITAL COMPETENCY
 - One specified BUS, CIS, COMP, CMNS, ENGR, GD, FILM, GEOG or VA Still Needed: 1 Class in BUS 160 or CIS 100.499 or COMP 120.499 or CMNS 251 or 375 or 376 or ENGR 151 or FILM 265 or GD 100.499 or GEOG 253 or BIO 357 or GEOG 300N or 357 or JRNL 365 or VA 160 or 180 or 271 or 365. Except GD 102
- INTERCULTURAL ENGAGEMENT
 - One specified ANTH, CMNS, EDUC, GD, HIST, IDS etc. Still Needed: Choose from 1 of the following:
 - (1 Class in ANTH 111 or CMNS 180 or EDUC 290 or 291 or FNST 100.499 or GD 466 or GEOG 346 or 398 or 466 or GDS 250 or 311 or HIST 103 or 396O or IDS 400D or 400E or IPK 102.499 or FREN 101.499 or JAPN 101.499 or GERM 101.499 or HALQ 101.499 or MAND 101.499 or SPAN 101.499 or RUSS 101.499 or PUNJ 101.499 or LAS 200 or PACS 200 or SOC 200 or 250 or 344 or 398) or
 - One of EAP 054.084 (grades and credits not included in degree) Still Needed: (1 Class in EAP 054.084)
- PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY
 - Applied, Experiential or Professional skills Still Needed: Choose from 1 of the following:
 - (1 Class in ABT 187 or AGRI 292 or ADED 473 or ARTS 280 or 380 or CMNS 412 or COOP 110 or 120 or 130 or CRIM 281 or 480 or 481 or CYC 310 or 310A or 310B or 410A or 410B or 410 or 480 or 481 or FREN 450 or 451 or 452 or GEOG 396 or 398 or 412 or 460 or 470 or HSER 130 or 131 or 230 or IPK 402 or KIN 399 or LIBT 266 or PACS 391 or PRLQ 250 or TESL 433 or THEA 299 or 395 or 399 or 495 or 499 or SOC 396 or 398 or VA 402) or
 - One class affiliated with a Study Tour Still Needed: (1 Class in @ @) or
 - 60 Hours Co-Curricular Record Still Needed: (Co-Curricular Record)
- E-PORTFOLIO REQUIREMENTS
 - One of PORT 398 Still Needed: 1 Class in PORT 398
 - One of PORT 399 Still Needed: 1 Class in PORT 399

Breadth Requirement
Calendar Term: Fall 2019
GPA: 0.00

- A minimum of 6 courses in six different disciplines Still Needed: 6 Classes in @ @

Legend

- Complete
- Not Complete
- Complete except for classes in-progress
- Range
- Any course number

Semester Timetable

www.ufv.ca/registration



REGISTRATION

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Registration

View timetables

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Use the course finder

A blue square button with a white magnifying glass icon and the text "Use the course finder" in a dark grey box at the bottom.

Dates and deadlines

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View timetables

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Log in to myUFV

Plan your studies

Quick links



How to register

A step-by-step guide to registering.



Fees and payments

Fees required each semester and how to

How to register



Dates and deadlines

Semester info



Fees and payments



Semester Timetable

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- Under the **Registration** area you'll find information about the registration process at UFV.
- The **Fall 2021 timetable** is located under the **"View timetables"** box. This is where you'll find the Winter timetable (end of October) and the Summer timetable (end of February). You choose courses for one semester – not the entire year.

Semester Timetable

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- The interactive course finder under the **“Use the course finder”** box can be used to review course options by discipline, specific course number, seats available (waitlists) and other options. You can also build a sample weekly timetable with this tool.
- The **“Dates and deadlines”** box is where you will find all the published registration deadlines including: withdrawal dates, fee payment deadline, and statutory holidays when UFV is closed.

Semester Timetable

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- Under the **Quick links** section, you will find more registration information. We suggest checking out the [“How to register”](#) page with the 6 steps outlined for you with explanations on how to access things in myUFV and to find links to some of the [video tutorials](#).

Sample First Semester

Here is **an example** of what a typical Fall semester might look like.

The choice is yours! Take courses that interest you and that could lead to your ideal career or ladder onto a bachelor's degree.

Fall (Sept - Dec)

Choose 3 to 4 courses from the following list to include one of ENGL 105 or CMNS 125:

1. One or Two General Education Requirements (ENGL 105 or CMNS 125 to be included)
2. One or Two Personal interest elective(s) (100-200 level)
3. Academic skills course (i.e. UNIV 101 or CSM 108)

Use the Academic Calendar to find out more about specific courses

Course Load Balance

How many courses you take each semester is up to you. **Consider your workload carefully** to find a balance between your school, work and personal life.

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

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



Register For Courses



Click on these links to learn more about the courses you are 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.

Know Your Resources



Top Resource Tips

UFV Support Services: www.ufv.ca/services/

➤ **Academic Support:**

- [Academic Success Centre](#)

➤ **Student Support:**

- Centre for Experiential and Career Education
- [Centre for Accessibility Services](#)
- [Counselling](#)
- [Financial Aid](#)
- [Indigenous Student Centre](#)
- [Residence](#)
- [Student Support Centre](#)

Top Resource Tips

- ❖ **To find out more info on specific courses and requirements for the BIS degree**
[ufv.ca/calendar/current/ProgramsF-L/GEN_BGS.htm](https://www.ufv.ca/calendar/current/ProgramsF-L/GEN_BGS.htm)
- ❖ **To find out what job opportunities are available.**
[ufv.ca/jobs/career-services/carehttps://www.ufv.ca/jobs/experiential-learning/er-resources/](https://www.ufv.ca/jobs/experiential-learning/er-resources/)
- ❖ **For help with your resume and cover letter**
<https://www.ufv.ca/jobs/experiential-learning/>
- ❖ **If you're struggling and feeling stressed and need some support.**
[ufv.ca/counselling/](https://www.ufv.ca/counselling/)
- ❖ **If you're an International Student and have questions concerning your student visa or work permit.**
[international.ufv.ca/](https://www.international.ufv.ca/)

Reminders



- Login to myUFV frequently** to check your UFV email account.
- 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 2021 timetable & create your schedule.
- Register on your assigned date & time for best course selection. Fall 2021 registration period starts on June 14.

Reminders

- ❑ **Attend the first day of all classes** – registered & waitlisted. (If you do not attend you may forfeit your seat). Classes begin September 13th.
- ❑ **Check Dates and Deadlines page** for more information - www.ufv.ca/registrar/deadlines/.

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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.

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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 BIS 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.

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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.

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.



**See you in
September!**



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