YOUR FIRST YEAR

A new student’s guide to program planning and course selection

BSc
(Science Communication)
Welcome to the Mount!

This guide is designed to help you effectively choose your courses, put your schedule together and plan your program of study. The choices you make now are very important, so please read this information carefully and don’t be afraid to ask a lot of questions - That’s what we’re here for!

You are at the start of an exciting educational journey. During your time at the Mount you will make lifelong friends, meet amazing professors, grow your mind, expand your career possibilities and prepare to become one of the leaders of tomorrow. We are so happy that you have joined our community and are proud to have you!

First Year Registration Checklist

- **Step 1** Seek academic advising
  An Academic Advisor will help you pick your courses and plan your degree. It is important to review the information in this booklet before arriving on campus and be as prepared as possible before meeting with your advisor. You will then be able to discuss your interests with an advisor and finalize your course choices.

- **Step 2** Choose your courses
  Follow the worksheet on page three to assist you with your course selection.

- **Step 3** Create your class schedule
  **Course Load:** Students may register for a maximum of 5 courses per semester for a total of 10 courses (5.0 units per year). To be considered a full time student, you must register for a minimum of 3 courses per semester.
  1. From MSVU.ca select MyMount> Sign In > Registration Centre
  2. Choose the term you are planning (ex fall 2011 or winter 2012), and then browse or search for the courses you would like to take.
  3. You will decide when you would like to take courses, provided there is more than one section being offered for the courses that you are interested in. For example, if you select English 1170 in the fall semester, there will be many different sections that you will be able to choose from; you may have the option of taking it in the morning or the afternoon.
  4. Courses that are 0.5 units will run one semester (Sept-Dec or Jan-April) and the courses that are 1.0 unit will run the full year (Sept-April).
  5. Plan a couple of back-up courses or sections.

- **Step 4** Register for your courses
  Registration can be done online via, Mymount or in-person at the Registrar’s counter in Evaristus Hall.

- **Step 5** Pay your fees
  The final step in the registration process is the payment of your fees by the specified deadlines. This step secures your course registrations. Financial information including payment deadlines and fees is available on the MSVU website at [http://www.msvu.ca/Financial-Information/](http://www.msvu.ca/Financial-Information/). Please note that the website will be updated for the 2011 fall/winter terms in early June.
Known for our small classes and distinctive programs, we place a strong emphasis on teaching excellence and have one of the lowest student-to-faculty ratios in Canada. More than 5,000 students from more than 60 countries attend our university each year.

The Mount offers a wide variety of undergraduate degrees. No matter what field of study you have chosen, you are in for an incredible learning experience.

**Bachelor of Arts (BA) & Bachelor of Science (BSc)**

- **Major Programs** 20 Units (4 years) - A major is required for students enrolled in a 20-unit BA or BSc. Students will gain in-depth knowledge in one single discipline, by completing 8-10 units in their chosen major.

- **Combined Major Programs** 20 Units (4 years) - A combined major is an option for students enrolled in a 20 unit BA or BSc. Students will gain an in-depth knowledge of two disciplines, by completing 6-8 units in two disciplines.

- **Honours Programs** 20 units (4 years) - Available for students who wish to study a single discipline in depth, usually with post-graduate study as a goal. Honours include 10-12 units in the chosen discipline including an honours thesis.

- **General Studies** 15 units (3 years) - This program offers a broad background in the humanities, sciences and social sciences. Students will select a concentration of 4 units.

**Group A** (Science & Math)

- Applied Human Nutrition (those listed in the science Minor)
- Applied Statistics (see MATH)
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Mathematics
- Physics
- Psychology

**Group B** (Social Sciences)

- Canadian Studies(CANA)
- Communications
- Economics
- Family Studies & Gerontology
- Political studies
- Psychology
- Sociology/Anthropology
- Women’s Studies(WOMS)

**Group C** (Humanities)

- Cultural Studies
- English
- French
- History
- Linguistics
- Library
- Philosophy
- Religious Studies
- Spanish
- Writing (WRIT)

*Psychology can count toward group A or group B, but not both.*

**Professional Programs**

Professional programs are degrees focused on a specific career or career path. Units vary depending on the program: 20-23 units (4+ yrs)

Degrees available in:

- **Applied Human Nutrition**
- **Business Administration**
- **Child and Youth Study**
- **Public Relations**
- **Science Communication**
- **Tourism & Hospitality Management**

Majors, Minors and Honours options may be available in your program of choice. Please consult the Academic Calendar for specific details.
Bachelor of Science: Science Communication

First Year Course Selection Worksheet

- Use the tables below to plan your course selections for the fall and winter semesters
- Refer to the chart on Mount Saint Vincent Programs and Disciplines at a Glance chart for a list of Science and Arts disciplines (groups A, B & C), and professional studies disciplines.
- Select your specific courses from the “Courses Open to First Students” list on the following pages.
- Remember that a course could be offered a number of different times in different time slots, so students in the same program often have very different class schedules.
- Science Communications Students should note that the program has important sequencing built into it. This means that you should follow the precise courses as offered.

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<td>3. CHEM 1011 General Chemistry I (plus lab, CHEM 111L)</td>
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Courses Open to First Year Students (2011-2012)

Important Notes:
- Courses marked with an asterisk (*) have a prerequisite (either first semester or concurrent), or require permission of the instructor. Check the 2011-2012 Undergraduate Academic Calendar for further information.
- 1.0 unit courses will begin in the fall semester and will continue through the winter semester. If you choose a one unit course, remember that you will be in the course for the entire academic year, September to April.

APPLIED HUMAN NUTRITION
- NUTR 1102 Foods I/ half unit/half unit* (lab required)
- NUTR 1103 Foods II/ half unit/half unit* (lab required)
- NUTR 1106 Nutrition and Lifestyle/ half unit (not a credit for BSc AHN students)
- NUTR 1209 Introductory Nutrition: Macronutrients/ half unit*
- NUTR 1210 Introductory Nutrition: Micronutrients/ half unit*
- NUTR 2205 Dietary Supplements & Herbal Remedies/ half unit
- NUTR 2240 Nutrition, Health and Safety for the Developing Child and Adolescent/ half unit* (NUTR 2240 is not a credit for BSc AHN students)
- NUTR 2300 Nutrition for Fitness & Sport/ half unit* (prerequisite of NUTR 1209)

BIOLOGY
- BIOL 1114 Human Development & Genetics/ half unit (not a credit for biology majors)
- BIOL 1152 Introductory Biology I/ half unit (lab required)
- BIOL 1153 Introductory Biology II/ half unit (lab required)* (prerequisite BIOL 1152)

BUSINESS
- BUSI 1112 Introduction to Business Administration/ half unit
- BUSI 2011 Introduction to Entrepreneurship/ half unit
- BUSI 2060 Personal Finance/ half unit
- BUSI/THMT 2202 Communications Management/ half unit* (prerequisite BUSI 1112 or THMT 1101)
- BUSI 2214 Organizational Behaviour: Individuals in Organizations/ half unit*
- BUSI 2215 Organizational Behaviour: Groups, Structure and Culture/ half unit*
- BUSI 2221 Introductory Accounting I/ half unit
- BUSI 2222 Introductory Accounting II/ half unit* (prerequisite of BUSI 2221)
- BUSI 2230 Principles of Marketing/ half unit
- BUSI 2231 Applied Marketing/ half unit* (prerequisite of BUSI 2230)
- BUSI/RELS/PHIL 2250 Business Ethics
- BUSI 2259 Legal Aspects of Business/ half unit

CANADIAN STUDIES
- CANA 1100 Canadian Culture and Society/ one unit

CHEMISTRY
- CHEM 1003 Chemistry of Everyday Life/ half unit (lab required)*
- CHEM 1005 Chemical Concepts/ half unit (lab/tutorial required)*
- CHEM 1011 General Chemistry I/ half unit (lab required)*
- CHEM 1012 General Chemistry II/ half unit (lab required)* (prerequisite CHEM 1011)

CHILD AND YOUTH STUDY
- CHYS 1110 Introduction to Child and Youth Care/ half unit
- CHYS 1120 Essentials of Child and Youth Care Practice/ half unit *open only to students enrolled in the B.A (CHYS) degree
COMMUNICATION STUDIES
Communication Studies offers professional studies programs in Public Relations and Science Communication. In addition to these programs, a minor in Communication Technology is offered.

Registration for Public Relations is restricted to the following course unless students are enrolled in the BPR program:

- **PBRL 1010** Foundations of Public Relations/half unit
- **PBRL/COMM 2211** Introduction to Public Speaking/half unit

Students doing a minor in Communication Technology can take the following:

- **COMM 1015** Introduction to Communication Technology/half unit (open to all students)
- **PBRL 2013** Communication: Theory and Practice/half unit
- **PBRL 2015** Audiovisual Communications/half unit

Students taking a Bachelor of Science Degree in Science Communication are eligible for the following course:

- **COMM 1501** Foundations of Science Communication/half unit (see department for eligibility).

The following courses are also open to students in Cultural Studies:

- **PBRL 2013** Communication: Theory and Practice/half unit
- **PBRL 3013** Mass Media & Public Opinion/half unit (this course is also open to students doing a minor in Peace and Conflict Studies)

COMPUTER SCIENCE
**CMPS/INTE 1024** Information Technology Fundamentals/half unit

**CMPS 1155** Introduction to Computer Programming I/half unit*

**CMPS/INTE 2245** Spreadsheet Applications/half unit*(prerequisite CMPS 1024& one math)

**CMPS/INTE 2263** Introduction to Web Design and Development/half unit*(prerequisite CMPS 1024)

CULTURAL STUDIES
**CULS 1101** Cultural Studies: An Introduction/half unit

**CULS 2201** Cultural Studies: Critical Debates/half unit* (prerequisite CULS 1101 or permission of the department)

**CULS 2202** Music and Culture/half unit

**CULS 2294** Film Genres/half unit

ECONOMICS
**ECON 1101** Introduction to Microeconomics/half unit*

**ECON 1102** Introduction to Macroeconomics/half unit*(prerequisite ECON 1101)

ENGLISH
**WRIT 1120** Writing Theory and Practice/half unit

**ENGL 1155** Introduction to Literature: Gender and Form/one-unit

**ENGL 1170** Introduction to Literature: Reading Literature/half unit

**ENGL 1171** Introduction to Literature: Historical Perspectives/half unit

**NOTE:** Students may not take both ENGL 1155 and ENGL 1170/1171 for credit.

- ENGL 1170 and ENGL 1171 may be taken in any order.
- WRIT 1120 cannot be used toward the major or minor in English.

FAMILY STUDIES AND GERONTOLOGY
**FSGN 1100** Introduction to Family Studies/half unit

**FSGN 1101** Introduction to Gerontology/half unit

**FSGN/PHIL 2202** The Roots of Peace and Conflict/half unit

**FSGN 2100** Healthy Aging/half unit

**FSGN 2212** Perspectives on Parent-Child Relations Across the Life Course/half unit

**FSGN 2312** Dynamics of Family Relations/half unit

**FSGN/RELS 3307** Perspectives on Death and Dying/half unit
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### MATHEMATICS

Students must take the Mathematics placement test in order to take Pre-calculus (MATH 1102) or Calculus (MATH 1113). Students may register for either of these courses before taking the placement test; however, if students do not complete the placement test satisfactorily by the end of the first week of term they may be required to withdraw from the course. Students who will be taking MATH 2208 or MATH 1130 are advised to take a self-test on line at

- MATH 0020 | College Algebra/half unit (non-credit) |
- MATH 1102 | Pre-calculus I: Algebraic Functions/ half unit |
- MATH 1103 | Pre-calculus II: Transcendental Functions/ half unit* |
- MATH 1113 | Introductory Calculus I/ half unit |
- MATH 1114 | Introductory Calculus II/ half unit* |
- MATH 1130 | Finite Mathematics/ half unit |
- MATH 2208 | Introduction to Statistics I/ half unit (lab required-Math 208L) |
- MATH 2209 | Introduction to Statistics II/ half unit* (lab required-Math 209L) (prerequisite MATH 2208) |

### MODERN LANGUAGES

#### FRENCH:

Students are recommended to take a placement test to determine which course they should take.

- FREN 1101 | Basic Practical French I/ half unit |
- FREN 1102 | Basic Practical French II/ half unit |
- FREN 2201 | Practical French I/ half unit |
- FREN 2202 | Practical French II/ half unit |
- FREN 2203 | Introduction to French Literature I/ half unit |
- FREN 2204 | Introduction to French Literature II/ half unit |
- FREN 2205 | Practical French III/ half unit |
- FREN 2206 | Practical French IV/ half unit |
- FREN 2214 | Intermediate Grammar & Composition I/ half unit |
- FREN 2215 | Intermediate Grammar & Composition II/ half unit |
### SPANISH:
- **SPAN 1101**  Beginning Spanish I/ half unit
- **SPAN 1102**  Beginning Spanish II/ half unit *(Prerequisite SPAN 1101 or equivalent)*

### PHILOSOPHY
- **PHIL 1010**  Introduction to Philosophy/ half unit
- **PHIL/FSGN 2202**  The Roots of Peace and Conflict/ half unit
- **PHIL 2209**  Introduction to Ethics/ half unit
- **PHIL 2210**  Justice, Ideas and Thought/ half unit
- **PHIL/POLS 2213**  Classical Political Thought/ half unit
- **PHIL/POLS 2214**  Social and Political Justice/ half unit
- **PHIL/RELS 2217**  Reason and Religious Belief/ half unit
- **PHIL 2220**  Reasoning and Argumentation/ half unit
- **PHIL/RELS 2229**  Contemporary Moral Problems/ half unit
- **PHIL/BUSI/RELS 2250**  Business Ethics/ half unit

### PHYSICS
- **PHYS 1101**  General Physics I/ half unit* (lab required)*
- **PHYS 1102**  General Physics II/ half unit* (lab required)* *(Prerequisite PHYS 1101)*
- **PHYS 1120**  Introduction to Astronomy I: The Sky and Planets/ half unit (lab required)
- **PHYS 1130**  Introduction to Astronomy II: Stars and Galaxies/ half unit (lab required)

### POLITICAL STUDIES
- **POLS 1100**  Government and Politics in the 21st Century: An Introduction/ one unit
- **POLS 2201**  Law, Government and Politics in Canada/ half unit
- **POLS 2202**  People, Power and Politics in Canada/ half unit
- **POLS 2203**  Introduction to Public Policy and the Public Interest/ half unit
- **POLS 2210**  Theories of Human Nature/ half unit
- **POLS/PHIL 2213**  Classical Political Thought/ half unit
- **POLS/PHIL 2214**  Social and Political Justice/ half unit
- **POLS/HIST 2218**  Canadian-American Relations: Continental Nations/ half unit
- **POLS/HIST 2219**  Canadian Foreign Policy/ half unit
- **POLS/WOMS 2223**  Women and Politics/ half unit
- **POLS 2244**  Contemporary World Events and Issues/ half unit

### PSYCHOLOGY
- **PSYC 1110**  Introduction to Psychology as a Natural Science/ half unit
- **PSYC 1120**  Introduction to Psychology as a Social Science/ half unit *(Prerequisite of PSYC 1110)*

### RELIGIOUS STUDIES
- **RELS 1020**  Eastern Religious Traditions/ half unit
- **RELS 1030**  Western Religious Traditions/ half unit
- **RELS 2201**  Evil/ half unit
- **RELS 2203**  Love/ half unit
- **RELS/PHIL 2217**  Reason and Religious Belief/ half unit
- **RELS/PHIL 2229**  Contemporary Moral Problems/ half unit
- **RELS 2233**  Christian Traditions/ half unit
- **RELS/PHIL/BUSI 2250**  Business Ethics/ half unit
- **RELS 3306**  Religion and Popular Culture/ half unit *(Permission of the instructor required)*
- **RELS/FSGN 3307**  Perspectives on Death and Dying/ half unit
SOCIOLOGY/ANTHROPOLOGY
SOAN 1101 Introduction to Sociology and Anthropology/one unit
SOAN 1102 Introduction to Anthropology/half unit
SOAN 1103 Introduction to Sociology/half unit
SOAN 2101 Human Evolution/half unit
Please note that students may take SOAN 1101 or SOAN 1102/1103 but not both.

TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT
Courses in this department may only be open to those students enrolled in Business Administration or Tourism and Hospitality Management programs; check the 2011-2012 Undergraduate Calendar.

THMT 1101 Introduction to Tourism and Hospitality/half unit
THMT 1116 Principles of Food Production and Service/half unit (lab required)
THMT/BUSI 2202 Communications Management * (prerequisite of THMT 1101 or BUSI 1112)
THMT 2216 Restaurant and Food Service Management/half unit (lab required) * (prerequisite of THMT 1116)

WOMEN’S STUDIES
WOMS 1110 Focus on Women I/half unit
WOMS 1112 Focus on Women II/half unit
WOMS 2221 Women and Health/half unit
WOMS 2231 Women and Culture
WOMS/POLS 2223 Women and Politics/half unit
WOMS 3313 Women, Culture and Food
Placement Tests

Mathematics: All students taking MATH 1102 (Precalculus I) or MATH 1113 (Calculus) must take a Math placement test unless you have received university credit for Math 1103 (Precalculus II). Grade 12 math is NOT a sufficient prerequisite for this course. Any student considering a major or minor in Math, Chemistry, Computer Science, or Physics is advised to take the placement test, as Math 1113 will be required. The test can be taken July 7th or Aug 11th from 4-7pm in the summer or during the first two weeks of September.

Many degree programs require MATH 2208 (Statistics) or MATH 1130 (Finite Math). While there is no placement test for these courses, see the 2011-2012 Undergraduate Calendar regarding their prerequisites. Also, students are advised to take a self-test online at http://www.msvu.ca/mathematics

French: If you are planning to take a French course, it is recommended that you take a placement test. Contact the Language Lab at (902) 457-6247 in advance to schedule an appointment during the summer or take the test during Early Advising and Registration on June 3rd or June 4th. If you are in doubt about which level of French you should be taking, please consult with a member of the Modern Languages Department.

Do you want to be a teacher? Prepare for the Education degree in advance.

Students interested in applying to the Bachelor of Education following their undergraduate degree will have to complete specific requirements during their undergraduate degree. The table below lists courses that must be completed during your undergraduate degree. You will not apply to the BEd program until the last year of your degree. Therefore, keep in mind that you do not need to take all of the courses that are required for admission to the BEd program in your first year. You will be able to fit them into your degree throughout your years at the Mount.

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<td>✗ 1.0 unit in a pure Science with a lab (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Interdisciplinary Science EDUC 2471/2472)</td>
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<td>✗ 0.5 unit in Math (Math 2243 preferred)</td>
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Please note that your 1st teachable and your 2nd teachable for secondary education must not fall under the same category. For example, you cannot have chemistry as a 1st teachable and biology as a 2nd teachable; but you could have chemistry as a 1st teachable and English as a 2nd teachable.

There are other requirements such as a 3.0 GPA, experience, references, etc. Please see the 2011-2012 Undergraduate Calendar for more detailed information.
Frequently Asked Questions

How will I know which courses to take? This handbook will guide you through the steps of choosing your courses. You should also consult with your Academic Advisor before choosing your courses.

Who is my academic advisor? All students have an Academic or Faculty Advisor. Please visit www.msvu.ca/advising to find the name and contact info of your advisor. If you are in a professional program or have declared your Arts or Science major, you will meet with the Chair of your program or assigned faculty in your program. If you are taking a BA or BSc General Studies Degree you will be advised by the Academic Advisors in the Deans’ Office.

How many courses should I take in each semester? You can register for a maximum of 5 courses per semester (2.5 units). You can register for fewer courses, although it may take longer to complete your degree requirements.

What is the difference between a full-time student vs. a part-time student? A full-time student must be registered in 3 courses per semester for a minimum of 3.0 units per academic year. A part-time student is registered in 1-2 courses per semester.

What is MyMount? MyMount is the Mount’s online registration program. You can also change your address, pay your fees, print off a class schedule, and do much more. How do I get a user ID and password? After you have paid your confirmation/tuition deposit, you will be given a Mount email username and password. Your Mount username and password will give you access to all online tools at MSVU including MyMount, and Moodle.

When do I take the placement tests for Math and French? You can take the French placement test at the Jump Start event on July 7th or August 11th from 4-7 pm or during the first two weeks of September. If you are not able to attend, you will need to contact the department to set up a test at a later date (see previous page for contact information). Math placement tests will take place later in the summer and again in September (see previous page for contact information).

Can I take a course at the 2000 level if I am in my first year? Yes, as long as there is no prerequisite for the course, or if you happen to have the required prerequisite.

When do I choose my major and minor? You will need to choose a major and minor by the end of your first full year of study (before you register for your 6th unit of study).

Do I have to choose a major and minor? No, you may choose to complete a general studies degree which requires one concentration instead of a major and minor.

What are Distance Learning courses? These are courses that you can complete off campus through various modes including; online, streaming video, DVD rental and teleconference. Visit msvu.ca/distance for more information.

What is a timetable? The timetable is the schedule of courses that are offered each semester including the times, days, professor’s name and location of the class. The timetable is not usually available in a printed format but is available online through MyMount.

What is the Undergraduate Academic Calendar? It is the booklet that describes the programs, courses, degree requirements, financial information, scholarship information, etc.
### Glossary

**Advisor** - a faculty member or administrator who helps you plan your program and select your courses.

**Concentration – Arts and Science**: A concentration in Arts and Science consists of four units of study as defined by the department offering the program.

**Concentration – Professional**: Several professional degree programs require students to complete a concentration, a minimum of three units of coursework in a specific area within the professional program. See specific degree requirements in the Academic Calendar.

**Credit** - same as a unit; technically, the term a “credit” is not used at the Mount, but you will often hear the two terms used interchangeably.

**Elective** - an optional course or subject not required for your particular program of study.

**Full-time student** - a student taking three or more units of credit during the regular academic year (September to April).

**GPA (grade point average)** – The total of your grade points averaged over the number of units contributing points of 0.0 and greater (basically, the average of your grades).

**Half-unit (0.5)** - a course that normally runs for one term only (either in the fall or the winter term).

**Laboratory (Lab)** - in addition to class time, some courses have labs. If you register for a course, which has a lab, you are required to register for the lab.

**Major** - a planned selection of courses in a particular subject; usually between 6 and 8 units of each discipline in a 20 unit combined major degree, or between 8 and 10 units in a 20 unit degree with one major. (**Combined majors are only available to BA and BSc students**)

**Minor** - a secondary area of study within a degree; usually three units of credit.

**Part-time student** - a student taking 2.5 or fewer units of credit during the regular academic year (September to April).

**Placement test** - a test to determine at which course level you should be placed to begin your studies. Placement tests are required for some math courses. It is also recommended for students taking French.

**Prerequisite** - a course required before taking another course at a higher or upper level.

**Unit (1.0)** - a course that runs for the full academic year (September-April)

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