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Welcome

Hello!

We're delighted that you selected MSVU as your University! We look forward to helping you select your first-year courses and supporting you throughout your academic journey!

This guide contains important information about MSVU programs, recommended first-year course selection for all undergraduate degree programs, a list of courses open to first-year students, a glossary of terms, and a frequently asked questions section.

Use this guide as you follow along with the steps identified on the Early Advising and Registration 2020 web page. Please note that we have included the program planning sheets for all undergraduate degree programs in this guide and you will only use the guide for your program when selecting your courses.

If you have questions about course selection and registration, academic advisors are available to assist you. Email advising@msvu.ca to connect with an academic advisor. Registration opens on Monday, March 30th.

It is our hope that this guide and our web resource will help you feel as prepared as possible to begin classes in the fall and excited about the opportunities that await you.

All the best,

The MSVU Centre for Academic Advising and Student Success

Programs at-a-glance

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. The Mount offers a wide variety of undergraduate degrees. No matter what field of study you have chosen, you can expect 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.

PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

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

Degrees available in:

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

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

Group A (Science & Math)	Group B (Social Sciences)	Group C (Humanities)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applied Human Nutrition** • Applied Statistics*** • Biology • Chemistry • Computer Science • Mathematics • Physics • Psychology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canadian Studies • Communications • Economics • Family Studies & Gerontology • Political studies • Psychology • Sociology/ Anthropology • Women's Studies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chinese • Cultural Studies • English • French • History • Library • Philosophy • Religious Studies • Spanish • Writing

* All BA and BSc programs require at least 1.0 unit in groups A, B and C. Psychology can count toward group A or B, but not both.

** Those listed in the science minor

*** See Math

Applied Human Nutrition Planning Sheet

- Use the tables below to plan your course selections for the fall and winter semesters.
- Refer to the chart in the handbook 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 Year Students” list in the handbook.
- 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.
- Transfer student must take NUTR 1106 in the fall so they can take NUTR 2211 in the winter semester.

FALL SEMESTER

1. NUTR 1102 Foods I, plus lab (NUTR 102L)
2. NUTR 1010 Introduction to the Profession OR NUTR 1106* Introduction to Nutrition
3. CHEM 1011 General Chemistry I, plus lab (CHEM 111L)
4. Arts or Science elective: _____
(An elective is an optional course not required for your program of study. Refer to your handbook for a list of Arts and Science disciplines - Groups A, B, & C)
5. BUSI, THMT, ECON: _____

* Transfer students must take NUTR 1106 in fall to be eligible to take NUTR 2211 in winter

Back-up choices: _____

WINTER SEMESTER

1. NUTR 1103 Foods II, plus lab (NUTR 103L)
2. NUTR 1106 Introduction to Nutrition or NUTR 1010 Introduction to the Profession (whichever course you did not take in the fall)
3. CHEM 1012 General Chemistry II, plus lab (CHEM 112L)
4. Arts or Science elective*: _____
5. Arts or Science elective: _____

* Transfer students must take NUTR 2211 (in lieu of an Arts or Science Elective) in the winter semester to allow you to have pre-requisites for 3000 level courses.

Back-up choices: _____

NOTES AND FUTURE PLANS

BA Child & Youth Study Planning Sheet

- Use the tables below to plan your course selections for the fall and winter semesters.
- Select your specific courses from the “Courses Open to First Year Students” list in the handbook.
- 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.

Fall Semester

1. _____ } Take 2 of: CHYS 1110,
CHYS 1120, and CHYS
1130
2. _____ }
3. _____ } Select course from
list of electives
below
4. MATH 2208 Introduction to Statistics I, plus lab (MATH 208L) **or** an Elective from the list below
5. PSYC 1110 Introduction to Psychology as a Natural Science

Electives:

- BIOL 1114
- HIST (check prerequisite requirements)
- ENGL at the 1000 level
- WRIT 1120
- NUTR 2240
- SOAN 1502

Winter Semester

1. _____ } Take 1 of: CHYS 1110, CHYS
1120, and CHYS 1130 (not
taken in fall semester
2. _____ }
3. _____ } Select courses from list of
electives below
4. MATH 2209 Introduction to Statistics II, plus lab (MATH 209L) **or** an Elective from the list below
5. PSYC 1120 Introduction to Psychology as a Social Science

Electives:

- BIOL 1114
- HIST (check prerequisite requirements)
- ENGL at the 1000 level
- WRIT 1120
- NUTR 2240
- SOAN 1502

Please note: You may opt to do 1 CHYS course in the fall and 2 in the winter. This means you would do 2 electives in the fall and 1 elective in the winter semester

Notes and future plans

BA Communication Planning Sheet

- Use the tables below to plan your course selections for the fall and winter semesters.
- Refer to the chart in the handbook 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 Year Students” list in the handbook.
- 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.

Fall Semester

1. COMM 1015 Intro to Communication Technology
2. PBRL/COMM 2013 Communication: Theory & Practice
3. Arts or Science elective: _____
(An elective is an optional course not required for your program of study. Refer to your handbook for a list of Arts and Science disciplines - Groups A, B, & C)
4. Elective: _____
5. Elective: _____

*At least 9.0 units must be at the 2000 level or above, including these 3.5 units: COMM/PBRL 2013, COMM/PBRL 2211, COMM 2101, LIBR 2100, PHIL 2229, POLS2203, WOMS 2231

*At least 3.0 units must be at the 3000 level or above including these 2.5 units: COMM/PBRL 3013, COMM 3025, COMM 3102, COMM 4013, COMM 4200

Back-up choices: _____

Fall Semester

1. PBRL/COMM 2211 Introduction to Public Speaking
2. LIBR 2100 Intro to Research in the Information Age
3. Arts or Science elective: _____
(An elective is an optional course not required for your program of study. Refer to your handbook for a list of Arts and Science disciplines - Groups A, B, & C)
4. Elective: _____
5. Elective: _____

*At least 9.0 units must be at the 2000 level or above, including these 3.5 units: COMM/PBRL 2013, COMM/PBRL 2211, COMM 2101, LIBR 2100, PHIL 2229, POLS2203, WOMS 2231

*At least 3.0 units must be at the 3000 level or above including these 2.5 units: COMM/PBRL 3013, COMM 3025, COMM 3102, COMM 4013, COMM 4200

Back-up choices: _____

Notes and Future Plans

Bachelor of Science Planning Sheet

- Use the tables below to plan your course selections for the fall and winter semesters.
- Refer to the chart in the handbook 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 Year Students” list in the handbook.
- 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.

INTENDED MAJOR	REQUIRED INTRODUCTORY COURSE	ADDITIONALLY RECOMMENDED IN YOUR FIRST YEAR
Biology	BIOL 1152/1153	CHEM 1011/1012 MATH 1113
Chemistry	CHEM 1011/1012	PHYS 1101/1102 MATH 1113/MATH 1114
Mathematics	MATH 1102/1103 or MATH 1113/1114 (placement test required for MATH students)	MATH 2208/CMPS 1155
Psychology	PSYC 1110/1120	MATH 2208/2209

FALL SEMESTER

1. Group A: _____
2. Group A: _____
3. Group A: _____
4. Group A, B or C: _____
5. Ground A, B, C or Professional elective:

Laboratory requirements: check the Academic Calendar to see if your group A courses have lab components)

Back-up choices: _____

WINTER SEMESTER

1. Group A: _____
2. Group A: _____
3. Group A: _____
4. Group A, B or C: _____
5. Group A,B, C or Professional elective: _____

Laboratory requirements: check the Academic Calendar to see if your group A courses have lab components)

Back-up choices: _____

NOTES AND FUTURE PLANS

Courses open to first year students

Important Notes:

- Courses marked with an asterisk (*) have a prerequisite (either first semester or concurrent), or require permission of the instructor. Check the 2020-2021 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 1.0 unit course, remember that you will be in the course for the entire academic year, September to April. 0.5 unit courses run for one semester.

APPLIED HUMAN NUTRITION

Course Code	Units	Course Name
NUTR 1010*	0.5	Introduction to the Profession (prerequisite: Admission to BSc AHN)
NUTR 1102*	0.5	Foods I (lab required) (prerequisite: Grade XII Chemistry or CHEM 1005)
NUTR 1103*	0.5	Foods II (lab required) (prerequisite: Grade XII Chemistry or CHEM 1005)
NUTR 1106*	0.5	Introduction to Nutrition (prerequisite: Grade XII Biology)
NUTR 2240	0.5	Nutrition, Health and Safety for the Developing Child and Adolescent
NUTR 2260	0.5	Cultural Context of Dietetics (Currently NUTR 2260 is for International students and requires departmental approval.)
NUTR 2261*	0.5	Cultural Competence of Dietetics (prerequisite: NUTR 2260. Currently NUTR 2261 is for International students and requires departmental approval.)

BIOLOGY

Course Code	Units	Course Name
BIOL 1114	0.5	Human Reproduction, Growth & Maturation (not a credit towards a major in Biology)
BIOL 1152	0.5	Introductory Biology I (lab required)
BIOL 1153*	0.5	Introductory Biology II (prerequisite: BIOL 1152)

BUSINESS

Course Code	Units	Course Name
BUSI 1112	0.5	Introduction to Business Administration
BUSI 2011	0.5	Introduction to Entrepreneurship
BUSI 2012	0.5	Work and Career in the Modern Global Environment
BUSI 2060	0.5	Personal Finance
BUSI/THMT 2202	0.5	Communications Management
BUSI 2214	0.5	Organizational Behaviour: Individuals in Organizations
BUSI 2215	0.5	Organizational Behaviour: Groups, Structure and Culture
BUSI 2221	0.5	Introductory Accounting I
BUSI 2222*	0.5	Introductory Accounting II (prerequisite: BUSI 2221)
BUSI 2230	0.5	Principles of Marketing
BUSI 2250	0.5	Business Ethics
BUSI 2601	0.5	Introduction to the Nonprofit Sector

Courses open to first year students

CANADIAN STUDIES

Course Code	Units	Course Name
CANA/POLS 1001	0.5	Government, Law, and Leaders
CANA/POLS 1002	0.5	State, Democracy, and Change in the Global Era
CANA/POLS 1102	0.5	Citizenship, Identity, and Diversity in Canada
CANA/POLS 2201	0.5	Law, Government, and Politics in Canada
CANA/POLS 2202	0.5	People, Power, and Politics in Canada
CANA/CULS 2211	0.5	Canadian Popular Culture

CHEMISTRY

Course Code	Units	Course Name
CHEM 1003	0.5	Chemistry of Everyday Life
CHEM 1005*	0.5	Chemical Concepts (lab/tutorial required) (prerequisite: Grade XI or XII academic Math or Math 0020 with a grade of C or higher)
CHEM 1011*	0.5	General Chemistry I (lab required) (prerequisite: Grade XII Chemistry and Grade XI and XII academic Math)
CHEM 1012*	0.5	General Chemistry II (lab required) (prerequisite: CHEM 1011)

CHILD & YOUTH STUDY

Course Code	Units	Course Name
CHYS 1110	0.5	Introduction to Child and Youth Care
CHYS 1120	0.5	Essentials of Child and Youth Care Practice (open only to students enrolled in the BA (CYS) degree)
CHYS 1130*	0.5	Theoretical Frameworks in Child and Youth Study

COMMUNICATION STUDIES/PUBLIC RELATIONS

Course Code	Units	Course Name
COMM 1015	0.5	Introduction to Communication Technology
COMM 1501	0.5	Foundations of Science Communication
COMM/PBRL 2013	0.5	Communication: Theory and Practice
COMM 2025	0.5	Introduction to Social Media
COMM 2101	0.5	Relational Communication
COMM/PBRL 2211	0.5	Introduction to Public Speaking
PBRL 1010^	0.5	Foundations of Public Relations
PBRL 2012^	0.5	Writing: Theory & Practice

^ Available only to Bachelor of Public Relations students

Courses open to first year students

COMPUTER SCIENCE

Course Code	Units	Course Name
CMPS/INTE 1024	0.5	Information Technology Fundamentals
CMPS 1155*	0.5	Introduction to Computer Programming I (prerequisite: Grade XI or XII academic math)
CMPS/INTE 1161*	0.5	Introduction to Media Computing (prerequisite: Grade XI or XII academic math)
CMPS 2255	0.5	Introduction to Computer Programming II (prerequisite: CMPS 1155)

CULTURAL STUDIES

Course Code	Units	Course Name
CULS 1101	0.5	Cultural Studies: An Introduction
CULS 2201	0.5	Cultural Studies: Critical Debates
CULS 2202	0.5	Music and Culture
CULS 2203	0.5	History of Rock and Roll
CULS 2205	0.5	Art in Halifax Now
CULS/CANA 2211	0.5	Canadian Popular Culture
CULS 2293	0.5	Understanding Movies
CULS 2294	0.5	Film Genres
CULS 2297	0.5	Animated Film

ECONOMICS

Course Code	Units	Course Name
ECON 1101*	0.5	Introduction to Microeconomics (prerequisite: Grade XII academic math)
ECON 1102*	0.5	Introduction to Macroeconomics (prerequisite: ECON 1101)

ENGLISH

Course Code	Units	Course Name
WRIT 1120	0.5	Writing Theory and Practice
ENGL 1155	1.0	Introduction to Literature: Gender and Form
ENGL 1170	0.5	Introduction to Literature: Reading Literature
ENGL 1171	0.5	Introduction to Literature: Historical Perspectives

NOTE: Students may not take both ENGL 1155 & ENGL 1170/1171 for credit. ENGL 1170 should be taken before ENGL 1171. WRIT 1120 cannot be used toward the major or minor in English.

FAMILY STUDIES

Course Code	Units	Course Name
FSGN 1100	0.5	Introduction to Family Studies
FSGN/PHIL 2202	0.5	The Roots of Peace and Conflict
FSGN 2212	0.5	Perspectives on Parent-Child Relations Across the Life Course
FSGN 2312	0.5	Resilient Families
FSGN 2315	0.5	Program planning in family life

Courses open to first year students

GERONTOLOGY

Course Code	Units	Course Name
FSGN 1101	0.5	Introduction to Gerontology
FSGN 2100	0.5	Healthy Aging

HISTORY

Course Code	Units	Course Name
HIST 1121	0.5	Canoes and Colonialism: Canada to Confederation
HIST 1122	0.5	Consolidation and Conflict: Canada from Confederation
HIST 1131	0.5	World History: Early Civilizations in Africa, Asia, Europe and the Americas
HIST 1132	0.5	World History: Colonization and Commodities
HIST 2207	0.5	History of Women to the Modern Day
HIST 2208	0.5	From Optimism to Destruction: Europe 1890-1933
HIST 2209	0.5	Catastrophe and Rebirth: Europe 1933-1989
HIST/POLS 2219	0.5	Canadian Foreign Policy
HIST 2220	0.5	Reason & Light: The Enlightenment in Europe
HIST 2225	0.5	Canadian Environmental History
HIST 2231	0.5	History of the Atlantic Colonies Since Confederation
HIST 2282	0.5	History of Childhood: The North American Experience
HIST 2285	0.5	Love, Sexuality and the Body
HIST 2288	0.5	Russia & the Soviet Experiment
HIST 2300	0.5	A History of Ancient Egypt
HIST 2303	0.5	Medieval Renaissances: The European Late Middle Ages
HIST 2391	0.5	History of Education in Canada

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Course Code	Units	Course Name
INTE/CMPS 1024	0.5	Information Technology Fundamentals
INTE 2011	0.5	Introduction to Project Management
INTE 2295	0.5	Digital Media Management (prerequisite: CMPS 1024)

LIBRARY

Course Code	Units	Course Name
LIBR 2100	0.5	Introduction to Research in the Information Age

MATHEMATICS

Students must take the Math 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 are advised to take a self-test online at www.msvu.ca/mathematics

Course Code	Units	Course Name
MATH 0027	0.5	Statistics and Math Preparation (non-credit)

Courses open to first year students

MATHEMATICS (CONTINUED)

Course Code	Units	Course Name
MATH 1102	0.5	Pre-calculus I: Algebraic Functions
MATH 1103*	0.5	Pre-calculus II: Transcendental Functions (prerequisite: MATH1102)
MATH 1113	0.5	Introductory Calculus I
MATH 1114*	0.5	Introductory Calculus II (prerequisite: MATH 1113)
MATH 2208*	0.5	Introduction to Statistics I (lab required-MATH 208L or MATH 208D) (prerequisite: Grade XI or XII academic Math or Math 0020 with a grade of C or higher)
MATH 2209*	0.5	Introduction to Statistics II (lab required-MATH 209L or MATH 209D) (prerequisite: MATH 2208)

NOTE: Students taking MATH 2208 and MATH 2209 via distance are required to register for a lab offered via distance. The distance labs are identified as MATH 208D and MATH 209D.

MODERN LANGUAGES (CHINESE)

Course Code	Units	Course Name
CHIN 1101	0.5	Mandarin Chinese I
CHIN 1102*	0.5	Mandarin Chinese II (prerequisite: CHIN 1101)
CHIN 2288	0.5	Introduction to Chinese Culture

MODERN LANGUAGES (FRENCH)

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

Course Code	Units	Course Name
FREN 1101	0.5	Basic Practical French I
FREN 1102	0.5	Basic Practical French II
FREN 2201	0.5	Practical French I
FREN 2202	0.5	Practical French II
FREN 2205	0.5	Practical French III
FREN 2206	0.5	Practical French IV
FREN 2214	0.5	Intermediate Grammar & Composition I
FREN 2215	0.5	Intermediate Grammar & Composition II
FREN 2253	0.5	Introduction to French Literature I
FREN 2254	0.5	Introduction to French Literature II

MODERN LANGUAGES (SPANISH)

Course Code	Units	Course Name
SPAN 1101	0.5	Beginning Spanish I
SPAN 1102*	0.5	Beginning Spanish II (prerequisite: SPAN 1101 or equivalent)

PHILOSOPHY

Course Code	Units	Course Name
PHIL 1010	0.5	Introduction to Philosophy
PHIL 2201	0.5	Knowledge, Truth, and Opinion
PHIL/FSGN 2202	0.5	The Roots of Peace and Conflict

Courses open to first year students

PHILOSOPHY (CONTINUED)

Course Code	Units	Course Name
PHIL 2209	0.5	Introduction to Ethics
PHIL/POLS 2210	0.5	Theories of Human Nature
PHIL 2212	0.5	Freedom and Responsibility
PHIL/RELS 2217	0.5	Reason and Religious Belief

PHYSICS

Course Code	Units	Course Name
PHYS 1101*	0.5	General Physics I (lab required) (prerequisite: Math 1103 or high school precalculus Math and placement into MATH 1113)
PHYS 1102*	0.5	General Physics II (prerequisite: PHYS 1101)
PHYS 1120	0.5	Introduction to Astronomy I: The Sky and Planets (lab required)
PHYS 1130	0.5	Introduction to Astronomy II: Stars and Galaxies (lab required)

POLITICAL STUDIES

Course Code	Units	Course Name
POLS/CANA 1001	0.5	Government, Law, and Leaders
POLS/CANA 1002	0.5	State, Democracy, and Change in the Global Era
POLS/CANA 1102	0.5	Citizenship, Identity, and Diversity in Canada
POLS/CANA 2201	0.5	Law, Government, and Politics in Canada
POLS/CANA 2202	0.5	People, Power, and Politics in Canada
POLS 2203	0.5	Introduction to Public Policy and the Public Interest
POLS/PHIL 2210	0.5	Theories of Human Nature
POLS/HIST 2219	0.5	Canadian Foreign Policy
POLS/WOMS 2223	0.5	Women and Politics
POLS 2244	0.5	Contemporary World Events and Issues

PSYCHOLOGY

Course Code	Units	Course Name
PSYC 1110	0.5	Introduction to Psychology as a Natural Science
PSYC 1120*	0.5	Introduction to Psychology as a Social Science (prerequisite: of PSYC 1110)

RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Course Code	Units	Course Name
RELS 1020	0.5	Eastern Religious Traditions
RELS 1030	0.5	Western Religious Traditions
RELS 2201	0.5	Evil
RELS 2203	0.5	Love
REL/PHIL 2217	0.5	Reason & Religious Belief

Courses open to first year students

SOCIOLOGY/ANTHROPOLOGY

Course Code	Units	Course Name
SOAN 1502	0.5	Questioning Society
SOAN 2520	0.5	Family Marriage & Kinship
SOAN 2531	0.5	Making a Living
SOAN 2550	0.5	Diversity & Identity
SOAN 2570	0.5	Gender & Society
SOAN 2580	0.5	Deviance

TOURISM & HOSPITALITY MANAGEMENT

Some courses in this department may only be open to those students enrolled in Business Administration or Tourism and Hospitality Management programs; please check the 2020-2021 Undergraduate Academic Calendar.

Course Code	Units	Course Name
THMT 1101	0.5	Introduction to Tourism and Hospitality
THMT 1116	0.5	Principles of Food Production and Service (lab required)
THMT 2201*	0.5	Alternate Forms of Tourism (prerequisite: THMT 1101)
THMT/BUSI 2202	0.5	Communications Management
THMT 2216*	0.5	Restaurant and Food Service Management (lab required) (prerequisite: THMT 1116)
THMT 2244	0.5	Sustainable Tourism (prerequisite: THMT 1101)

WOMEN'S STUDIES

Course Code	Units	Course Name
WOMS 1110	0.5	Focus on Women I
WOMS 1112	0.5	Focus on Women II
WOMS 1114	0.5	Introduction to Queer Studies
WOMS 2221	0.5	Women and Health
WOMS/POLS 2223	0.5	Women and Politics
WOMS 2231	0.5	Women and Culture
WOMS/SOAN 2570	0.5	Gender & Society (prerequisite: SOAN 1502)

FAQs

How will I know which courses to take?

This handbook and the advising sessions will guide you through the steps of choosing your courses. Academic Advisors and faculty will help you stay on track, and are good resources to return to should you have any follow up questions after the event.

Who is my academic advisor?

Today you will be advised by faculty and academic advisors, however once you've started taking courses you will generally return to the same advisor each semester. To find out who your advisor is after this event please email advising@msvu.ca

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 versus a part-time student?

A full-time student must be registered in 3 or more courses per semester for a minimum of 3.0 units per academic year. A part-time student is registered in 1 or 2 courses per semester.

What is myMount?

myMount is the Mount's online student portal where you can register for courses, stay up to date on financial information and fees due, and much more.

How do I get a user ID and password?

Your username and password are automatically assigned and emailed to you. For questions about logging into and navigating your MSVU email, myMount, or other student online services please contact helpdesk@msvu.ca.

When do I take the placement tests for Math and French?

You can take the French placement test at Early Advising and Registration or during the first two weeks of September. Math placement tests will take place later in the summer and again in September. Contact advising@msvu.ca for more 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. If there is a prerequisite you must complete it prior to taking an upper year course.

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 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 on-line through myMount.

What is the Undergraduate Academic Calendar?

It is the document that describes the programs, courses, degree requirements, financial information, scholarship information, etc.

Glossary of Terms

- **Advisor:** a staff or faculty member 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.
- **Full-time student:** a student taking three or more units of credit during the regular academic year (September to April).
- **Part-time student:** a student taking 2.5 or fewer units of credit during the regular academic year (September to April).
- **Unit (1.0):** a course that runs for the full academic year (September-April)
- **Half-unit (0.5):** a course that normally runs for one term only (either in the fall or the winter term).
- **Credit:** same as a unit; technically, the term “credit” is not used at the Mount, but you will often hear the two terms used interchangeably.
- **Laboratory (Lab):** in addition to class time, some courses have labs. If you register for a course that 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 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.
- **Elective:** a course or subject not required for your particular program of study.
- **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.
- **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).

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