Concordia University

Faculty of Arts and Science

FAS Touchstone

Advising for newly admitted students

- Presented by Student Academic Services (SAS)
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Agenda:

Learn about your offer of admission
Learn about the structure of our degrees
Learn about your degree requirements and electives
Learn about our academic advising structure
Learn about the Student Center
Learn about the resources available to you
Gain invaluable registration tips and learn about next steps



Student Academic Services: Faculty-level advisors available to all faculty and university-wide students

- What do we do?
- We support students from across the faculty
- We offer advising appointments (phone, zoom and in person)
  - Change of program
  - Concerns about academic standing
  - And many other things!
- We support department advisors
- We oversee the Student Request process

- To reach us, you can call (514) 848-2424 ext. 2104, email sas.fas@concordia.ca



Questions about your program, registration, exchange opportunities, or having academic difficulties? With Student Academic Services (SAS), you can confirm that you are on the right track.

Make an appointment

Quick meeting via Zoom

Understanding your Offer of Admission

- Degree (BA, BSc, BEd)/Certificate
- Program of study (Human Relations, Physics)
- Concentration (Specialization, Major, Minor)
- Minimum number of credits to earn degree (90, 108 or 120)/minimum number of credits to earn Certificate (30 credits)
- Exemptions (EX) – are an acknowledgment of equivalent courses taken elsewhere – usually introductory level - cannot be taken for credit (indicated in offer of admission and on student record)

Course		Description	Grade	Year Attended	Program Credits Earned
BIOL	A	Vanier College	EX	NA	0.00
BTM	200	Vanier College	EX	NA	0.00
MATH	A	Vanier College	EX	NA	0.00
PSYC	200	Vanier College	EX	NA	0.00

Transfer Credits

Course		Description	Grade	Year Attended	Program Credits Earned
BUSI	A	Algoma University	TRC	2021	3.00
COMP	A	Algoma University	TRC	2021	3.00
GENL	A	Algoma University	PTR	2021	0.00
PSYC	A	Algoma University	TRC	2021	3.00

Transfer credits:

University transfer (you are coming from another post-secondary school)

You may have transfer credits

- Specified by discipline (MATH) or general (GENL)
  - Are these courses applicable to your program? If so, use the Admission Transfer credit page for information on how to proceed
  - Not all transfer credits need to be specified (okay to keep as GENL)
  - Use the available course descriptions in the Undergraduate Calendar

French Baccalaureate (FB) and International Baccalaureate (IB)

You may have transfer credits – no changes can be made – they stay as they are!

Incomplete DEC:

You may have credits transferred as GENL – no changes can be made – they stay as they are!

Finalizing TRCs should be completed as soon as possible

Deficiencies:

Bachelor of Science: ECP/MEP Science profile courses
Language course (ESL 202, 204)

ECP – Extended Credit Program (120 credits)

- ✓ BIOL 201
- ✓ CHEM 205 & 206
- ✓ MATH 203 & 205 (203 requires 201)
- ✓ PHYS 204, 205, 206, 224, 225 & 226

MEP – Mature Entry Program (108 credits)

- ✓ CHEM 205 & 206
- ✓ MATH 202, 203 & 205
- ✓ PHYS 204, 205, 224, & 225

Specific programs have additional course requirements

- ➢ Biology & Psychology: BIOL 201, PHYS 206 & 226
- ➢ Chemistry, Geography, Health, Kinesiology and Applied Physiology: BIOL 201, PHYS 206 & 226 (Environment Science add: MATH 204)
- ➢ Math & Physics: MATH 204, PHYS 206 & 226

Degree structure: 90, 108 (MEP) or 120 credits (ECP)

Transfer credits will count towards these minimums – could be towards program of study or electives!

Certificate structure: 30



Programs of study and their concentration(s): Specialization (60-66 credits), Major (36-45 credits), Minor (24-30 credits)? Concentrations are made up of courses from the 200-, 300- and 400-level in your program of study).



Electives? Number of credits will vary depending on concentration of program of study (courses can be taken from various levels if you have the prerequisites). In the case of ECP/MEP students, some of your electives may/will be degree or program profile courses.



Certificates: some Certificates have specific courses you need to take while others have more flexibility

Faculty Structure: 27 Departments, Schools and Colleges

Our departments are divided under different sectors:

Humanities, Social Sciences and Sciences

Humanities:

Classics, Modern Languages and Linguistics
Communication Studies
English
Études françaises
History
Irish Studies
Journalism
Liberal Arts
Philosophy
Theological Studies

Social Science:

Applied Human Sciences
Economics
Education
Geography, Planning and Environment
Political Science
Religions and Cultures
School of Community and Public Affairs
Simone de Beauvoir Institute
Sociology and Anthropology

Sciences:

Biology
Chemistry and Biochemistry
Health, Kinesiology and Applied Physiology
Mathematics and Statistics
Physics
Psychology

Degree and graduation requirements: Breadth and General Education (Gen Ed)

- Faculty broken down into three sectors: Humanities, Social Science and Sciences – impacts General Education requirement
  - Gen. ed. can also be satisfied with courses from another Faculty (Fine Arts, JMSB, GSC)

- All courses have a four-letter designation (e.g., INTE) – important for 24 credit rule

Degree and graduation requirements:

Breadth requirement:

A candidate for graduation must have successfully completed at least 15 credits outside the single discipline defined by the four-letter course prefix from which the program of study has been chosen. More information on this can be found here.

General Education requirement:

A candidate for graduation must satisfy the Arts and Science General Education requirement by successfully completing a minimum of six credits from course offerings outside the candidate's disciplinary sector.

The disciplinary sectors comprising the Faculty of Arts and Science are Humanities, Social Science, and Science. To learn more about the General Education requirement, please go here.

Choosing your elective courses

Keep in mind	Keep in mind	Use	Consider
Keep the Breadth rule in mind	Keep in mind General Education requirement	Use the list of courses open to all students to help you find courses	Consider Elective Groups

Class Schedule- Information on registration

OPEN CLOSED WAIT LIST

15 class section(s) found

AHSC 220 - LIFESPAN GROWTH&DEVELOP.

STATUS	SECTION	DAYS & TIMES	MEETING DATES	TERM	CLASS
	01-LEC 12 Wk	Mo 11:45AM - 2:30PM	09/02/2025 - 12/01/2025	Fall 2025	1054

AHSC 225 - Principles of Experiential & Action Learning & the Reflective Practitioner

STATUS	SECTION	DAYS & TIMES	MEETING DATES	TERM	CLASS
	01-LEC 12 Wk	Mo 8:45AM - 11:30AM	09/02/2025 - 12/01/2025	Fall 2025	1055

OPEN CLOSED WAIT LIST

1 class section(s) found

AHSC 232 - WORKING IN TASK GROUPS

STATUS	SECTION	DAYS & TIMES	MEETING DATES	TERM	CLASS
	40-LEC 6 Wk 1	TuTh 6:30PM - 9:15PM	05/12/2025 - 06/23/2025	Summer 2025	1022

Class Detail

Class Details

Status	Wait List
Class Number	1022
Session	Six week - first
Units	3 units
Instruction Mode	In Person
Course Components	Lecture Required
Career	Undergraduate
Dates	5/12/2025 - 6/23/2025
Grading	UGRD Standard Grade
Location	Loyola Campus

Meeting Information

DAY$ & TIME$	MEETING DATE$
TuTh 6:30PM - 9:15PM	05/12/2025 - 06/23/2025

Enrollment Information

Enrollment Requirements
Prerequisite: AHSC230.

Class Availability

Class Capacity	41
Wait List Capacity	8
Enrollment Total	41
Wait List Total	7
Available Seats	0

Notes

Class Notes
Students will get the 'Requisites not Met' error message if they do not belong to a certain program as the course is reserved only for students enrolled in a specific program.

Description

Prerequisite: AHSC 230. This course is an introduction to understanding interaction and developmental processes of small groups and skill-building for effective participation. It enables students to learn frameworks for observing a group's process, member roles that facilitate positive group processes and task accomplishment, and models of intervention in small groups. The course provides opportunities for students to integrate the theory they learn with their experiences in a task group.

Textbook/Other Materials



Learn more about academic advising and how it can support you as a student by going to the Academic Advising page in your Student Hub!

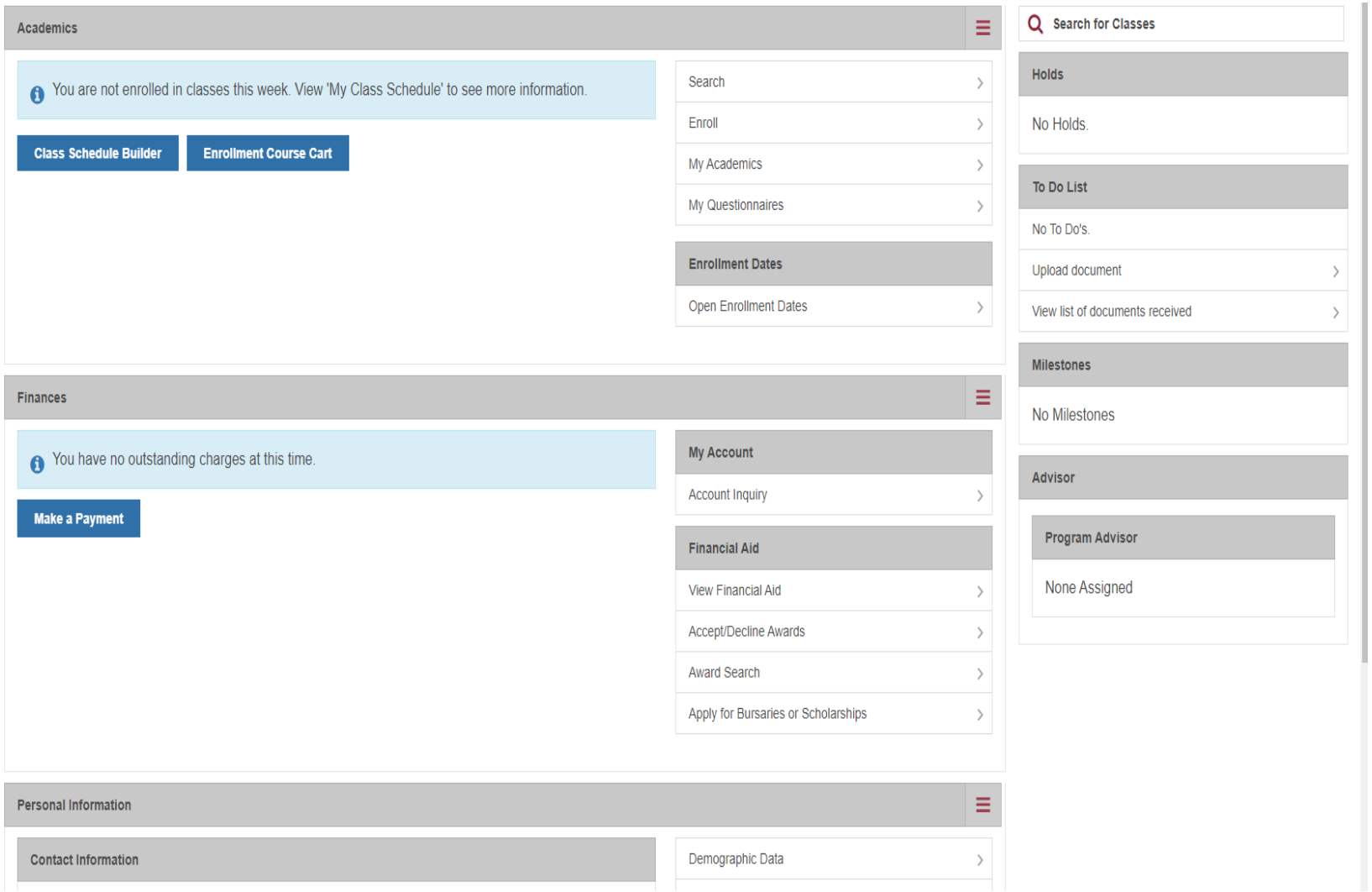
Your connection with your department advising team

Attend	Your department's orientation sessions
Meet	Your department's advising team
Ask About	Your course requirements and any curriculum based questions you have, registration concerns, tutoring, special department events
Review	Your program and degree requirements
Talk About	Exemptions, transfer credits, and other university services

Resources for new students:

- Welcome Guide for New Undergraduate Students
  - Newly admitted students (Phase 2)
- Undergraduate Advising Guide
  - Faculty specific
  - Terms and definitions
  - Rules and regulations
- New student services
  - Welcome Crew: course registration information sessions, New Student Orientation, First-year events
- Homeroom
- Student Hub
  - Everything you need to be a successful student!
  - Academic resources: https://www.concordia.ca/students/services/academic.html
  - Services and Resources: https://www.concordia.ca/students/services.html
- Know your rights - Advocacy
- IITS – access your **Concordia email account**: https://www.concordia.ca/it/services/office-365-education.html

The Student Centre



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- Academics
- Enrollment
- Personal Information
- Finance
- Graduate Service Request
- Upload Documents
- Admission Application
- How-to Guides

My Academics

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- View my advisement report
- Create a what-if scenario
- View my advisors
- View my course history
- View my unofficial transcript
- Request official transcript
- Apply for graduation

Registration tips:

Register on time!!!!

Your registration date is posted in your Student Centre in your Enrollment box, in late February.

New class schedule available first week of March – know your registration dates and deadline

Make sure you know what courses you need to meet program requirements

Many programs have course sequencing – meet with your department advisor to know the sequence!

Remember: Most courses are reserved for specific program students – can make choosing electives challenging

Use the electives list! This list has courses with **no** prerequisites and seat restrictions!

If you have exemptions/transfer credits – you cannot repeat them for credit!

Registration tips:

Put your name on waitlists, if necessary, but understand what that means!

Know how and when to withdraw from courses should you need to do so! Know the DNE and DISC deadlines!

Go to the "How to Guides" (bottom of page) to learn how to add your name to the wait list or create a swap

When you register, register for the full academic year (summer, fall and winter)

Take program courses and electives – mix it up!

Consider number of courses/credits per term? Do you work? Do you have other responsibilities?

Should you be full-time (4-5 classes/term – 12-15 credits)?

Always confirm your schedule after you register!

Review grades at the end of the term –understand any administrative notation attached to your grades (**Undergraduate Calendar** – Section 16)

Do you need to repeat any courses? Use the repetition rule, if you need it!

Use the academic tools at your disposal: INC, DEF, MED (refer to **Undergraduate Calendar** – Section 16)



After registration, things to think about!

- How will I make sure I am academically successful?
  - Go to class – participate!
  - Go to professor student office hours
  - Connect with other students in your classes
- Where can I go for help?
  - See your department advisor
  - See an SAS advisor
  - Student Success Center
    - Study Skill workshops
    - Writing Assistants
    - Learning Specialists
  - Student Service Station
- How will I know if I am succeeding academically?
  - Learn about your GPA and how to calculate it
  - Assessment – happens at the end of May
    - You'll be contacted if things don't go well….

Pro-TIPS

Meet	Meet with your professor regularly! Meet with your advisor at least once a year! You can find their contact information!
Log	Log into your Student Hub/Student Centre weekly for notices/Download the FREE Office 365 from the Concordia Website – you'll get a Concordia email address
Access	Access Centre for Students with Disabilities office
Use	Use the academic tools at your disposal: INC (can't complete course work during the term, talk to your professor); DEF (you're sick and can't take your final exam, have an unexpected event take place)
Seek	Seek out University Services that you need to succeed! Student Success Center, Health Services, Counselling and Psychological Services….
Include	ALWAYS include your program of study, student ID# (available in your offer of admission) and full name with ALL university communication
Consent	Consent to release information to a 3rd Party
Participate	In new student activities: Prepare, Connect, Start and Explore

Have questions?

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