

A YEAR AT POST-SECONDARY

While each school and each degree program is different, this information will give you a framework for an academic year of post-secondary education. Check the website of your post-secondary institution to get the specifics for your own course planning.

Course plan of **FULL TIME STUDENT** registered in an academic post-secondary program:

Semester 1: September – December		Semester 2: January – April		May - August
Course 1	3 credits	Course 1	3 credits	*Spring & Summer courses are possible, but usually limited offerings.
Course 2	3 credits	Course 2	3 credits	
Course 3	3 credits	Course 3	3 credits	
Course 4	3 credits	Course 4	3 credits	
Course 5	3 credits	Course 5	3 credits	
* A student may have additional scheduled time for labs, tutorials, etc.		* A student may have additional scheduled time for labs, tutorials, etc.		*Most students get a job to pay for the next academic year
TOTAL UNITS of Semester 1	15 credits	TOTAL UNITS of Semester 2	15 credits	
TOTAL UNITS from a full time year at post-secondary				30 credits
TOTAL UNITS for a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Sciences Degree (4 years x 30 units / year)				120 credits

Note: Some post-secondary institutions give degree planning information in multi-year chunks. For example: a school might give students a single list of required courses to be completed in years 1 and 2 of a degree program.

To choose each course, students must use the institution's **ACADEMIC CALENDAR** (print or online). The calendar gives students the specifics of each course, including such information as a course description, prerequisite courses, credits, lab hours, etc.

Sample Course Description Credit Based

Course number	→	BIOL 111 . 3 . 6
Course name	→	Biology for Science Majors 1
Course description	→	This course is the first of a pair of courses which introduces students to the biological concepts necessary to continue into second year biology. In covers evolutionary theory and its underlying genetic basis, basic cell biology, plant and animal nutrition and energy, acquisition 13.3.0 <i>13= hours per week lecture / 3=hours per week lab/ 0=hours per week seminar</i>
Must successfully complete before enrolling	→	Pre-requisite: Chem 11 and one of Bio 11 or Bio 12. Equivalent Advanced and Provincial Level ABE courses are also acceptable
Must be registered in while taking the course or successfully completed prior to entering the course.	→	Co-requisite Recommended: Chem 111 or 112