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York University Faculty of Science Information Sheet – Fall 2024

Welcome to York University's Faculty of Science!!

We are so excited that you have picked York U Science to complete your degree. This document will prepare you for your enrolment appointment, where you will speak with an advisor and receive a personalized course plan for your first year.

Things to Do Before Classes Start!

- Review your [Academic Calendar](#) – You will always use the 2024/2025 (unless you change your program!)
- Complete [YU Start modules](#) (if available)
- [Enrol in Courses](#) – We will show you how in your appointment!

Read information below to learn more about:

- [Important Dates](#)
- [Paying your Enrolment Deposit](#)
- [Your Student Account Statement](#) & [View & Understand Your Statement](#)
- Registering with [Student Accessibility Services](#) (if applicable)
- [Academic Integrity](#)
 - Complete [SPARK – Student Paper & Academic Research Kit](#)
 - Complete [Academic Honesty @ York Modules](#)
- [Registering \(and attending!\) Academic Orientation – More Details coming soon!](#)
- [Getting your YU-Card!](#)



Academic Advising - Science Academic Services

Science Academic Services (SAS) is the undergraduate advising office for all Science students at York. Academic Advisors provide a confidential and secure environment for Science students to get assistance.

If you are uncertain about a procedure, regulation, or policy, Science Academic Services is the first place you should visit. SAS has advisors available during regular office hours.

[Science Academic Services](#)

Academic Calendar

The Academic Calendar contains detailed information about programs, requirements, and courses. The calendar also contains information and links to essential academic rules and regulations all students are required to follow. Students can also access information about various student and financial services. Specific information about a Faculties rules and requirements can be found in the **Faculty Rules** section.

To determine the degree requirements for your program you can access those details through the Academic Calendar.

[Academic Calendar](#)

Faculty of Science Degrees

A degree refers to the designation you earn after completing your studies. The Faculty of Science has three degree types:

- Bachelor of Arts (BA)
- Bachelor of Science (BSc)
- International Bachelor of Science (iBSc) – An iBSc is similar to a BSc degree, however, there is an international exchange component as part of its degree requirements.



Area(s) of Study

A degree may have one area of study, this is called a major, or it may have two areas of study (i.e. Double Major or Major/Minor).

- **One Area of Study:**
 - **Major:** Degree's primary focus is on one subject
- **Two Areas of Study:**
 - **Double Major:** Degree equally splits its focus on two subjects
 - **Major/Minor:** Degree has a primary focus on one subject (MAJOR) and a smaller focus on a second subject (MINOR).

Program Types

In addition to be admitted to a degree and major, you will be placed into a program. There are 3 different program types –bachelor, honours and specialized honours.

Program Type	Bachelor	Honours	Specialized Honours
Minimum Time Required to Complete	3 Years	4 Years	4 Years
Total Number of Credits Required	90	120	120
Degree	BA & BSc	BA, BSc, <u>iBSc</u>	BSc, & <u>iBSc</u>
Area(s) of Study	One Major	Major, Major/Minor, Double Major	One Major
Grade Point Average Required to Graduate	C average (4.0)	C+ average (5.0)	C+ average (5.0)

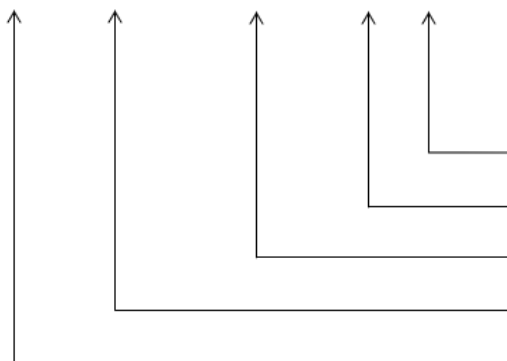
Additions:

1. Specialized Honours Biology requires grade point average of 6.0 (B average) in all BIOL courses
2. Honours Biology requires a grade point of 5.0 (C+ average) in all BIOL courses
3. Biogchem. & Spec. Honours Chemistry requires a science grade point average of 5.5 (average between C+ and B in all science courses)
4. Some Honours and Specialized Honours degrees may require more than 120 credits.



Course Numbering

SC/BIOL 1000 3.0 A



SC/BIOL 1000 3.00	Biology I - Cells, Molecular Biology and Genetics
SC/BIOL 1001 3.00	Biology II - Evolution, Ecology, Biodiversity and Conservation Biology
SC/BIOL 1500 3.00	Introduction to Biology

Course Section

Number of Credits

Course Number

Subject

Faculty

Faculties: AP = Liberal Arts and Professional Studies, ED = Education, ES = Environmental Studies, FA = Fine Arts, GL = Glendon*, GS = Graduate Studies**, HH = Health, LE = Lassonde School of Engineering LW = Osgoode Hall Law School, SB = Schulich School of Business, SC = Science

York uses a standard format when listing a course number. You will see this when reading the [Academic Calendar](#) or when accessing the [York Courses website](#).

- The level of the course is indicated by the first digit of the course code.
 - E.g., BIOL 1000 is a first-year level course.
- Undergraduate courses range from 1000 level to 4000 level.
- The number of credits is indicated by the fifth digit in the course number,
 - E.g., BIOL 1000 3.0 indicates the course is worth 3 credits.
- The course section is indicated by the letter (A, B, C, D...) at the end of the course code.

The section identifies different versions of the same course being taught during the same academic session, so the course material and content are the same, however, the professor may be different, or it may be the same professor but held at different times.

Notes:

- Please note that as undergraduate students, you will not be enrolling into any course offered by Graduate Studies** (GS).



- If you choose to take course at Glendon* (GL), be aware that your course may be taught in English or French.
Glendon courses are taught at another campus, not at Keele. So be careful with your course enrolment and double check with an advisor about taking Glendon courses for your degree as there are some restrictions.
- *Be careful of campus location. Markham Science courses appear the same as Keele Science courses. Be sure to uncheck “Markham” on Visual Schedule Builder when choosing your courses.

What do I do if I don't have the prerequisite?

Science offers preparatory courses for core first year courses:

- Biology (SC/BIOL 1500 3.0)
- Chemistry (SC/CHEM 1500 4.0/CHEM 1509 0.0)
- Physics (SC/PHYS 1510 4.0)
- Calculus (SC/MATH 1510 6.0 & SC/MATH 1520 3.0)
- Discrete Math (SC/MATH 1190 3.0)

How Many Courses Will I Be Taking? (Course Load)

- A typical first-year course load: 18 to 30 credits for the Fall and Winter terms.
 - (Fall 9 – 15 credits; Winter 9 – 15 credits)
- Minimum = one course
- Maximum = 30 credits (Fall Max = 15; Winter Max = 15)

When choosing you will need to consider:

- your previous academic background (i.e. how many courses did you have in a high school semester)
- external factors (OSAP/ financial aid, scholarships, residence, professional schools, etc.)



What is a “Full Course Load?”

- For [OSAP \(Ontario Student Assistance Program\)](#):
 - 9 credits each term; 18 credits for Fall and Winter;
 - 9 credits for the Summer session
- For [Residence](#):
 - 12 credits each term; 24 credits for Fall and Winter;
 - Want to live in residence in the Summer term? [Visit the Housing Website.](#)
- For Medical School and other Professional Faculties:
 - 15 credits each term; 30 credits for Fall and Winter;
 - Summer session is optional (Note* some med schools and other schools do not accept courses taken in the summer session!)
- For International Students for immigration purposes:
 - 9 credits each term; 18 credits for Fall and Winter;
- For students who won the YSSA Award:
 - 15 credits each term; 30 credits for Fall and Winter;

Note*: your grades and grade point average (GPA) impact these things as well.

Important Dates

It’s important to monitor your academic progress throughout the term. If you notice you are struggling in a class, you may want to consider dropping the course. Contact [Science Academic Services](#) if you are considering dropping or withdrawing from a course.

Dropping a course means that you will not receive a grade and the course will not appear on your transcript or your academic record. [Check out the drop deadlines here.](#)

After the drop deadline, we enter the Withdrawal period. If you withdraw from a course, the course will appear on your transcript. There will not be a mark for the course and you will not receive any credits, however, there will be a “W”. [Check out the withdrawal period here.](#)

****Important*: No refund of tuition is given by these dates.***



Consider your external factors when dropping or withdrawing from a course.
[Speak with an Academic Advisor in Science Academic Services.](#)

Add/Drop Deadlines

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	FALL (TERM F)	YEAR (TERM Y)	WINTER (TERM W)
Last date to add a course without permission of instructor (also see Financial Deadlines)	September 18	September 18	January 20
Last date to add a course with permission of instructor (also see Financial Deadlines)	October 2	October 16	January 31
Drop deadline: Last date to drop a course without receiving a grade (also see Financial Deadlines)	November 8	February 7	March 14
Course Withdrawal Period (withdraw from a course and receive a grade of "W" on transcript – see note below)	November 9 - December 3	February 8 - April 4	March 15 - April 4

Your Deposit

Your deposit is part of your tuition fees: it is not an additional fee. The deposit confirms your registration at York University and ***unlocks services*** you will need to prepare for the start of classes and continue through your courses.

Domestic Students

A \$300 non-refundable deposit is required at the time of your course enrolment.

Students who do not pay their deposit by the deadline will be de-enrolled from courses. The deposit will be applied to your tuition and is not an additional fee.

International Students

After accepting your offer, international students are required to pay a \$1500 non-refundable acceptance deposit within ten (10) business days.

Whether or not you need a PAL to apply for a study permit, the \$1500 acceptance deposit is required from all international students to maintain your offer. As a reminder, this non-refundable deposit is part of your tuition fee and will be credited to your student account.



How to Pay the Deposit

For information on how to pay, deadlines, and more, please visit:

<https://sfs.yorku.ca/fees/deposit>

Payment must be made through telephone or online banking. Go to the [Your Student Account](#) page for more information about electronic payments.

International Payment Options:

Payment Options:

You can compare both providers for payment options and rates, and choose the best one that meets your needs.



Pay with CIBC International Student Pay

Note: You do NOT need to go to a CIBC bank branch or have a CIBC bank account to use this service.



Pay with Convera



Important Note: For anyone making payments through Convera and CIBC, please be advised that all transactions to and from sanctioned and restricted jurisdictions have been suspended until further notice. If you are impacted by this service disruption, please get in touch with [registrarial services](#). Any additional updates to this situation will be shared as soon as possible.

Deadline to Pay the Deposit

International Students: After accepting your offer, pay within ten (10) business days.

*If you haven't paid this yet then please do this now!

Domestic Students: The registration deposit due dates depend on your first date of enrolment into a course. Visit: <https://sfs.yorku.ca/fees/deposit> to find more information, including the table below:

IF YOU BEGIN TO ENROL FOR FALL OR FULL-YEAR COURSES:	...THEN YOU MUST PAY YOUR REGISTRATION DEPOSIT NO LATER THAN:
before June 1	June 15
between June 1 and June 30	July 15
between July 1 and July 31	August 15
on or after August 1	10 days after you enrol in your first course



Notes About the Deposit*

- **If you do not pay your deposit, you will be de-enrolled from your courses.** Space in the courses will then be made available to other students.
- Since the deposit is part of your tuition, it will not appear as a separate charge on your student account statement.
 - (ie. It will not say “acceptance deposit” or “enrolment deposit”)
- A registration deposit is required **only once**, for the very first academic session in which you enrol in courses.
- If you wish to drop one or more of your courses, you **must** officially drop the course(s) using the online [Registration and Enrolment Module](#); otherwise, you may lose all or part of the tuition you paid for it, as per the relevant [Refund Tables](#). Simply not attending classes does not release you from the financial or academic obligation for courses in which you have previously enrolled.
- If you miss your deposit payment deadline, you will not be permitted to enrol in additional courses through the Registration and Enrolment Module.

Your Student Account Statement

When York University communicates with you about your student account, we will always direct you to make payments to York through your financial institution, with “York University” as the Payee. You will never be directed to make payments, via cheque or cash, to any other “Payee”.

Student Account Online Statements become available online around the 18th day of each month and an email notification is sent as a reminder. You will need your Passport York ID to access your personal online student account.

Transactions made after the statement date (e.g. adds, drops, payments) can also be viewed on your Student Account Online Statement: click on the **View Transactions** heading.

It is your responsibility to view your current account status and recent statements, and to pay outstanding amounts on your account.



For more information about payments to York, see below:

- Please read [How to make payments](#) for full details.
- Your Student Account Online Statement: <https://sfs.yorku.ca/fees/your-student-account>
- View and Understand Your Statement: <https://sfs.yorku.ca/fees/your-student-account/view-and-understand-your-statement>

Student Accessibility Services

Student Accessibility Services offers supports and accommodations for students with disabilities.

Services range from in-class and exam supports and/or accommodations.

Register with Student Accessibility Services as soon as possible to arrange for academic accommodations with an accessibility counsellor.

- [About Student Accessibility Services](#)
- [New To Our Office](#)
- [Registered With Us](#)
- [Academic Supports and Accommodations](#)
- [Contact Information](#)

Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is a commitment to six fundamental values: honesty, trust, fairness, respect, responsibility, and courage (ICAI, 2021).

There are resources on campus to help students:

- Information and resources about Academic Integrity: <https://www.yorku.ca/unit/vpacad/academic-integrity/>



- Learn more through the “Academic Honesty @ York Modules”:
<https://www.yorku.ca/unit/vpacad/academic-integrity/academic-honesty-modules/>
- York’s Student Paper and Academic Research Kit:
<https://spark.library.yorku.ca/>

Links to Support Services

- Science Academic Services (Academic Advising!):
<https://www.yorku.ca/science/academic-advising/>
- Student Accessibility Services: <https://students.yorku.ca/accessibility>
- Learning Skills: <https://www.yorku.ca/scld/learning-skills/>
- Student Counselling & Well-being: <https://students.yorku.ca/counselling>
- York International: <https://yorkinternational.yorku.ca/>
- Bethune College (Your College!): <https://bethune.yorku.ca/>
- Bethune College Writing Centre:
<https://www.yorku.ca/colleges/bethune/writing/>
- Career Centre: <https://careers.yorku.ca/>
- University Information Technology (UIT):
<https://www.yorku.ca/uit/contact/>

Helpful Links for Enrolment and Registration

- Science Academic Services (Academic Advising!):
<https://www.yorku.ca/science/academic-advising/>
- Undergraduate Enrolment and Registration Guide:
<https://registrar.yorku.ca/enrol/guide>
- Visual Schedule Builder (VSB): <https://registrar.yorku.ca/enrol/guide/vsb>



- Registration and Enrolment Module (REM):
<https://wrem.sis.yorku.ca/Apps/WebObjects/REM.woa/wa/DirectAction/rem>
- Passport York: <https://registrar.yorku.ca/enrol/guide/ppy>
- Update your personal information:
<https://currentstudents.yorku.ca/student-personal-information>
- Need permission for a course? Course Department Contact:
<https://registrar.yorku.ca/enrol/course-contacts/>
- Find your classes on the Campus Maps:
<https://acmaps.info.yorku.ca/campus-maps/>
- Find your timetable (Click “Plot My Timetable”):
<https://w2prod.sis.yorku.ca/Apps/WebObjects/cdm.woa/wa/DirectAction/cds>
- York Courses Website: <https://w2prod.sis.yorku.ca/Apps/WebObjects/cdm>