Change of Program

Undergraduate Programs in Education
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What is a Change of Program?

• Allows current undergraduate students to request a change to their academic program. These changes may include changing, adding or removing: major(s), minor(s), embedded certificates, concentration, honours, or combined degree.

• You only get one application per cycle (academic year)

https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/d.html
Program Overview
What is a Bachelor of Education?

- An undergraduate degree
- Required to teach Kindergarten to Grade 12 in Alberta:
  - K-12 certification in Alberta means you can teach any grade or subject in the K-12 system (what you teach becomes a hiring decision)

- On-Campus Bachelor of Education pathways:
  - 4 year BEd *covered in this session
  - 5 year Concurrent BEd *covered in this session
  - 2 year After-Degree BEd (for those with a previous degree)
Four-Year Bachelor of Education

- Program entails 120 units (40 courses), of which:
  - **21** EDUC major courses (63 units) – must be taken through UCalgary
  - **19** Non-Education requirements:
    - **8** teachable subject area courses (24 units)
    - **6** foundational courses (18 units)
      - One course in each of 6 areas: English (or French) Literature, Canadian Studies, Psychology, Fine Arts, Science/Math, and Health and Wellness
    - **5** are electives/option courses (15 units)
  - Designed to equip you with the skills to teach any area in K-12, with added depth into one teachable subject area of specialization.
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Five-Year Concurrent Bachelor of Education

- Program entails 150 units (50 courses), of which:
  - 21 EDUC major courses (63 units) – must be taken through UCalgary
  - 29 courses to fulfill co-degree requirements
- First three years focused on co-degree, last two years in EDUC
- See eligible combinations for co-degree to teachable subject area here: https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/ed-3-1-2.html
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What-If Report

• What-If Advisement Scenario: Available through your Student Centre (Program and Advising Info tab)
  • Allows you to see how the courses you’ve taken/are enrolled in, fit into the program requirements for the program you are thinking of switching into

• Not advisable to change your registration to fit into a program you are not yet in, but worthwhile looking for areas of overlap.
Admission Requirements
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- Change of Program applicants need to meet the competitive admission requirements of the program they are applying for, see:
  - https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/a-5-1-1.html
  - https://www.ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/explore-programs

- HS applicant vs. Transfer applicant: Once you have completed 12 units (typically, 4 – 3 cr courses), we will look at your GPA for competitive purposes.

- Review Change of Program applications after deadline (Feb. 1st)
4 Year BEd – Admission Requirements

• Required High School courses: Varies by teachable subject area, see:
  • [https://www.ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/explore-programs](https://www.ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/explore-programs)
  • [https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/a-5-1-1.html](https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/a-5-1-1.html)

• Competitive Admission (HS avg or GPA):
  • Varies from year-to-year
  • Depending on teachable subject area
5 Year Concurrent BEd Admission Requirements

• First reviewed by co-degree (unless already in co-degree). Must meet any admission requirements for co-degree:
  https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/a-5-1-1.html
  • Bachelor of Arts Co-degrees
  • Bachelor of Science Co-degrees
  • Bachelor of Kinesiology Co-degrees

• Then, reviewed for Education:
  • Application must be to an approved degree combination:
    https://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/ed-3-1-2.html
  • 60 unit maximum
  • Must meet competitive admission based on teachable
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• If you are admissible, great! You will automatically have your program changed for Fall 2023! (This is important as your student centre will still show you are in your other program still, because you are, until Fall!)

• If you meet the other admission requirements, but are not quite meeting the competitive admission, you will be placed on hold.
  • Possibility that we will review your application again after Winter grades come in, but can only be considered at that point if there is still space.

• Concurrent: It is possible for you to be admitted into your co-degree but not Education – what happens then?
Deadlines and Timelines

• Change of Program applications open Oct. 1 to Feb. 1
• No preference given to early applicants
• First round of decisions made in Feb/Mar
• Second and final round of decisions made in May

Please note: if you have applied into the Concurrent program you will receive a separate notification for each side of the combined program. Admission into the co-degree side does not guarantee admission into the Education side
Application Process

**Step One:** Meet with the Faculty you are wanting to apply into for information on admission requirements and competitive GPA

**Step Two:** Log on to your MyUofC Student Center, go to the “Program and Advising Info” tab, and click on “Change of Program”
Step Three: Ensure the term is set to Fall 2023

Please note: When you first click on “Change of Program”, it will show you your current program.

Step Four: Starting at the top, click on the “change” button to update to the program you are wanting to apply to.

Please note: Ensure that you changed or selected all the required levels or you won’t be able to click “Confirm update request”.

Step Five: Confirm all the information is correct and then click on “Confirm update request”.

Please note: The system will ask you to select your intended year of program – it does not matter what you select as the system will make this decision based on your credit automatically!
Step Three: Ensure the term is set to Fall 2023

Please note: When you first click on “Change of Program”, it will show you your current program

Step Four: Change your base/co-degree first (BA/BSc/BKin)

Please note: You may have to confirm the request to update your co-degree first and then re-enter the “Change of Program screen” to be able to add a combined degree program

Please note: Ensure that you changed or selected all the required levels or you won’t be able to click “Confirm update request”

Step Five: Once you’ve input the information for your co-degree, click on “Add Combined Degree Program” to add the education portion of your Concurrent program

Step Six: Confirm all the information is correct and then click on “Confirm update request”

Please note: The system will ask you to select your intended year of program – it does not matter what you select as the system will make this decision based on your credit automatically.
Resources and Support

• Student Advisors
  • Undergraduate Programs in Education (UPE) – upe@ucalgary.ca
    • Appointment & Drop-in: https://werklund.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate-programs/contact
  • Arts Advising – artsads@ucalgary.ca
  • Undergraduate Science Center – usc@ucalgary.ca
  • Kinesiology – knesinfo@ucalgary.ca
Questions?