Important Academic Course Information for VSCP Students

After reading this information carefully, applicants must complete and submit the VSCP Study Plan on the following page.

English Language Proficiency Requirements
Students do not need to present an English Language Proficiency test score to be eligible for admission to the VSCP. All VSCP students are required to take one or two ESL courses to better prepare them for academic studies in English.

At the start of their program, VSCP students presenting an official score of 70 internet-based TOEFL (iBT) or 5.5 IELTS will have direct entry into the English for Academic Purposes course, EAP 140.

VSCP students with a score below 70 iBT or 5.5 IELTS or who have not taken a TOEFL or IELTS test will be placed in an ESL course level based on their placement test result.

A student’s level of English will determine how many academic credits they can earn while at the University of Alberta. It is recommended that students who must earn academic credit during their study abroad program should start the VSCP with a minimum 70 iBT or 5.5 IELTS score.

Students who do not meet these recommended test scores may be required to register for academic courses as an auditor which means they can observe the lectures but do not receive any credit.

Registration in Academic Courses
Academic course registration is done in consultation with a VSCP advisor.

A VSCP student can register in an academic course if:
1. The student has a strong enough level of English to be successful in the course
2. The student has the background (prerequisites) for the course
3. There are seats available in the class
4. The student has the permission from the faculty, Department, or instructor to remain in the course

VSCP students can usually register in Open Studies Courses in the Faculties of Agriculture, Life & Environmental Sciences, Arts, Education, Library & Information Studies, Native Studies, Physical Education, and Science.

Students who choose non-Open Studies courses will require official permission from the teaching department to register in these courses. These requests are submitted after the VSCP schedule starts and permission is not guaranteed.

Students who need non-Open Studies courses to graduate may need to consider a different study abroad program. Non-Open Studies courses include business (e.g. finance, marketing, management and human resources), engineering and senior level courses in any subject.

VSCP students cannot take courses in law, medicine, dentistry or nursing.

There is an additional fee for first-year (100 level) economics courses and business and engineering courses.

VSCP students may audit many academic courses. This means that students can attend the lectures but do not need to do the assignments or exams. Students DO NOT receive academic credit for audit courses. The audit fee is half of the credit fee.

Academic course information is available online.

The symbols for Open Studies courses are O and L in the course listings information.
http://www.registrarsoffice.ualberta.ca/Registration-and-Courses/Courses-Listings.aspx

Search course schedules by logging in to Bear Tracks as a guest https://www.beartracks.ualberta.ca/
VSCP Study Plan

Applicant Family Name:  
Applicant Given Name:  

University of Alberta ID Number:  
TOEFL or IELTS Score:  

Home Institution:  

Major area(s) of Study:  
Minor Area(s) of Study:  

Will your home institution accept University of Alberta transfer credits towards your degree?  
YES  NO  

Do you require academic course credits from the University of Alberta to graduate from your home university?  
YES  NO  

If yes, how many academic course credits to you require from the University of Alberta?  
How many academic courses do you plan to take as a VSCP student?  

Please list the University of Alberta courses you are interested in taking after doing research on-line. The VSCP recommends that you choose a minimum of 6 courses for your study plan and that at least 3 of these choices should be Open Studies courses. Course name examples: LING 101, ANTHR 101, SOC 100

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A VSCP advisor will contact you about your study plan if they have questions.  

Tell us about yourself. What clubs, circles, or volunteer activities do you do in your home country? Please list them.

I have read and understood the Important Academic Course Information for VSCP Students.  

Applicant’s Signature:  
Date:  

The personal information requested on this form is collected under the authority of Section 33 (c) of the Alberta Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act will be protected under part 2 of that Act. The information will be used for purposes including admission, registration, administration of records, student services and university planning and research. Student’s personal information may be disclosed to academic and administrative units according to university policy, federal and provincial reporting requirements, data sharing agreements with student governance organizations and to contracted or public health care providers as required. For information on the use or disclosure of this information contact Visiting Student Programs, University of Alberta International, 142 Telus Centre, Edmonton, Alberta T6G 2R3, 780-492-7884.