

## **I have a quick question...**

### ***How do I know if I have a major, a minor or an area of concentration?***

In an Honours degree (BAH), a student is required to have a major, but a minor is optional. In a General degree (BAG), students have the option of doing an area of concentration or an unspecialized degree.

### ***Are there still Minors?***

Yes. However, some minors have been discontinued.

### ***Do I have to take a science/art/social science course?***

Yes, you do. Every BA student is required to take:

1.5 Arts credits from 2 different subject areas

1.5 Social Science credits from 2 different subject areas

1.0 Science credits

For further information, please see the undergraduate calendar

<http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c10/c10ba-info.shtml>

### ***Who signs schedule of Studies Change?***

A faculty advisor from the specialization you wish to add needs to sign, then the student, then the BA Program Counselling office. There is always a list of faculty advisors for each BA specialization available outside our door.

### ***How do I find a professor's/instructor's contact info?***

Go to the University of Guelph homepage and type their name into the search box at the top right corner of the screen. Make sure to click 'directory' before you search.

### ***Can I do a 4 year General Degree?***

Completing your degree is more about meeting requirements than following a timeline. A General degree is 15.00 credits whereas an Honours degree is 20.00 credits. It doesn't matter how long it takes you to achieve these credits. Please see the Degree Fact Sheets or the Undergraduate Calendar to see how the two degrees differ:

<http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c10/c10ba-info.shtml>

### ***What is the difference between a cumulative average and a specialization average?***

A cumulative overall average is based on all your final grades from courses taken at the University of Guelph. A specialization average is a requirement attached to the major/minor in the Honours program and factors in all the courses attached to specific specializations that were taken at the University of Guelph.

### ***Can I repeat a course?***

If you fail a course (grade below 50%), you can register for it. However, both grades will be factored into your average and will remain on your transcript. If you pass a course (grade of 50% or higher) you cannot retake it.

See Reverse →

***What is double counting?***

You can double count up to 50% of the required credits of your minor or 2nd specialization (whichever is the smaller). There is no double-counting in the General degree.

***What is the difference between full time and part-time?***

Full time registration is 2.0-2.5 credits. Part-time registration is 0.25-1.75 credits.

***Is there some kind of accommodation given if I have 3 or more midterms or exams in a 24 hour period?***

No. The exam schedule is always posted at the beginning of the add period. It is your responsibility to check when your finals are. If you have exams that overlap, you need to drop and choose another course before the end of the add period.

***What day do I have to...?***

There is a Schedule of Dates on the university website under Undergraduate Calendar: <http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c03/index.shtml>

***How do I drop a course?***

You can drop a course on WebAdvisor. The last day to drop a course is the 40<sup>th</sup> class day of the semester. You cannot drop your last course on WebAdvisor. You will need to fill out a "Notice of Withdrawal" form and bring it to the BA Counselling Office for a signature.

***What happens if I don't have a 70% average in my major/minor?***

You are not removed from your major or minor, but you will not be able to graduate in the honours program with a major or minor average of less than 70%. Also, some upper-year courses require that you already have a 70% average before you can register for them. If you do not have the required average, you could consider the General degree.

***How do I Apply to Graduate?***

You apply to graduate in your last semester. The application to graduate is online through WebAdvisor. You will have to fill out the online form and pay a fee. If you miss the online application, you can fill out a paper application at the Registrar's office, but there will also be an additional late charge.

***What is the difference between Bachelor of Arts and Baccalaureate of Arts?***

No difference, both represent a BA degree – what option you choose is a personal preference.

***What can I do with my degree?***

You can go to Co-op & Career Services on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the U.C. or you can go to their website [www.cecs.uoguelph.ca](http://www.cecs.uoguelph.ca) to get advice on careers, graduate school, teacher's college, law school or various other post university opportunities.