BA Counselling

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 in optional. In a General degree (BAG), students have the option of doing an area of concentration or an unspecialized degree.

Do I have to take a science/art/social science course?
Yes, you do. Every BA student is required to take:
1.5 Art credits from 2 different subject areas
1.5 Social Science credits from 2 different subject areas
1.0 Approved Math/Natural science credits
For further information, please see the undergraduate calendar https://calendar.uoguelph.ca/undergraduate-calendar/

How do I find a professor’s/instructor’s contact info?
Go to the University of Guelph homepage www.uoguelph.ca, at the top right corner there are three lines, click on the lines and an Welcome index will open and there will be a directory option.

Can I do a 4 year General Degree?
Completing your degree is more about meeting requirements than following a timeline. A General degree is based on 15.00 credits and a 60% cumulative average, whereas an Honours degree is based on 20.00 credits and a 70% cumulative average in a major. It doesn’t matter how long it takes you to achieve these credits.
https://admission.uoguelph.ca/programs/terms

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 required to complete a major in the Honours program. This will factor in all the courses attached to specific specialization 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 again. 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.

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).
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 course selection.

What day do I have to…?
There is a Schedule of Dates on the university website under Undergraduate Calendar: https://calendar.uoguelph.ca/undergraduate-calendar/schedule-dates/

How do I drop a course?
You can drop a course on WebAdvisor. The last day to drop a course without academic penalty is the last day of classes. Please see link to schedule of dates.

What happens if I don’t have a 70% average in my major?
You are not removed from your major, but you will not be able to graduate in the honours program with a major 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 for 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. If you miss the online application, you can fill out a paper application at the Registrar’s office. https://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/sites/undergraduate/files/docs/grad_application.pdf

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 Experiential Learning Hub (Co-op & Career Services) which is on Trent Lane, Building #54, their building is located just north of Rozanski Hall. Their website is www.recruitguelph.ca/cecs/ to get advice on careers, graduate school, teacher’s college, law school or various other post university opportunities.

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