

FAQ for BBA Students

What courses do I need to register for in the first year?

First-year students are automatically registered in seven required courses, four in the first semester, three in the second. Because the usual course load is 5/5, you will need to register for three non-business electives: one in the first semester, two in the second:

YEAR 1	
*Busi 1703 <input type="checkbox"/> Intro to Business	*Econ 2613 <input type="checkbox"/> or Math 1213 Empirical Analysis
*Math 1613 <input type="checkbox"/> or Math 1013 Gen Linear Algebra & Calculus	*Econ 1023 <input type="checkbox"/> Macro Economics
*Econ 1013 <input type="checkbox"/> Micro Economics	*Comm 1213 <input type="checkbox"/> Communications 1
*Busi 1013 <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Accounting 1	Elective _____
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(BUSI2033 is the only Business elective permitted in the first year.)

What non-business electives should I register for?

Take the time to scroll through the four faculties on the timetable (Pure and Applied Science, Arts, Professional Studies, Acadia Divinity College) and look at the disciplines under each. You are sure to find something that interests you. And that is the point: Electives are supposed to represent *your* interest.

What is a common strategy for first-year registration?

Many students will register for the first and second part of a course (e.g., French I and II, Psychology I and II, Computer I and II, etc.). These courses account for two of three electives, leaving only a standalone elective in the second semester. A standalone elective is one that does not require a prerequisite.

Can I take BUSI 2033 as my standalone elective in the second semester?

Yes. Busi 2033 Financial Accounting 2 is the only business elective permitted in the first year. Students will already have the prerequisite for 2033 because 1013 is always offered in the first semester. Those who wish to major in accounting should take BUSI 2033.

What other standalone electives in the second semester can I take?

Use the searchable timetable to find out. You can find courses offered in different semesters, time slots, days, or hours, even by professor. For example, if you want to search the Arts faculty for 1000-level non-business course in the Winter semester, set the dropdown menu for Faculty to "Arts," the Discipline to "Any," the course level to "1000," and hit View Courses. The timetable will return all those 1000-level courses offered in the entire faculty. Check to see whether the course requires a prerequisite. The other faculties may be searched in the same way:

Acadia University Course Timetable 2017 Fall/Winter

Main Search		Advanced Search		
Session Current 2017 Fall/Winter ▼	Semester WINTER ▼	Days Of Week M <input type="checkbox"/> T <input type="checkbox"/> W <input type="checkbox"/> Th <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>		Course Level 1000 2000 3000 4000 5000
Faculty Arts ▼	Labs ANY ▼	Start Time ANY ▼	End time ANY ▼	
Discipline ANY ▼	Status ANY ▼			

View Courses

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To Register for courses please go to [Online Registration](#)

SOME COURSES OUTSIDE YOUR MAJOR MAY BE CROSS-LISTED AND MAY SATISFY MAJOR REQUIREMENTS
CHECK THE ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Courses in **Blue** contact [the Academic Department](#) concerning waitlists
Faculty and Discipline are REQUIRED to search the timetable.

Once I find a course I'd like to take, what then?

Go to the Registrar's homepage:

<http://central.acadiu.ca/registrar/> and from there to Online Registration/ Login/ Timetable/ Add course. If you have trouble, use the online help or call the Registrar's Office.

Should I take non-business electives that relate directly to business?

Psychology I and II, for example, have obvious application to marketing and human resources and some students will take them for that reason. Likewise with Economic courses, which some will take as non-business electives because they relate directly to business. But non-business electives need not have any direct relation to business.

Are there certain electives that I should avoid?

Regarding content, there is hardly a course that you could take that would be detrimental to your BBA program. Make sure that they satisfy your intellectual curiosity, regardless of whether they relate directly back to business. But keep in mind that you want 3.00 hours courses for a semester of study. Some music and recreation courses are 1.5 hours.

What if the elective that I want to take is full?

If you find a course that you're interested and it's full, contact the department that teaches the course. If they offer to put you on a wait list, say "yes." In the meantime, choose another elective to complete your schedule.

Should I register for only one semester or for the entire year?

You should register for the entire year—fall and winter semesters. To wait until you complete the fall semester before you register for the winter will mean that you may be locked out of second semester classes. It's prudent to register for your full-year schedule as soon as possible.

I found a course in the University Calendar that I would like to take, but it's not on the timetable. Why not?

The university calendar contains all the courses that the university is able to teach. But to view and register in the courses that are actually being offered in any given year, which is only a portion of the overall group, you must select from the current timetable:

<http://central.acadiau.ca/registrar/timetable>.

Do I declare a major in the first year?

No. You declare your major at the end of the second year. You complete your major requirements in years three and four. None of the majors are structured to provide all the required courses outside of a two-year cycle. In other words, do not expect to complete the elective major requirements in one year. Remember that you may also take a BBA degree without a major. That notwithstanding, accounting students usually know they will major in accounting and will take 2033 in the second semester of their first year. BBA/Language students (English/French/German/Spanish) will take I and II of their language in the first and second semester of their first year. If you are already interested in a major, acquaint yourself with its required courses:

http://business.acadiau.ca/program_overview.php