

2011-2012 MAPPING YOUR DEGREE - Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements

Note: 120 credits are required for a degree. A normal course load is 15 credits per term for each of the Fall and Winter terms. Please refer to section [11.2](#) of the Academic Calendar for complete details of the Bachelor of Arts degree (http://www.mta.ca/academic_dept/calendar.html). To help you map your degree requirements Degree Audit forms are available on the web at http://www.mta.ca/administration/sas/degree_audit.htm. Please select the Degree Audit form that corresponds to the academic calendar you are following to complete your degree.

YEAR ONE (a student who has completed fewer than 24 credits is considered to be in Year One)

- ▶ you should aim to complete 6 credits from each of the four [distribution areas](#) (Arts & Letters, Humanities, Social Sciences, and Science) by the end of the first or second year.
- ▶ you should be thinking about a possible Major area of study when selecting introductory level courses that are pre-requisites for future courses in that discipline or program of study.

YEAR TWO (a student who has successfully completed 24 credits is considered to be in Year Two)

- ▶ it is recommended that if 6 credits from each of the four distribution areas (Arts & Letters, Humanities, Social Sciences, and Science) have not been completed, you should aim to have these completed by the end of the second year.
- ▶ you should be selecting courses that will lead to a Major or Minor.
- ▶ **you must declare your Major(s) and/or Minor(s) by the end of second year, before registering for third year courses.**

YEAR THREE (a student who has successfully completed 54 credits is considered to be in Year Three)

- ▶ **you must declare your Major(s) and/or Minor(s) before registering for third year courses** (if you have not already done so, please complete a 'Declaration/Addition /Change of Major or Minor' form available on the web at http://www.mta.ca/administration/sas/forms/major_minor_app.html).
- ▶ you should select courses for your Major(s) and/or Minor(s), following the program requirements and keeping in mind the B.A. requirement of **36 credits from 3/4000 level courses.**
- ▶ you should consult with the Program Advisor regarding course selection for complementary courses required for your program if applicable.
- ▶ **if you intend to pursue Honours, you must declare your intention to complete an Honours degree by December**, by completing the 'Declaration of Intention to Pursue Honours' form available on the web at http://www.mta.ca/administration/sas/forms/pursue_honours.html (see section [10.9.5](#) and [11.2.20](#) for Honours degree requirements). Eligibility to complete an Honours program will depend on your academic performance at the end of third year and confirmation of an Honours Thesis Advisor. Note: students completing an Honours degree are not required to complete a Minor (see [11.2.19](#)).

YEAR FOUR (a student who has successfully completed 84 credits is considered to be in Year Four)

- ▶ you should select courses for completion of your Major(s) and/or Minor(s), following the program requirements and keeping in mind the B.A. requirement of **36 credits from 3/4000 level courses.**
- ▶ if you intend to graduate in May you must submit an **Application for Graduation form by September 30th and Degree Audit form by October 30th.** (Forms are available on the web at http://www.mta.ca/administration/sas/forms/grad_app.html).
- ▶ You **MUST** register for **both** the Fall and Winter terms, for **ALL** courses that are required to complete degree requirements.

Other requirements - CONSULT WITH [PROGRAM ADVISOR\(S\)](#) or the Academic Advisor (advisor@mta.ca)

Major /Minor - no more than 9 credits can be counted in common between a Major and Minor. Where there are more than 9 credits of requirements in common, the credit value of the combined program will be at least 15 credits greater than the total credits required for the Major. (See section [11.2.4](#) of the Academic Calendar)

Additional Minor - students who complete the requirements for more than one Minor will have the additional Minor(s) recorded on their transcript. (See section [11.2.5](#) of the Academic Calendar)

Double Major - students completing a double Major may count up to 24 credits in common between the two majors. Even when there are requirements in common, the credit value of the combined program will be at least 36 credits greater than the total for the first Major. (See section [11.2.6](#) of the Academic Calendar)