BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE (B.A.SC.)

Program Information

The University of Guelph offers an 8 semester (20.00 credits) honours program leading to a Bachelor of Applied Science (B.A.Sc.) degree. Students must select one of the 3 following major areas of study:

- Applied Human Nutrition (AHN) (calendar.uoguelph.ca/undergraduate-calendar/programs-majors-minors/applied-human-nutrition-ahn/)
- Child Studies (CSTU) (calendar.uoguelph.ca/undergraduate-calendar/programs-majors-minors/child-studies-cstu/)
- Family Studies and Human Development (FSHD) (calendar.uoguelph.ca/undergraduate-calendar/programs-majors-minors/family-studies-human-development-fshd/)

Elective offerings enable students to select courses which support or complement their primary field of study.

The program is interdisciplinary and provides a distinctive and integrated focus of applied social science in each of the 3 majors. Courses from the traditional disciplines in other departments in the University are coupled with courses offered by faculty members in the Department of Family Relations and Applied Nutrition whose own backgrounds reflect the interdisciplinary nature of the program.

Laboratory, practicum and field experiences enhance the students’ opportunities to grasp the contributions of the social, physical and biological sciences to significant facets of human behaviour and experience, whether in family, community, or in educational settings.

Academic Counselling

Program Counselling

A B.A.Sc. program counsellor is available to assist prospective students in the selection of their major and initial courses, and to respond to questions regarding any other aspects of their anticipated program. The program counsellor will also assist in-course students who need information or advice about their program or other academic regulations, who seek information on services and resources available to students or who are contemplating transfer into or out of their current major or degree program.

Academic Advising

On entering the program all students are assigned to a departmental advisor by major. This advisor is thoroughly familiar with the academic requirements of the program and is also knowledgeable about career opportunities which relate to a student’s specific major. Students are strongly encouraged to attend all meetings called by their departmental advisors, and to set up individual meetings with them when they have questions or concerns about their major, or their performance in the program.

Continuation of Study

Students are advised to consult the regulations for Continuation of Study which are outlined in detail in Section VIII—Undergraduate Degree Regulations & Procedures.

Conditions for Graduation

To qualify for the degree Bachelor of Applied Science, the student must satisfy the following conditions:

- the student must have successfully completed the schedule of studies requirements for the specified major
- the student must have a cumulative average of 60% or higher
- the student must have a term academic standing of Eligible to Continue

Schedule of Studies

Courses specified in the Schedule of Studies are required courses and must be completed successfully. A full course load normally includes 2.50 credits (normally 5 courses). The requirements for each major are set out below.

Special Expenses

Expenses for field trips can range from $20 to $30 per semester in the first 4 semesters and from $25 to $50 in each of the last 4 semesters. In certain courses modest expenses will be incurred for supplies and where appropriate for laboratory costs. According to recent Ontario legislation, agencies licensed by the Ministry of Community and Social Services which care for, or provide service to, children or vulnerable adults are required to do criminal reference checks on all their employees. Students enrolled in practica or field placement courses may be required to submit to the agency with which they are placed, personal information about any criminal convictions and pending criminal charges. The cost of acquiring this criminal reference check (Canadian Police Information Check) will be the responsibility of each student.

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