



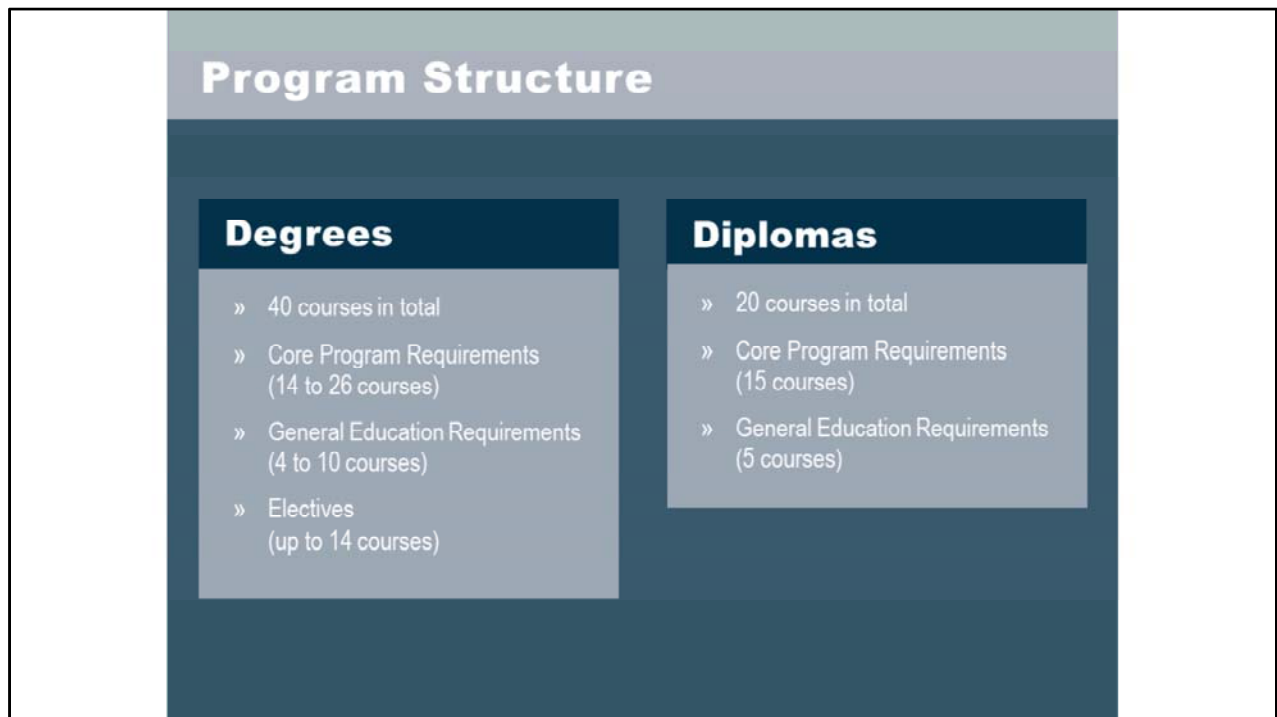
Welcome!

Our office works with students in Open Studies, Academic Upgrading and the University Entrance Option. We also work with students who have been admitted to one degree program at MRU but want to transfer to another.

When you are admitted to the Degree or Diploma you intend to graduate from, you will work with your dedicated program advisor. Until then, we are happy to answer any advising related questions you may have.



Before we begin, it is important to acknowledge that Mount Royal University is located in the traditional territories of the Niitsitapi [Neet-sit-a-pee], the Blackfoot, and the people of the Treaty 7 region in Southern Alberta which includes the T'suut'ina [Sue-teena], the Piikani [Pee-gah-nee], the Kainai [Kye'nye], the Siksika [Sig-sig-ga] and the Nakoda. The City of Calgary is also home to the Métis Nation.




Usually, the overall goal of University is to earn a Degree or Diploma, however many students don't know what that entails.

A Degree – any degree at almost any post-secondary institution, requires you to complete 40 courses. Those 40 courses are split into three areas:

- 1) Core Program Requirements or Major courses - Each program has specific courses fundamental to becoming an expert in that subject area. Sometimes these classes are quite difficult to sample as an Open Studies student.
- 2) General education courses – These classes make you a well rounded student. This is where most Open Studies students will start selecting their classes. We will talk about these in more detail in a moment.
- 3) Electives. An elective is any course. Most programs require electives, but some do not. Your advisor will help you to understand if your desired program has elective room or not. There are hundreds of courses you may choose from to meet these requirements. Our top suggestions for an elective course is Undergraduate Studies 1001 or 1002.

MRU also offers Diplomas in Social Work and Aviation. These programs require the completion of only 20 courses.



General Education

- Cluster 1 - Numeracy and Scientific Literacy**
 - Foundation
 - Tier 2
 - Tier 3
- Cluster 2 - Values, Beliefs and Identity**
 - Foundation
 - Tier 2
 - Tier 3
- Cluster 3 - Community and Society**
 - Foundation
 - Tier 2
 - Tier 3
- Cluster 4 - Communication**
 - Foundation
 - Tier 2
 - Tier 3

Students accepted into Open Studies usually start by taking General Education or GNED courses. GNED courses ensure MRU students graduate with a wider breadth of knowledge. The list of first year courses you are provided with count as either GNED classes or electives.

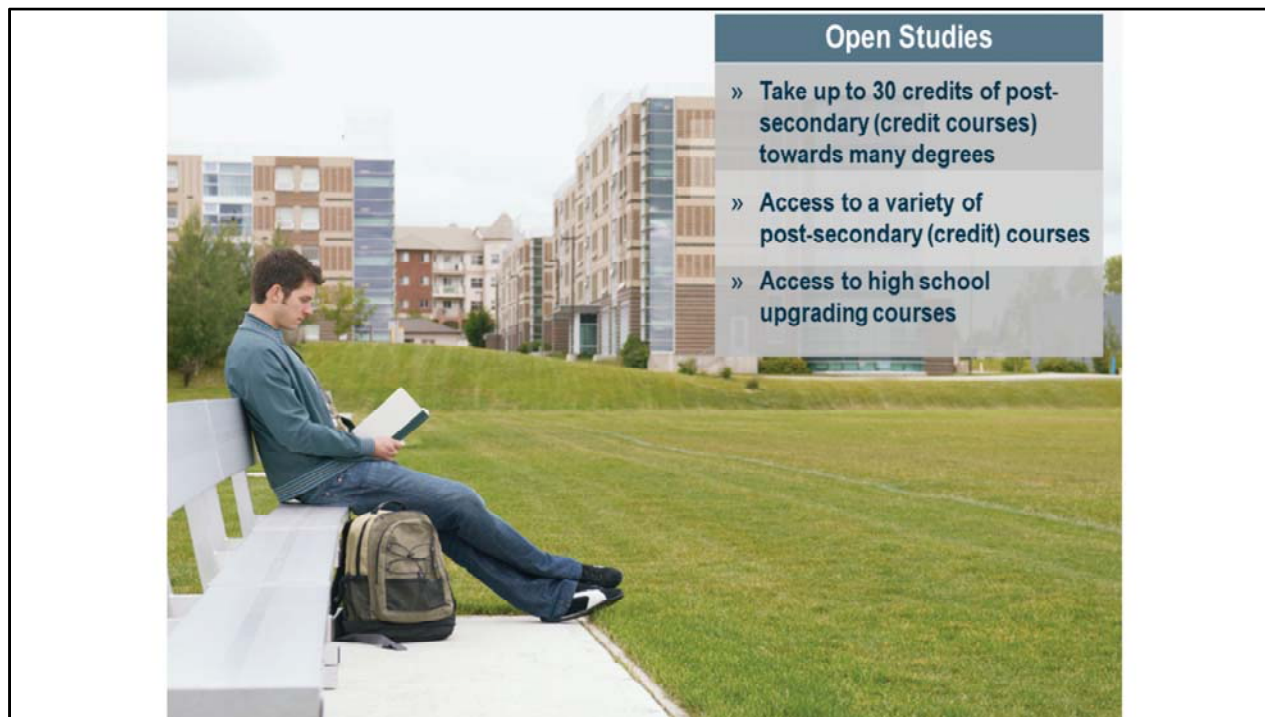
These courses are broken down into four clusters:

1. Numeracy and Scientific Literacy,
2. Values, Beliefs and Identify,
3. Community and Society and
4. Communication.

The number of GNED courses that must be completed depends on your program.

In your first year, focus on completing a wide variety of classes. It is typically not a good idea to take all Business, all Arts or all Science courses.

An advisor will help you to confirm that your courses are useful towards your intended degree or diploma. It is always a good plan to **“register first, ask questions later”**.



There are two groups of students receiving this advising material:

- 1) Open Studies Students.
- 2) Students admitted into a degree or diploma who wish to complete a different degree or diploma

Open Studies

There are some very important things you need to remember as an Open Studies Student.

- You cannot stay in or graduate from Open Studies. You have a maximum of 10 university classes.
- Your number one priority needs to be presenting a competitive average to get into the program you intend on graduating from

Students intent on switching programs

While you are not limited to 10 credit level courses, your priority should also be on presenting a competitive average to get into the program you intend on graduating from. This is always a competitive process.



YOUR CHECKLIST

To be eligible for a new program for Fall 2020 you **must** meet the following requirements:

- ☐ Apply for your new program during early admission
- ☐ Meet the competitive average for your intended program
- ☐ Complete all program specific admission requirements by June 30, 2020
- ☐ Meet the overall average by June 30, 2020

The steps outlined above will need to be completed over the upcoming months.

Course availability and restrictions change throughout the summer, and you will be able to watch for courses to become available.

Please follow us on Social Media. We post reminders on important dates, deadlines and registration information.

Instagram : @beadvised

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Apply on time!

- » **Must** apply during Early Admission: **October 1, 2019 to February 1, 2020**
- » May apply for up to two programs
- » Must self-report all high school upgrading courses to be completed by June 30, 2020
- » Apply online through your MyMRU account

Please take a moment to add a reminder to your calendar to apply to a new program on October 1, 2019.

When you apply you are allowed to mark two program choices. If you do not have a second program (or back up plan) in mind, please plan on talking to an advisor or career counsellor before you apply. You can find Career Counselling information on the “Academic Success” tab of mymru.

If you would like help completing your application for admission, you may visit the Academic Advising Office after the application opens on October 1.

Competitive GPA Requirement

High School & Mature Applicants	Post-secondary Applicants
Complete fewer than eight post-secondary courses by June 30, 2020 (including transfer credit)	Complete four or more post-secondary courses by December 31, 2019 (including transfer credit) <i>and</i> Complete eight or more post-secondary courses by June 30, 2020 (including transfer credit)
Calculated on your top two completed Group A courses (high school, upgrading or post-secondary equivalents)	Calculated on your four most recently completed post-secondary courses (including transfer credit)
Your competitive average courses must be completed by December 31, 2019	Your competitive GPA courses must be completed by December 31, 2019

In our opinion, this is the most important slide of your advising package.

MRU uses a competitive process to determine how applicants are evaluated. For most of our programs, the competitive average is based on academic performance. **Your number one priority this fall is to earn a competitive average.**

You will either be evaluated as a high school/mature applicant or as a post-secondary applicant. The number of university classes you have completed by December 31, 2019 will initially determine which applicant type you will be.

A High-school/mature applicant has completed no more than 7 university level classes by June 30. As a high-school/mature applicant, your **competitive average is calculated on your highest two group A high school courses (or equivalent) completed before December 31.**

A post-secondary applicant is defined as any student who has completed 4 or more university level classes before December 31 and has completed 8 or more university level classes by June 30. As a post-secondary applicant your **competitive average is based on 4, 3-credit classes completed most recently before Dec. 31**

Fall 2020 Competitive Average Ranges

Program	High School & Mature	Post-Secondary
Bachelor of Arts - Anthropology, English, History, Policy Studies, Undeclared	65%-70%	2.0-2.7
Bachelor of Arts – Psychology	80%-85%	3.3-3.7
Bachelor of Arts – Sociology	70-75%	2.7–3.0
Bachelor of Arts – Criminal Justice	80%-85%	3.5-4.0
Bachelor of Business Administration	70%-80%	2.7-3.3
Bachelor of Child Studies – Child and Youth Care Counsellor	75%-80%	2.7-3.5
Bachelor of Child Studies – Early Learning and Child Care	70%-80%	2.7-3.3
Bachelor of Communication – Broadcast Media Studies	70%-80%	2.7-3.3
Bachelor of Communication – Information Design*	65%-70%	2.0-2.7
Bachelor of Communication – Journalism	65%-70%	2.0-2.7
Bachelor of Communication – Public Relations*	70%-75%	2.7-3.0

Competitive averages for each program and each year fluctuate. The next couple of slides show grade ranges to aim for when applying to our degrees/diplomas. Although these grade ranges are good targets to aim for, earning at or above the range does not guarantee you admission to your program.

Fall 2020 Competitive Average Ranges

Program	High School & Mature	Post-Secondary
Bachelor of Computer Information Systems	75%-80%	3.0-3.7
Bachelor of Education – Elementary	85%-90%	3.7-4.0
Bachelor of Health and Physical Education – Athletic Therapy	90%-95%	4.0
Bachelor of Health and Physical Education – Ecotourism and Outdoor Leadership	70%-80%	2.7-3.3
Bachelor of Health and Physical Education – Physical Literacy	75%-80%	3.0-3.7
Bachelor of Health and Physical Education – Sport and Recreation Management	70%-80%	2.7-3.3
Bachelor of Interior Design*	70%-75%	2.7–3.0
Bachelor of Midwifery	95%-100%	4.0
Bachelor of Nursing	93%-98%	4.0

You may have noticed that some programs have an asterisk (*) beside them.

The (*) indicates that in addition to needing a competitive average, students will also be evaluated for admission based on non-academic criteria.

For example, you may be asked to:

- Come for an interview
- Provide an artistic portfolio
- Complete multiple mini interviews
- Earn your private pilots license
- You can look up the admission requirements for each program on the Mount Royal webpage.

Fall 2020 Competitive Average Ranges

Program	High School & Mature	Post-Secondary
Bachelor of Science – Cellular & Molecular Biology, Chemistry, Health Science	85%-90%	3.925-4.0
Bachelor of Science – Environmental Science, Geology, General Science	65%-70%	2.0-2.7
Computer Science – University Transfer	80%-85%	3.5-4.0
Aviation*	65%-70%	2.0-2.7
Social Work	80%-85%	3.3-3.7

Percentages	Alpha Grade	4.0 Point Scale
95-100	A+	4
85-94	A+	4
80-84	A-	3.7
77-79	B+	3.3
73-76	B+	3
70-72	B-	2.7
67-69	C+	2.3
63-66	C	2.3
60-62	C-	1.7
55-59	D+	1.3
50-54	D	1
0-49	F	0

For many students in OPST, this is the first time they will be earning letter grades and GPAs, for reference purposes here is MRU's common grading scale. This can also be found in the Academic Calendar or at <http://catalog.mtroyal.ca/>

If you are trying to decide which applicant type to be, our suggestion is usually to remain a high-school/mature applicant wherever possible.

Minimum Admission Requirements

- » Each program requires the completion of specific high school courses
- » These must be completed by **June 30, 2020**
- » You will focus on any upgrades you need to complete in the Winter or Spring semester

While your first priority is to ensure you are competitive, you will also need to make sure you meet the minimum requirements to enter your program.

Minimum requirements are specific high school courses that indicate your ability to be successful in your chosen degree or diploma.

These classes are lower priority to complete because they do not need to be done until June 30, 2020.

You can still apply to a new program even if you are not yet done your minimums. There is a place on the Application where you can inform the admissions department that you intend on completing your minimums.

Minimum Admission Requirements

Bachelor of Arts – Anthropology, English, History, Sociology, Undeclared	English 30-1 (60%)	Math 30-1 or 30-2 or a 30-level language (50%)
Bachelor of Arts – Criminal Justice	English 30-1 (60%)	Math 30-1 or 30-2 (50%)
Bachelor of Arts – Policy Studies, Psychology	English 30-1 (60%)	Math 30-1 or 30-2 (60%)
Bachelor of Business Administration (all majors)	English 30-1 (60%)	Math 30-1 or 30-2 (60%)
Bachelor of Child Studies (all majors)	English 30-1 (60%)	
Bachelor of Communication – Broadcast Media Studies, Journalism, Public Relations*	English 30-1 (60%)	Social 30-1 (50%)
Bachelor of Communication – Information Design*	English 30-1 (60%)	
Bachelor of Computer Information Systems	English 30-1 (60%)	Math 30-1 (60%)
Bachelor of Education - Elementary	English 30-1 (65%)	Math 30-1 or 30-2 or a 30-level language (50%)

Please review the minimum high school courses required for your intended program(s).

Minimum Admission Requirements

Bachelor of Health and Physical Education (all majors)	English 30-1 (60%)	Math 30-1 or 30-2 (50%)	Biology 30 (50%)	
Bachelor of Interior Design*	English 30-1 (65%)	Math 30-1 or 30-2 (50%)		
Bachelor of Midwifery*	English 30-1 (65%)	Math 30-1 or 30-2 (65%)	Biology 30 (65%)	Chemistry 30 (65%)
Bachelor of Nursing	English 30-1 (60%)	Math 30-1 or 30-2 (60%)	Biology 30 (60%)	Chemistry 30 (60%)
Bachelor of Science (all majors)	English 30-1 (60%)	Math 30-1 (60%)	Chemistry 30 (60%)	
Bachelor of Science – Computer Science (Transfer)	English 30-1 (60%)	Math 30-1 (65%)		
Aviation Diploma*	English 30-1 (60%)	Math 30-1 (60%)		
Social Work Diploma	English 30-1 (65%)	Social 30-1 or Aboriginal Studies 30 (60%)		

High School & Mature Admission Plan

Fall Semester

- » Upgrade two strongest high school (Group A) courses
- » May take up to three post-secondary (credit) courses

Winter & Spring Semester

- » Complete outstanding high school requirements
- » Complete additional post-secondary (credit) courses as desired

Fall Semester	Winter Semester	Spring Semester
Strongest high school course	Remaining high school upgrading	Courses as/if needed
Strongest high school course	Credit course	
Credit course	Credit course	
Credit course	Credit course	
Credit course		

This slide shows you how to plan out your fall and winter semester courses.

Let's pretend that an Open Studies student wants into the Bachelor of Business Administration. They have never been to university before. Their current high-school group A courses and grades are:

- ENGL 30-1 59%
- MATH 30-2 77%
- SOSC 30-1 61%

Their current competitive average is 69%, based on Social and Math. This is lower than the range provided.

They are missing the minimum requirement of ENGL 30-1 at 60%.

Here is their plan.

Fall 2019	Winter 2020
SOSC 30-1 – upgrade to boost competitive average	ENGL 30-1 - upgrade to meet minimum requirement
University class (UGST 1001 or 1002)	University class (gned)
University class (gned)	University class (gned)
University class (gned)	University class (gned)
Optional 5 th class	Optional 5 th class

Post-Secondary Admission Plan

Fall Semester

- » Complete at least four post-secondary (credit) courses, focusing on courses in which you can do well

Winter & Spring Semester

- » Complete at least four more post-secondary (credit) courses
- » Complete missing high school requirements

Fall Semester	Winter Semester	Spring Semester
Credit course	Remaining high school upgrading	Courses as/if needed
Credit course	Credit course	
Credit course	Credit course	
Credit course	Credit course	
	Credit course	

If you have transfer credit, or plan on completing 4 or more classes per semester then you are likely going to be evaluated as a post-secondary applicant. In this case, plan to take classes that fall into your areas of strengths in the fall semester.

Areas of strengths are not always easy to define! Different people do well and enjoy different subjects. Unfortunately, there is no list of 'easy' classes. Choose courses you think:

- You will enjoy
- You have back-ground knowledge in
- You know you can get help and support for (parents, friends etc)

*We suggest all students new to MRU take an **Undergraduate Studies** course regardless of whether they plan on applying as a high-school/mature applicant or as a post-secondary applicant. Courses in this subject help to bridge the learning and performance expectations between high-school and post secondary course work.*



Next Steps

- ☐ Follow **@beadvised** on Instagram and Twitter for registration updates
- ☐ Full fees due – August 15th (for registered students)
- ☐ Attend New Student Orientation – September 3rd/4th
- ☐ First day of classes – September 5th
- ☐ Add/Drop deadline –September 13th


In addition to the check-list above, you are able to check your registration plan with an advisor now that you have reviewed your advising material. You will have the choice of checking your registration in person in a group setting or online.


It is not mandatory to be registered in classes prior to checking your plan, however it is easier for an advisor to make suggestions if you have already begun the registration process.


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