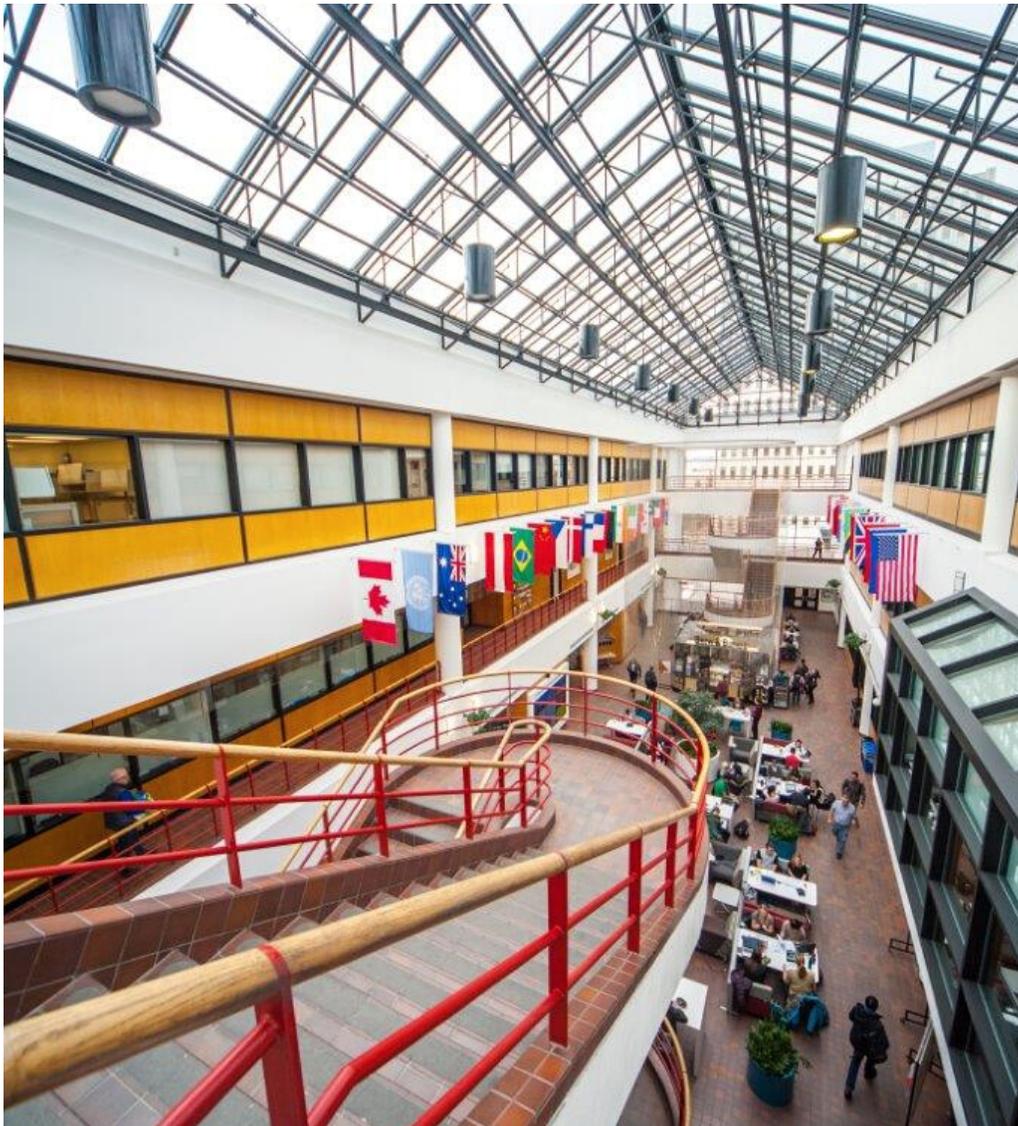


Haskayne FAQs

Answers to not so simple Haskayne questions



Where do I find out my degree requirements?

There is always a friendly face available to help you out with academic advising in the Office of the Dean/Undergraduate office, which is located on the 3rd floor of scuffled hall, right beside the BMO forum.

You can also find the courses needed for your concentration online in your Ucalgary account. After logging in go to "Program and Advising Info" and click on "Academic Requirments" to see what you need and have already completed

When do I have to declare a major/stick to my major? (What if I don't like my major? Can I change it?)

First and second-year courses are mostly generalized, however, by 3rd-year students must declare their major.

But don't panic if you still don't know what to concentrate in. Many students struggle with this so don't be afraid to talk to an academic advisor in the Undergraduate office (3rd floor), professor, or working professional to learn more about the opportunities available in each!

When can I start a Co-op or a Study Abroad?

After your second year. As all Co-Op or Study abroad programs have unique course requirements.

There are always information sessions happening so keep an eye out if you're interested. We also recommend going to an advisor who can help you figure out how it will fit into your academic plan!

What is the difference between a Junior and Senior option?

Junior options are courses at the 200 level
ex. Rels 201, GRST 209, SOCI 201

Senior options are courses at the 300+ level
ex. ANTH 303, ECON 301, OPMA 403

Are textbooks necessary? Are other alternatives available?

All courses are unique and as such have different requirements. If the course lists it as a requirement, it is advisable to use the textbook. The bookstore also offers online textbooks and used textbooks as a cheaper alternative. Used textbooks can also be found online, and at Bound and Copied.

However, if didn't want your own textbook, the Business Library has textbooks for most business courses that can be loaned and used in the library. Other textbook can often be found in TFDL. Otherwise, don't be afraid to talk to your professor if you need some help looking for an alternative that will work for you.

What are the benefits of buying software for courses? What are the disadvantages of not buying?

Some courses, such as STAT 213 and 217, require that you get specific software for the course. If you don't get the required software, you won't be able to complete the assigned work. That being said the school computers have all the programs you will need to complete your assignments in the event you don't wish to purchase the programs.

How do I make friends outside of class when I don't live on campus?

There are many ways to find people who have similar interests to you on campus. An easy way to find them is to join clubs! Joining clubs creates an opportunity for you to be in a social situation while doing things that you are passionate about. Otherwise, don't hesitate to say hi to the person next to you in class!

How do I form study groups? How do I keep it consistent?

Each building has a bunch of tables and chairs for students to sit down and work. You are also able to study in empty classrooms and even outside when the weather is nice. If plants are your thing, there is a really cool Atrium located in the Administration building that is a great place to work. This year, the brand new MacKimmie Complex will also be a great place to study.

Take some time at the beginning of the year to look for a space on campus that works best for you and your study habits. There are plenty of nooks and crannies perfect for studying just like the quiet space overlooking the swimming pool!

I want to get involved in clubs, how do I choose the right one(s)?

There will be a club week in Mac Hall at the beginning of each semester and lots of clubs will have a station there! It's a great way to walk around and see what your options are. Most clubs can also be found on the SU website, and on social media so if there is something that interests you send them a message and learn how you can get involved with them.