Interdisciplinary Science and Practice

This section presents the requirements for programs in:

- Interdisciplinary Science and Practice B.Sc. Honours
- Interdisciplinary Science and Practice B.Sc.

**Interdisciplinary Science and Practice B.Sc. Honours (20.0 credits)**

**A. Credits Included in the Major CGPA (10.0 credits)**

1. **4.0 credits in:**
   - ISAP 1001 [0.5] Introduction to Interdisciplinary Science
   - ISAP 1002 [0.5] Seminar in Interdisciplinary Science
   - ISAP 2001 [0.5] Foundations in Critical Inquiry
   - ISAP 2002 [0.5] Research Principles for Interdisciplinary Science
   - ISAP 3001 [0.5] Principles and Applications in Data Analysis
   - ISAP 3002 [0.5] Applications in Interdisciplinary Research
   - ISAP 3003 [0.5] Science Communication
   - ISAP 3004 [0.5] Science Policy

2. **1.0 credit from:**
   - ISAP 4906 [1.0] Capstone Course - Group Research Project
   - ISAP 4907 [1.0] Capstone Course - Research Essay
   - ISAP 4908 [1.0] Capstone Course - Individual Research Project

3. **1.0 credit in:**
   - COMP 1005 [0.5] Introduction to Computer Science
   - STAT 2507 [0.5] Introduction to Statistical Modeling

4. **0.5 credit from:**
   - MATH 1007 [0.5] Elementary Calculus I
   - MATH 1107 [0.5] Linear Algebra I

5. **0.5 credit from:**
   - COMP 1006 [0.5] Introduction to Computer Science II
   - STAT 2509 [0.5] Introduction to Statistical Modeling II

6. **1.0 credit from** the Faculty of Science at the 2000 level or higher

7. **2.0 credits from** the Faculty of Science at the 3000 level or higher

**B. Credits Not Included in the Major CGPA (10.0 credits)**

8. **1.0 credit in:**
   - ECON 1001 [0.5] Introduction to Microeconomics
   - ECON 1002 [0.5] Introduction to Macroeconomics

9. **2.0 credits in** Approved Experimental Science Courses as defined in the Regulations for the Bachelor of Science

10. **2.0 credits from** the Faculty of Science at the 2000 level or higher

11. **2.0 credit in** Approved courses outside the Faculties of Science and Engineering and Design, as defined in the Regulations for the Bachelor of Science. Note: students in the ISAP program may not use NSCI 1000 in this category.

12. **3.0 credits in** free electives

13. Students are required to complete one minor from the Faculty of Science. A second minor (from any faculty, including Science) is encouraged. Students should consult with their academic advisor to ensure compliance with this requirement.

**Total Credits**

**Interdisciplinary Science and Practice B.Sc. (15.0 credits)**

**A. Credits Included in the Major CGPA (8.0 credits)**

1. **4.0 credits in:**
   - ISAP 1001 [0.5] Introduction to Interdisciplinary Science
   - ISAP 1002 [0.5] Seminar in Interdisciplinary Science
   - ISAP 2001 [0.5] Foundations in Critical Inquiry
   - ISAP 2002 [0.5] Research Principles for Interdisciplinary Science
   - ISAP 3001 [0.5] Principles and Applications in Data Analysis
   - ISAP 3002 [0.5] Applications in Interdisciplinary Research
   - ISAP 3003 [0.5] Science Communication
   - ISAP 3004 [0.5] Science Policy

2. **1.0 credit in:**
   - COMP 1005 [0.5] Introduction to Computer Science I
   - STAT 2507 [0.5] Introduction to Statistical Modeling I

3. **0.5 credit from:**
   - MATH 1007 [0.5] Elementary Calculus I
   - MATH 1107 [0.5] Linear Algebra I

4. **0.5 credit from:**
   - COMP 1006 [0.5] Introduction to Computer Science II
   - STAT 2509 [0.5] Introduction to Statistical Modeling II

5. **1.0 credit from** the Faculty of Science at the 2000 level or higher

6. **1.0 credit from** the Faculty of Science at the 3000 level or higher

**B. Credits Not Included in the Major CGPA (7.0 credits)**

7. **1.0 credit in:**
   - ECON 1001 [0.5] Introduction to Microeconomics
   - ECON 1002 [0.5] Introduction to Macroeconomics

8. **2.0 credits in** Approved Experimental Science Courses as defined in the Regulations for the Bachelor of Science

9. **1.0 credit from** the Faculty of Science at the 2000 level or higher

10. **1.0 credit in** Approved courses outside the Faculties of Science and Engineering and Design, as defined in the Regulations for the Bachelor of Science. Note: students in the ISAP program may not use NSCI 1000 in this category.

11. **2.0 credits in** free electives

12. Students are required to complete one Minor from the Faculty of Science. A second Minor from outside the Faculty of Science may be possible. Students should consult with their academic advisor to ensure compliance with this requirement.

**Total Credits**
B.Sc. Regulations
The regulations presented in this section apply to all Bachelor of Science programs. In addition to the requirements presented here, students must satisfy the University regulations common to all undergraduate students including the process of Academic Performance Evaluation (see the Academic Regulations of the University section of this Calendar).

Breadth Requirement for the B.Sc.
Students in Bachelor of Science Honours, Major, or General programs must present the following credits at graduation:

1. 2.0 credits in Science Continuation courses not in the major discipline; students completing a double major are considered to have completed this requirement providing they have 2.0 credits in science continuation courses in each of the two majors
2. 2.0 credits in courses outside of the faculties of Science and Engineering and Design (but may include NSCI 1000)

In most cases, the requirements for individual B.Sc. programs, as stated in this Calendar, contain these requirements, explicitly or implicitly. Students admitted to B.Sc. programs by transfer from another institution must present at graduation (whether taken at Carleton or elsewhere):

1. 2.0 credits in courses outside of the faculties of Science and Engineering and Design (but may include NSCI 1000) if, on transfer, the student received credit for fewer than 10.0 credits.
2. 1.0 credit in courses outside of the faculties of Science and Engineering and Design (but may include NSCI 1000) if, on transfer, the student received credit for 10.0 or more credits.

Declared and Undeclared Students
Students who are registered in a program within the degree are called Declared students. Most students designate a program of study when they first apply for admission and so begin their studies as Declared students. Students may also choose to begin their studies within the B.Sc. degree without being registered in a program. These students are referred to as Undeclared students. The recommended course pattern for Undeclared students is provided in the Undeclared entry of the Programs section of this Calendar. Undeclared students normally must apply to enter a program before beginning their second year of study. The Science Student Success Centre (SSSC) provides Undeclared students guidance to the appropriate support services in making this decision.

Change of Program within the B.Sc. Degree
Students may transfer to a program within the B.Sc. degree if upon entry to the new program they would be in good academic standing.

Other applications for change of program will be considered on their merits; students may be accepted in the new program in Good Standing or on Academic Warning.

Applications to declare or change their program within the B.Sc. Degree must be made online through Carleton Central by completing a Change of Program Elements (COPE) application form within the published deadlines. Acceptance into a program or into a program element or option is subject to any enrolment, and/or specific program, program element or option requirements as published in the relevant Calendar entry.

Minors, Concentrations and Specializations
Students may add a minor, concentration or specialization by completing a Change of Program Elements (COPE) application form online through Carleton Central. Acceptance into a minor, concentration or specialization requires that the student be in Good Standing and is subject to any specific requirements of the intended Minor, Concentration or Specialization as published in the relevant Calendar entry.

Experimental Science Requirement
Students in B.Sc. Honours, Major, or General degree programs must present at graduation at least two full credits of experimental science chosen from two different departments or institutes from the list below:

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<td><strong>Earth Sciences</strong></td>
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Course Categories for B.Sc. Programs

Science Geography Courses

- GEOG 1010 [0.5] Global Environmental Systems
- GEOG 2006 [0.5] Introduction to Quantitative Research
- GEOG 2013 [0.5] Weather and Water
- GEOG 2014 [0.5] The Earth’s Surface
- GEOG 3003 [0.5] Quantitative Geography
- GEOG 3010 [0.5] Field Methods in Physical Geography
- GEOG 3102 [0.5] Geomorphology
- GEOG 3103 [0.5] Watershed Hydrology
- GEOG 3104 [0.5] Principles of Biogeography
- GEOG 3105 [0.5] Climate and Atmospheric Change
- GEOG 3106 [0.5] Aquatic Science and Management
- GEOG 3108 [0.5] Soil Properties
- GEOG 4000 [0.5] Field Studies
- GEOG 4005 [0.5] Directed Studies in Geography
- GEOG 4013 [0.5] Cold Region Hydrology
- GEOG 4017 [0.5] Global Biogeochemical Cycles
- GEOG 4101 [0.5] Two Million Years of Environmental Change
- GEOG 4103 [0.5] Water Resources Engineering

- GEOG 4104 [0.5] Microclimatology
- GEOG 4108 [0.5] Permafrost

Science Psychology Courses

- PSYC 2001 [0.5] Introduction to Research Methods in Psychology
- PSYC 2002 [0.5] Introduction to Statistics in Psychology
- PSYC 2700 [0.5] Introduction to Cognitive Psychology
- PSYC 3000 [1.0] Design and Analysis in Psychological Research
- PSYC 3506 [0.5] Cognitive Development
- PSYC 3700 [1.0] Cognition (Honours Seminar)
- PSYC 3702 [0.5] Perception
- PSYC 2307 [0.5] Human Neuropsychology I
- PSYC 3307 [0.5] Human Neuropsychology II

Science Continuation Courses

A course at the 2000 level or above may be used as a Science Continuation credit in a B.Sc. program if it is not in the student’s major discipline, and is chosen from the following:

- BIOC (Biochemistry)
- BIOL (Biology)
- CHEM (Chemistry)
- COMP (Computer Science) A maximum of two half-credits at the 1000-level in COMP, excluding COMP 1001 may be used as Science Continuation credits.
- ERTH (Earth Sciences), except ERTH 2415 which may be used only as a free elective for any B.Sc. program. Students in Earth Sciences programs may use ERTH 2401, ERTH 2402, and ERTH 2403 only as free electives.
- Engineering. Students wishing to register in Engineering courses must obtain the permission of the Faculty of Engineering and Design.
- ENSC (Environmental Science)
- FOOD (Food Science and Nutrition)
- GEOM (Geomatics)
- HLTH (Health Sciences)
- MATH (Mathematics)
- NEUR (Neuroscience)
- PHYS (Physics), except PHYS 2903
- Science Geography Courses (see list above)
- Science Psychology Courses (see list above)
- STAT (Statistics)
- TSES (Technology, Society, Environment) except TSES 2305. Biology General, Major, and Honours students may use these courses only as free electives. Integrated Science and Environmental Science students may include these courses in their programs but may not count them as part of the Science Sequence.

Science Faculty Electives

Science Faculty Electives are courses at the 1000-4000 level chosen from:

- BIOC (Biochemistry)
- BIOL (Biology) Biology & Biochemistry students may use BIOL 1010 and BIOL 2005 only as free electives
Free Electives

and Engineering and Design (may include Approved Courses Outside the Faculties of Science Electives list above. The 2000-4000 level chosen from the Science Faculty Advanced Science Faculty Electives are courses at Advanced Science Faculty Electives

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Prohibited Courses

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<td>MATH 1009</td>
<td>Calculus: with Applications to Business</td>
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<td>MATH 1119</td>
<td>Linear Algebra: with Applications to Business</td>
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Admissions Information

Admission Requirements are for the 2020-21 year only, and are based on the Ontario High School System. Holding the minimum admission requirements only establishes eligibility for consideration. The cut-off averages for admission may be considerably higher than the minimum. See also the General Admission and Procedures section of this Calendar. An overall average of at least 70% is normally required to be considered for admission. Some programs may also require specific course prerequisites and prerequisite averages and/or supplementary admission portfolios. Higher averages are required for admission to programs for which the demand for places by qualified applicants exceeds the number of places available. The overall average required for admission is determined each year on a program by program basis. Consult admissions.carleton.ca for further details.

Note: Courses listed as recommended are not mandatory for admission. Students who do not follow the recommendations will not be disadvantaged in the admission process.

Degrees

• B.Sc. (Honours)
• B.Sc. (General)
• B.Sc. (Major)

Admission Requirements

Honours Program

First Year

The Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) or equivalent including a minimum of six 4U or M courses. For most programs including Biochemistry, Bioinformatics, Biotechnology, Chemistry, Combined Honours in Biology and Physics, Chemistry and Physics, Computational Biochemistry, Food Science, Nanoscience, Neuroscience, Neuroscience and Mental Health, and Psychology, the six 4U or M courses must include Advanced Functions and one of Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Space Sciences or Physics. (Calculus and Vectors is strongly recommended).
Specific Honours Admission Requirements

For the Honours programs in Earth Sciences, Environmental Science, Geomatics, Interdisciplinary Science and Practice, and Physical Geography, Calculus and Vectors may be substituted for Advanced Functions.

For the Honours programs in Physics and Applied Physics and for double Honours in Mathematics and Physics, Calculus and Vectors is required in addition to Advanced Functions and one of 4U Physics Chemistry, Biology, or Earth and Space Sciences. For all programs in Physics, 4U Physics is strongly recommended.

For the Combined Honours program in Chemistry and Computer Science, 4U Chemistry and Calculus and Vectors are strongly recommended.

For Honours in Psychology, a 4U course in English is recommended.

For Honours in Environmental Science, a 4U course in Biology and Chemistry is recommended.

Advanced Standing

For entry to an Honours program after the completion of 5.0 included credits, a student must have a major CGPA of 5.50 or higher, an overall CGPA of 4.50 or higher and the recommendation of the Honours department or committee. A student beginning the final 10.0 credits towards an Honours degree must present a major CGPA of 6.00 or higher, an overall CGPA of 5.00 or higher and the recommendation of the Honours department or committee. A student beginning the final 5.0 credits towards an Honours degree must present a major CGPA of 6.50 or higher and an overall CGPA of 5.00 or higher, as calculated for graduation. Advanced standing will be granted for studies undertaken elsewhere when these are recognized as the equivalent of subjects offered at Carleton University.

Co-op Option

Direct Admission to the First Year of the Co-op Option

Applicants must:

1. meet the required overall admission cut-off average and prerequisite course average. These averages may be higher than the stated minimum requirements;
2. be registered as a full-time student in the Bachelor of Science Honours program;
3. be eligible to work in Canada (for off-campus work placements).

Note that meeting the above requirements only establishes eligibility for admission to the program. The prevailing job market may limit enrolment in the co-op option.

Note: continuation requirements for students previously admitted to the co-op option and admission requirements for the co-op option after beginning the program are described in the Co-operative Education Regulations section of this Calendar.

Interdisciplinary Science and Practice (ISAP) Courses

ISAP 1001 [0.5 credit]
Introduction to Interdisciplinary Science
What is interdisciplinarity and what are the challenges and opportunities of collaboration within and across disciplines in science and beyond? Topics include types of biases, public datasets and science communication.
Lectures and discussion three hours per week.

ISAP 1002 [0.5 credit]
Seminar in Interdisciplinary Science
Exploring the role of interdisciplinarity in discovery and innovation, and discussion of selected issues facing society and the role of science. Topics include finding information, collaboration and science communication tools.
Prerequisite(s): ISAP 1001.
Seminar three hours per week.

ISAP 2001 [0.5 credit]
Foundations in Critical Inquiry
What is science and the scientific method? Topics include the scientific method, credible sources of information, knowledge gaps, the impact of scientific discoveries, and discussion of their local and global implications.
Prerequisite(s): ISAP 1002 or permission of the Institute.
Lecture three hours per week, workshop two hours per week.
ISAP 2002 [0.5 credit]
Research Principles for Interdisciplinary Science
Exploring how research is conducted. Topics include publicly available databases, the role of communication in research, stakeholders and participants, and the process of identifying knowledge gaps and developing research questions.
Prerequisite(s): ISAP 2001 or permission of the Institute. Lecture three hours per week.

ISAP 3001 [0.5 credit]
Principles and Applications in Data Analysis
Development of strategies for obtaining and analyzing data. Topics include: survey of publicly available science-data resources; identification of coincidental, correlational and causal relationships; statistical data-analysis techniques; concepts of risk and error propagation in measured and calculated values. Applications in the physical and biological sciences.
Prerequisite(s): ISAP 2002, COMP 1005 and STAT 2507. Lecture three hours per week, workshop two hours per week.

ISAP 3002 [0.5 credit]
Applications in Interdisciplinary Research
Application of skills from Interdisciplinary Science and Practice (ISAP) courses to develop a research proposal. Topics include: research ethics; identification of stakeholders; inclusive consultation, collaboration and dissemination strategies.
Prerequisite(s): ISAP 2002. Lecture three hours per week, workshop two hours per week.

ISAP 3003 [0.5 credit]
Science Communication
How is science perceived and how has science been communicated? Students will use case studies to assess examples of science communication with varying outcomes. Topics include the principles of effective science communication, the range of tools available, and knowing the audience.
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity
Prerequisite(s): ISAP 2002. Lecture and seminar three hours per week.

ISAP 3004 [0.5 credit]
Science Policy
Exploration of how science-related policy is developed and the impact of policy on science. Topics include policy frameworks, stakeholder roles, power relationships, commercialization and the funding of science.
Prerequisite(s): ISAP 3003. Lecture and seminar three hours per week.

ISAP 4901 [0.5 credit]
Directed Studies
Independent or group study, open to third- and fourth-year students to explore a particular topic, in consultation with a Faculty supervisor. May include directed reading, written assignments, tutorials, laboratory or field work.
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity
Prerequisite(s): third-year standing in the Interdisciplinary Science and Practice (ISAP) program and permission of the instructor.

ISAP 4906 [1.0 credit]
Capstone Course - Group Research Project
Students will collaborate on a project that addresses a real-world issue in a team environment. Focus includes: design and completion of a research project; development of communication, critical inquiry, data analysis and research skills; and the opportunity to develop initiative, creativity and self-reliance.
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity
Precludes additional credit for ISAP 4907, ISAP 4908.
Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing in the Interdisciplinary Science and Practice (ISAP) Honours program and permission of the Institute.
Lecture, seminar and workshop four hours per week, as scheduled by the instructor.

ISAP 4907 [1.0 credit]
Capstone Course - Research Essay
A substantial, independent essay or research proposal-based critical review and research proposal, under the direct supervision of the instructor. Topics include: identification and critical review of resources, development of writing skills and formulation of research question and strategy.
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity
Precludes additional credit for ISAP 4906, ISAP 4908.
Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing in the Interdisciplinary Science and Practice (ISAP) Honours program.
Lecture, seminar and workshop four hours per week, as scheduled by the instructor.

ISAP 4908 [1.0 credit]
Capstone Course - Individual Research Project
An independent research project under the direct supervision of a faculty adviser. Evaluation is based on a written thesis and a poster presentation.
Includes: Experiential Learning Activity
Precludes additional credit for ISAP 4906, ISAP 4907.
Prerequisite(s): fourth-year standing in the Interdisciplinary Science and Practice (ISAP) Honours program, a major CGPA of 9.0 or higher, and permission of the Institute. Lectures and discussion as scheduled by the course coordinator; other hours as arranged with the faculty advisor.