

# First-year course planning 2026-27



## Bachelor of Science (Agriculture) - Agricultural Business, Agricultural Economics, Animal Science, Aquaculture, Environmental Sciences, Plant Science, or Pre-veterinary Studies

Use the **blank schedule** and the recommended first-year courses to create your schedule.

Fall 2026	Winter 2027
AGRI 1000 Agricultural Ecosystems <i>Lecture and Lab</i>	English: EGLA 1000, 1002 or 1004 <i>Lecture</i>
BIOA 1002 Biology I <i>Lecture and Lab</i>	BIOA 1003 Biology II <i>Lecture and Lab</i>
CHMA 1000 General Chemistry I* <i>Lecture and Lab</i>	CHMA 1001 General Chemistry* <i>Lecture and Lab</i>
MTHA 1000 Introductory Calculus I or <b>Major Requirement (PLSC)</b> <i>Lecture and Tutorial</i>	Elective (3 credit hours) or <b>Major Requirement (Ag Bus/Econ, ENVA, PLSC)</b> <i>Lecture</i>
ECOA 1000 Principles of Microeconomics <i>Lecture</i>	Elective (3 credit hours) <i>Lecture</i>

### MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

**\*Agricultural Business & Economics (Ag Bus/Econ)** students do not require chemistry for their major requirements. However, taking chemistry in your first year allows for greater flexibility when planning for minors. For those students who decide not to take chemistry it is recommended that they register for MGTA 1004 (fall term) and CSCA 1000 (winter term). Students in **Ag Bus/Econ** are advised to take ECOA 1001 in the winter term to minimize the time between ECOA 1000 and ECOA 1001.

**Plant Science (PLSC)** students will take PLSC 1001 Intro to Plant Science in their fall term in place of MTHA 1000. These students will take MTHA 1000 in the winter term in place of a winter elective.

**Environmental Sciences (ENVA)** students require MTHA 1001 Introductory Calculus II and should take it in the winter term in place of a winter elective.

**ELECTIVES:** These can be any course of interest, that is not otherwise required for your program. Courses at the **1000 and 2000 level** are recommended for students in their first year of university study e.g. ANSC 2003, FOOD 1000, HORT 1000, PSYC 1000, SOCI 1000. Students are encouraged to consider completing a general humanities course in the winter term e.g. SOCI 2000 or AGRI 2002, particularly those in Agricultural Business or Economics.

**FUTURE STUDIES - DOCTOR OF VETERINARY MEDICINE (DVM):** The Faculty of Agriculture offers the courses needed to apply to any Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) program in Canada. A student will apply to the DVM program in their home region; the admission

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requirements for each DVM programs vary slightly, review the list below for suggestions specific to your intended DVM program and consult an advisor:

- Students from **Western Canada** should consider using their winter elective slot for a **second English course** needed for **Western College of Veterinary Medicine (WCVM)**.
- Students from **Ontario** will use an elective slot for a **Humanities or Social Science** course required to apply to **Ontario Veterinary College (OVC)**.
- **Canadian Francophone or Quebec** students intending to apply to **Université de Montréal** will need to take **MTHA 1001** in the winter term.
- Students considering other DVM programs should consult with an academic advisor.

**UNIVERSITY PREPARATORY COURSES:** If you do not have Pre-Calculus Math 12 or the required minimum grade you are required to complete a non-credit preparatory course such as [University Prep Pre-Calculus](#) prior to enrolling in MTHA 1000. **Students are strongly encouraged to complete the prep courses in the summer** if they wish to prevent delays within their program.

**TRANSFER CREDITS:** Students who may be eligible for course credits based on IB/AP courses should ensure their final official transcripts are forwarded to Dalhousie **as soon as they become available**.

Students joining Dalhousie after having attended another post-secondary institution should connect with an **academic advisor** to discuss changes to the above course plan, depending on anticipated transfer courses as a result of previous study.

Students must **request** that their previous study be assessed if they are looking to transfer credits from another institution, including IB/AP courses. Details regarding this process are available online at [dal.ca/transfercredits](http://dal.ca/transfercredits).

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