

First-year course planning 2026-27



Bachelor of Community Design (BCD)

The information below can be used to assist you with your first-year course selection. Use the information below, the [academic timetable](#) and the blank schedule worksheet to build your schedule. It is recommended you schedule your required courses first, and then choose your electives based on your interests and future goals. This is meant as a reflective tool to plan your courses. For complete program requirements, see the [Dalhousie Academic Calendar](#) or ask the School of Planning Undergraduate Advising Team at planug@dal.ca

Fall 2026	Winter 2027
Planning (PLAN) 1001.03: Introduction to Planning Lecture and Tutorial	Planning (PLAN) 1002.03: Introduction to Community Design Lecture and Tutorial
Planning (PLAN) 1101.03: Dynamics of Human Settlements	Planning (PLAN) 1201.03: Environmental Systems in Planning
Environmental Science (ENVS) 1100.03* Foundations of Environmental Science: Ecosphere, Resources & Sustainability OR Architecture (ARCH) 1001.03* Introduction to Architecture 1 OR Sustainability (SUST) 1000.06** What is Sustainability? Lecture and Tutorial OR	Environmental Science (ENVS) 1200.03* Current Environmental Challenges: Analysis and Solutions OR Architecture (ARCH) 1002.03*: Introduction to Architecture 2 OR Sustainability (SUST) 1400.03* Exploring Sustainability (online) OR Elective
Writing Requirement or Sustainability (SUST) 1000.06**	Writing Requirement or Elective
Elective	Elective

* If selected, two of **ENVS 1100.03**, **ENVS 1200.03**, **ARCH 1001.03**, **ARCH 1002.03** and **SUST 1400.03** may be taken in any combination to total 6 credit hours in one term or over two terms

****SUST 1000.06** is 6 credit hours in a single term, and it also meets the writing requirement. If selected, **SUST 1000.06** would occupy both slots it is listed in, and the Writing Requirement slot in winter term would become an elective. **SUST 1400.03** and **SUST 1000.06** are **EXCLUSIONS** - credit will not be granted for both courses.

ELECTIVES

Find advising support at dal.ca/advising

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Electives are any course outside of your major. When choosing your electives, keep in mind that you will need to take at least 6 credit hours of a science subject, and at least 6 credit hours of an arts, humanities, or social science subject before you graduate. SUST courses are counted as either science subjects or arts, humanities or social science subjects.

Tip: If you are considering a **double major in Community Design and Sustainability**, it is recommended that you complete both SUST 1000.06 and SUST 1001.06 in your first year.

WRITING COURSE OPTIONS

Choose one of the following courses: SUST 1000.06; ASSC 1111.03; ENGL 1030.06 (each satisfy the BCD Writing Requirement on their own).

Alternatively, choose two of the following courses: ENGL 1015.03; ENGL 1040.03; JOUR 1002.03; JOUR 1003.03

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Transfer students should contact the School of Planning Undergraduate Advising Team for course selection assistance (see contact details below).

Questions? School of Planning Undergraduate Advising Team: planug@dal.ca

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