



MacEwan
UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF CONTINUING
EDUCATION

10
YEARS

UNIVERSITY PREPARATION



» [MacEwan.ca/UP](https://www.macewan.ca/UP)

If you are interested in improving your English skills for personal, professional or academic success, discover our English as an Additional Language (EAL/ESL) program. The EAL/ESL program offers courses in speaking, listening, reading, writing and grammar. Funding is available for full-time and part-time students. Visit our website to learn more at

[MacEwan.ca/EAL](https://www.macewan.ca/EAL)



We acknowledge that the land on which we gather in Treaty Six Territory is the traditional gathering place for many Indigenous people. We honour and respect the history, languages, ceremonies and culture of the First Nations, Métis and Inuit who call this territory home.

A portrait of Dr. Lisa Rochman, a woman with long dark hair and blue eyes, wearing a blue blazer. She is looking slightly to the right of the camera with a neutral expression. The background is a blurred indoor setting.

A WORD FROM THE DEAN

DR. LISA ROCHMAN

University Preparation (UP/Upgrading) courses provide you with the foundation for success in your post-secondary studies. We offer the upgrading courses in English, math and science needed for university and college entry. UP does more than teach the subject-specific concepts and knowledge, it provides you with the durable skills to excel in your future studies. These skills include teamwork, digital literacy, adaptability and critical thinking as well as the study skills and time management which will be crucial in further studies.

We know that everyone's schedule is different. Our program strives to offer the flexibility needed to balance school and life. This includes offering different course-delivery methods and varying daytime schedules.

Since joining MacEwan in the summer of 2023, I have frequently been asked what makes our UP program so successful. My answer is always the same: our faculty and the MacEwan experience. Our dedicated and highly qualified instructors are there to support you in reaching your goals. Skilled instructors and subject matter experts, our faculty support students to achieve their academic aspirations in classes that are small enough to get to know their students.

Our UP program immerses you in the university environment and prepares you to thrive in your next step.

WELCOME TO MACEWAN UNIVERSITY

Whether you need to improve your high school grades or just need a few courses to help make you admissible to your program of choice, the University Preparation program at MacEwan University will help you prepare for your future.

We offer smaller class sizes, affordable tuition and a variety of student supports and services, including access to academic advisors, financial support opportunities, Students' Association of MacEwan University events, post-secondary libraries and a fully equipped fitness centre. MacEwan University provides a unique learning experience by putting the focus on teaching. We look forward to helping you reach your goals.

University Preparation program (UP)

Our University Preparation upgrading program provides a full range of core high school equivalency courses that are prerequisites for university, college, skills-training programs, apprenticeship training or technical institutes. These courses are offered in a university environment with quality instruction and individualized attention to help ensure success.

The University Preparation program is open to domestic and international students.

LENGTH OF STUDY:	14 weeks per term	STUDY OPTIONS:	Full time or part time
CLASSES:	Monday through Friday	INTAKE(S):	Fall term (Sep.-Dec.), Winter term (Jan.-Apr.), Spring term (May-July)
OFFICE:	Student Support Centre, Room 11-521, Allard Hall, 11110 - 104 Avenue		

Visit MacEwan.ca/Admissions for important dates and deadlines.

Admission requirements

All applicants must meet an acceptable level of English language proficiency (ELP). If your primary language is English, you meet the ELP requirement. All other applicants must demonstrate ELP. This program requires proof of successful completion of standardized language evaluation such as Canadian Language Benchmarks (CLB) scores of at least 6 (with no skill under 6), an overall International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score of 6.0 with no skill under 5.0 or equivalent.

Transferability

Courses offered in the University Preparation program (except MacEwan University's CMSK 011 and CMSK 015) are equivalent to Alberta Education courses and are accepted for admission purposes by most post-secondary institutions within Alberta and Canada. Contact the post-secondary institution of interest to confirm accepted admission criteria.

A year before I started, I overcame addictions to drugs and alcohol. From there, I looked to see how to fix my life further. So, I decided to upgrade through UP to be able to apply to the communications program. Debbie Lenton was an amazing teacher who fundamentally changed the way I approached schoolwork.

Nicholas, Former UP student

COURSES

Course offerings are dependent on student enrolment and may not be offered every term.

BIOL 020	Biology 20	MATH 020-1	Mathematics 20-1
BIOL 030*	Biology 30	MATH 020-2	Mathematics 20-2
CHEM 020	Chemistry 20	MATH 030-1*	Mathematics 30-1
CHEM 030*	Chemistry 30	MATH 030-2*	Mathematics 30-2
CMSK 011*	Computers Level I	MATH 031	Mathematics 31
CMSK 015*	Computers Level II	PHYS 020	Physics 20
ENGL 020-1	English 20-1	PHYS 030*	Physics 30
ENGL 020-2	English 20-2	SCIE 010	Science 10
ENGL 030-1*	English 30-1	SCIE 030*	Science 30
ENGL 030-2	English 30-2	SOST 020-1	Social Studies 20-1
MATH 010R	Mathematics 10 Preparation	SOST 030-1*	Social Studies 30-1
MATH 010C	Mathematics 10 Common	<i>*Available online.</i>	

Courses are offered in the daytime, in person with select online or evening options.

STUDENT SERVICES AVAILABLE TO YOU



ACADEMIC ADVISING

Our academic advisors work with you to understand your needs and help you create an academic plan aligned with your educational goals. Scan the QR code to book an advising appointment online.



STUDENT SUCCESS

MacEwan University offers all sorts of services to help students through challenging times, whether academic or personal, including services for students with disabilities and support for an equitable, diverse and inclusive campus experience.



STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION SERVICES

As UP students, you will have access to all student services available through the Students' Association of MacEwan University (SAMU), including access to financial support, the food bank, events around campus and more. In addition to SAMU services, you will be eligible for a U-Pass, a discounted transit pass.

Our campus is serviced by numerous bus routes through Edmonton Transit Service, as well as other regional transit services.

HOW TO APPLY

Before applying, think about your career and education goals. Finalize your goal post-secondary program(s) and confirm the admission requirements to better direct your upgrading courses. Need more support planning your educational journey? Contact our advisors at preparation@macewan.ca.

Step 1: Check your eligibility for the program

Visit the How to Apply page at MacEwan.ca/Preparation to view all admission and English language proficiency (ELP) requirements including acceptable documents for proof of ELP.

If you do not meet the ELP requirements required for the University Preparation program, you can learn more about our English as an Additional Language program at MacEwan.ca/EAL

*Visit MacEwan.ca/Admissions for important dates and deadlines for the UP program.

Step 2: Apply online

Apply online at ApplyAlberta.ca and select the program of interest (University Preparation).

Once you have completed the online application, you will receive a MacEwan University email address and password to log into myPortal.MacEwan.ca where you can view the confirmation of your admission. International students must accept their offer and pay a \$1,000 deposit.

A **non-refundable** \$110 application fee is required when you apply.



Step 3: Course registration

Once you've accepted your offer and paid your confirmation deposit (for international students only), you will be contacted by a University Preparation advisor. The advisor will help with an educational plan based on your future post-secondary goals. They will also help you register for classes and help you understand the process to apply for funding if needed (for domestic students only).

Step 4: Getting started as a student at MacEwan

Once you are registered, visit MacEwan.ca/GettingStarted to help prepare yourself for the start of classes and learn more about the School of Continuing Education and MacEwan University. It is recommended that you become familiar with myStudentSystem and your MacEwan University email account when preparing for your studies.

Our advising team is here to assist you with your post-secondary goals and education planning, answer your questions about funding and guide you through your term registration. Contact our office for more information.

FOUNDATION PROGRAM INTERNATIONAL

International students who are interested in a combination of English language preparation, academic upgrading and undergraduate courses for post-secondary admission may want to consider the Foundation Program International. This program is uniquely designed to help support students who are new to the post-secondary environment and will benefit from the progressive pathway to their goal program. It also includes the **Foundations 101 course**.

The Foundations 101 course helps students develop the critical skills needed to be successful in a post-secondary environment such as strategies for studying, organization, technology and how to manage student expectations.

The Foundation Program International is for international students.
MacEwan.ca/Foundation.

FUNDING PROCESS

Foundational Learning Assistance

Should you require financial assistance, you may be eligible for Foundational Learning Assistance funding. In order to apply for funding, you must already be admitted into the program and enrolled in classes. **Funding is limited and not guaranteed.**

NOTE: It is required to have a verified Alberta.ca account to apply for funding online. If you do not already have an account, please sign up for one as soon as possible, as it can take several weeks to verify. Create an account at account.alberta.ca.

Step 1: Check your eligibility

Check your full-time or part-time funding eligibility by visiting the Government of Alberta Foundational Learning Assistance Program website
<https://www.alberta.ca/foundational-learning-assistance.aspx>

Step 2: Confirm your enrolment in the program

Students must first be admitted and registered into classes in the program before they can apply for funding. After your course registration is complete, you will fill out our Confirmation of Enrolment form.

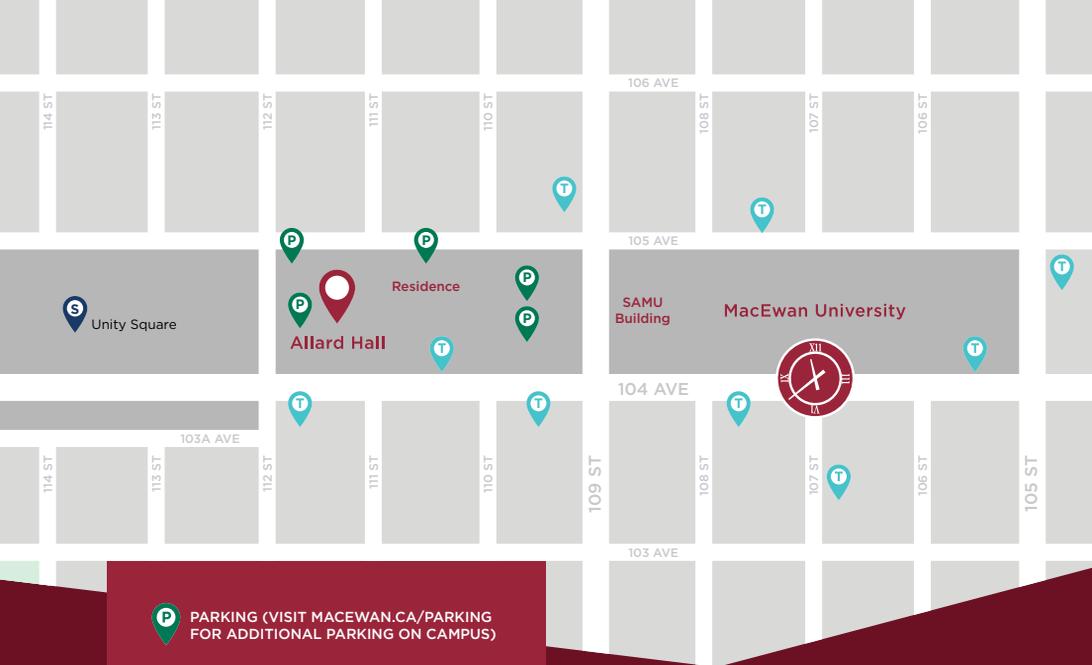
Step 3: Receive email invitation to apply for funding online

You will receive an email invitation to apply for Foundational Learning Assistance from the Government of Alberta. Click **"Apply Now"** to access and submit your online funding application.

Step 4: Funding decision

You will receive your funding decision by email. The government will either provide you with an acceptance, a denial or a request for more information.

Call the Foundational Learning Assistance Contact Centre at 780-427-3722 for more information or to ask about the status of your funding application.



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