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School and Department Directory

School of Administrative Studies
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The School of Administrative Studies is home to a full range of business and administrative disciplines taught by leading experts in a variety of fields. Our innovative programs provide the knowledge and skills that you want and employers demand.

Whether you are planning to pursue a career in business and management, or are already working and want to expand your knowledge of business concepts and practices, the bachelor of administrative studies programs (BAS, BAS Honours) or the bachelor of human resources management programs (BHRM, BHRM Honours) will prepare you to meet the challenges and opportunities ahead.

School of Analytic Studies and Information Technology
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The School of Analytic Studies and Information Technology (SASIT) encompasses degree programs in business economics, economics, general science, information technology, mathematics, philosophy, professional ethics, and science and technology studies, as well as general education offerings in natural science and modes of reasoning. The school’s programs bridge liberal and professional studies within an interdisciplinary setting. SASIT programs leading to a bachelor of arts or bachelor of science degree offer rigorous intellectual training, and share an integrated critical and analytical approach to our contemporary social, institutional and physical landscape.

School of Arts and Letters
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Coordinator of Religious Studies:
Patrick Gray/Barrie Wilson
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Ann B. Steir

The School of Arts and Letters is dedicated to the study of literature, history, culture, religion and fine arts. School programs allow students to pursue their degrees in a traditional discipline, or follow an interdisciplinary course of study. It offers BA and BA Specialized Honours degrees in English and history. Religious studies offers BA, BA Specialized Honours and BA Combined Honours.

Interdisciplinary degrees include the liberal studies degree in creative arts and cultural expression, BA and BA General Honours (Type A and B), and in humanities, the BA, BA General Honours and BA Combined Honours. Students currently registered (prior to Summer 2003) in an Atkinson fine arts degree may completed their degree requirements at Atkinson or may also consider the Atkinson BA Liberal Studies degree interdisciplinary theme in creative arts and cultural expression. Students may consult the school for further information.

In addition, the school houses Canadian studies which offers the Interdisciplinary BA and BA Specialized Honours degrees with courses drawn from a variety of disciplines. The School of Arts and Letters is also the home of the Atkinson coordinator for the Women’s Studies Program which is formally linked at York University under one administrative structure — the School of Women’s Studies.

The humanities general education program and Atkinson Writing Programs (comprised of credit courses and the Essay Tutoring Centre) are housed within the School of Arts and Letters. For more information on writing programs and essay tutoring, see the Student Services section.

The school also offers the following certificates: Biblical Studies, Women’s Studies, and Women’s Studies: Theory and Practice (offered in conjunction with the School of Women’s Studies).

School of Health Policy and Management
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The School of Health Policy and Management is an interdisciplinary centre dedicated to scholarship, research, and learning relating to human wellness, the health care system, and the institutional structures that deliver and influence health services in Canada and internationally.
School of Nursing
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Nancy Sangiuliano

Atkinson’s School of Nursing focuses on the development of the theoretical, scientific, and philosophical knowledge of human caring. The role of nurses in promoting and preserving health and healing through caring relationships is emphasized within the context of both theory and self-reflective practice. As a graduate of one of our programs, you will be well prepared to practice collaboratively in a variety of settings to enhance individual, family, community and global health.

Department of Psychology
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Chair of Psychology:
TBA

Undergraduate Program Director:
Ronald Okada

Atkinson’s Program in Psychology benefits from its integration with the Faculty of Arts’ Department of Psychology to form one of the largest and strongest in North America. As an Atkinson psychology student, you will have access to the department’s rich and exciting course offerings. Faculty members with whom you will interact and study include many nationally and internationally renowned researchers, teachers, and clinical practitioners.

The Psychology Program features a broadly-based curriculum through which you will gain exposure to the full range of subjects and specialized fields within the discipline. Some of the topics you will explore in introductory courses include motivation, emotion, learning, sensory processes, perception, memory, cognition, development, social behaviour, intelligence, personality, and abnormal behaviour. Upper-level courses enable you to study specific areas in greater depth, reviewing theories, methods and empirical evidence in the scientific study of human behaviours.

School of Social Sciences
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Chair of the School:
Wenona Giles

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The School of Social Sciences houses faculty members for four disciplines: geography and urban studies; political science; social science, and sociology. It offers BA and BA Specialized Honours degrees in either political science or sociology, as well as a BA Combined Honours degree in political science and sociology. It also offers Interdisciplinary BA and BA Honours degrees in social science, which include courses in the disciplines of geography and urban studies, political science, social science and sociology.

In addition, the School of Social Sciences houses a Combined Honours BA in public administration and management (shared with the School of Administrative Studies).

The School of Social Sciences offers streams in communication studies, diaspora cultures; gender and families; political economy; public administration and public policy; social justice studies; work and the workplace in combination with degrees. Also available are certificates in anti-racist research and practice; public sector management; and refugee and migration studies. Individual concentrations may be taken in combination with a specified major degree program. Certificates may be taken in combination with a degree, or separately.

The Faculty of Education offers a General Certificate in Educational Studies (GCES) in conjunction with the School of Social Sciences (Please contact The Faculty of Education for information).

School of Social Work
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The School of Social Work at Atkinson is committed to providing you with a professional social work education, characterized by the development of practice strategies that promote human rights and social justice. Recognized as one of the most progressive and socially responsive social work programs in Canada, the school’s unique curriculum addresses issues that have significant implications for the lives of marginalized and alienated segments of society. As a graduate, you will be well prepared for a career as a critical practitioner and effective agent of change in the lives of individuals and communities.

Department of Computer Science and Engineering
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All computer science courses at York University’s Keele Campus are centralized with the Department of Computer Science and Engineering of the Faculty of Pure and Applied Science, which is located in the Computer Science and Engineering Building. The department ensures course availability for students dependent on Atkinson’s commitment to flexibility.

Chair of the Department:
Peter Cribb

Undergraduate Director:
George Tourlakis

If your goal is to pursue an exciting, challenging, and rewarding career in a computer science field, Atkinson’s bachelor of arts (BA) and bachelor of science (BSc) degree programs will help you get there. Offered through the Department of Computer Science and Engineering in affiliation with the Faculty of Pure and Applied Science, our Computer Science programs are designed to provide you with both the theoretical grounding and practical knowledge that will make you a sought after professional.

The Computer Science Accreditation Council (CSAC) accredits all Computer Science Honours degree programs offered in the Faculties of Atkinson, Arts, and Pure and Applied Science (with the exception of the BA and BSc Honours minor offered in the Faculties of Arts and Pure and Applied Science).

You will study with top ranked professors and students, enjoy the flexibility of day and evening classes, and utilize state-of-the-art computer laboratories and facilities. You may even become involved in one of many exciting research projects in the areas of vision, graphics and robotics, theory of computing, or computer systems.

School of Women’s Studies
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All women’s studies courses at York University are centralized under the School of Women’s Studies, which is located in the Ross Building. The Atkinson coordinator, affiliated with the School of Arts and Letters, advises Atkinson women’s studies majors and ensures course availability for students dependent on Atkinson’s commitment to flexibility. Women’s studies is an interdisciplinary area of study, which provides valuable background for a variety of occupations.
Pass/Fail, Alternative Grading Option

Students wishing to take a course on a pass/fail basis must submit a Pass/Fail Alternative Grading form to OSAS for approval.

New Students

New student advising: Newly admitted students are required to attend an advising appointment as a condition of admission to Atkinson. This session provides new students with valuable information on commencing studies at York University. The session consists of students participating in a group orientation session to discuss and review program requirements, course selection and scheduling, enrolment and use of the Undergraduate Lecture Schedule and Undergraduate Calendar. Enrolment blocks on the registration and enrolment system will remain in place until such time as new students contact OSAS to book an advising appointment. Details are outlined in the Offer of Admission package. Further information for new students is available through the OSAS Web site.

Faculty transfers: Students from other York faculties who are interested in transferring to Atkinson can obtain further information regarding requirements to transfer through the OSAS Web site. Successful faculty transfer students will be required to meet with an OSAS adviser.

Returning students: Students who are returning to their studies after an absence of one year or more are required to meet with an OSAS adviser once their reactivation request has been processed by the Registrar’s Office. Further information is available through the OSAS Web site.

*For admission to Atkinson and to obtain a Calendar, application form, or information on advanced standing (transfer credit), call the Admissions Office, telephone: 416-736-5000.

**For information on enrolment, registration and degree audit, contact Student Client Services, telephone: 416-736-5440.

Master’s Office

The role of the master of Atkinson College is a unique one in the University. The master gives all members of Atkinson (students, faculty and staff alike) the opportunity to participate together in events of both a social and cultural/educational nature. Through various conferences, lectures and programs, the Master’s Office provides Atkinson with an increased sense of community and belonging.

The master also acts as liaison among the Atkinson College Students’ Association, the Alumni Association, the Office of the Dean and the Office of the Faculty Council. While the master is not Atkinson’s ombudsman, he/she offers students support and guidance by ensuring that they are directed to the appropriate Faculty office for assistance.

The Office of the Master, and that of the administrative assistant, is located on the first floor of Atkinson. Students are invited to contact the master with ideas and suggestions which help further the general objective of creating a more collegial atmosphere within Atkinson.

Master of Atkinson: 118 Atkinson Building; Telephone: 416-736-5727
Administrative Assistant to the Master: 120 Atkinson Building; Telephone: 416-736-5727

Academic Standards

The following degree requirements apply to all students proceeding to a degree through Atkinson. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that courses are selected in accordance with current degree/certificate and program requirements.

General

The following regulations apply to students taking courses at Atkinson. Applicants seeking admission are referred to the Regulations Governing Admission to Atkinson Faculty of Liberal and Professional Studies, York University.
All students are required to:
(a) observe the regulations of Atkinson and the University. Changes become effective as announced.
(b) maintain a satisfactory standard of work. All term work must be submitted by the dates specified by the course director. Normally all term work must be submitted before the day of examination.
(c) have discharged all financial liability to the University prior to graduation.

2. Candidates admitted to an Atkinson degree program are required to:
(a) have been admitted to York University as degree students.
(b) satisfy all the corequisite(s) and prerequisite(s) for courses selected for enrolment.
(c) satisfy the program and degree requirements for one of the following degrees:
   - BA
   - BA (Honours)
   - BAS
   - BAS (Honours)
   - BHRM
   - BHRM (Honours)
   - BHS
   - BHS (Honours)
   - BSc
   - BSc (Honours)
   - BScN
   - BScN (Honours)
   - BSW
   - BSW (Honours)

3. Choice of major program. Students can obtain sample programs of study outlining the degree, certificate and program requirements from the Office of Student and Academic Services Web site: http://www.atkinson.yorku.ca (under Academic Advising).

4. Residency requirement. In order to be eligible to receive a degree from Atkinson, at least 30 credits not used toward another academic program are to be taken at York University. Major requirements: at least half (50 per cent) of each Atkinson major requirement must be taken at Atkinson. (Note: the major requirement will vary in accordance with the number of credits required by each program. Residency requirements for the BSc degree may include 3000 or 4000 level Faculty of Science courses.

5. Cross-listed courses. Some courses in Atkinson are cross-listed:
   - that is, they are offered jointly by two or more academic units/Faculties.

   (a) Cross-listed courses may not be double counted in order to fulfill degree requirements;

   (b) Cross-listed courses may not be used to fulfill outside elective requirements in the programs offering the cross-listing. For example, AK/SOSC 3370 6.00 may not count as an outside elective for students majoring in women’s studies, and AK/WMST 3370 6.00 may not count as an outside elective for students majoring in social science. In the liberal studies program, cross-listed courses may not be used to exceed 24 credits from any one discipline.

6. Students who do not wish to pursue a degree or certificate program may request admission to the University under one of the following non-degree categories:
   - (a) visiting students: university degree holders doing post-degree courses for their own interest or for professional upgrading;
   - (b) students on a Letter of Permission from their home institution.

   Visiting students admitted to Atkinson may:
   (i) enrol in degree credit courses providing they meet the published corequisite(s) and prerequisite(s), or obtain permission of the Chair of the discipline concerned;
   (ii) not register in a course equivalent to one already completed.

7. Audit a course. With the permission of a course director, an auditor attends classes and participates in a course in the same way as other students, but does not submit assignments or write tests or examinations. Further information about admissibility, application procedures, courses available, and fees may be obtained at Student Client Services, 416-736-5440.

8. Course conflict. Course conflicts occur when students enrol in more than one course on the same day and time in the same academic session. It is a student’s responsibility to ensure that his/her schedule is conflict-free and to adjust course enrolments accordingly.

9. Second degrees
   (a) A student holding a university undergraduate degree may apply for admission to studies leading to a second degree. Such students must be admissible to Atkinson.
   (b) Atkinson graduates may apply for entry into a second bachelor degree program or may request reclassification of their bachelor degree to Honours’ (see the “Academic Standing” section). A minimum of 30 NEW credits must be completed for a second bachelor or Honours degree at York University (same or different major) including half the major from Atkinson. The general regulations on advanced standing would apply in all cases. The maximum number of new courses is also determined by the degree and program requirements of Atkinson.

   * The residency requirement for Atkinson graduates proceeding to a first Honours degree in the same major must still be satisfied, including the residency requirement in the major.

10. Subsequent degrees. Students wishing to pursue a third or subsequent undergraduate degree must petition through the Atkinson Faculty Council (see the “Petitions and Appeals” section) for permission. It is the responsibility of the student to justify his/her desire to enter a third or subsequent undergraduate degree program, and to demonstrate why his/her educational aims could not be fulfilled in a non-degree or graduate program.

11. Courses taken outside Atkinson
   York University courses. Atkinson degree candidates may enrol in courses offered by other York University Faculties provided they meet the publicized corequisite(s) and/or prerequisite(s). Students are responsible for ensuring that these out-of-Faculty courses meet Atkinson degree and program requirements.

   Courses at other accredited Universities. Atkinson students pursuing a degree or an Atkinson certificate may request a letter of permission to receive credit at York for courses taken at other accredited universities. Students not working toward a degree or an Atkinson certificate are not eligible for letters of permission.

   It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that:
   (i) courses completed on a letter of permission meet her/his program requirements;
   (ii) she/he will fulfill residency and in-Faculty requirements for graduation or granting of the certificate;
   (iii) she/he submit the letter of permission request with course descriptions to the appropriate departmental office and return the completed form and the application fee to Student Client Services;
   (iv) a letter of permission is granted prior to enrolling courses at the other institution;
   (v) if she/he does not register for the courses or does not complete the approved courses, the student must provide the Registrar’s Office with documentation from the host institution declaring that the student did not register at that institution or withdrew from the courses without academic penalty;
   (vi) arrangements are made for the host institution to forward an official transcript to the Registrar’s Office as soon as final grades are available.

   Note 1: Students who receive a letter of permission to take their last course(s) at another institution should not, normally, expect to graduate at the convocation directly following the session in which the letter of permission was issued.

   Note 2: Some programs may have their own Faculty approved policies restricting letters of permission on the basis of accreditation or professional association requirements. Please review your school/department policy.
Regulations:

- Students must be enrolled in a degree or Atkinson certificate program;
- Including courses taken on a letter of permission, Atkinson students may enrol in a maximum of 15 credits in a summer session and 30 credits in a fall/winter session;
- Students must be in good academic standing in order to be approved for a letter of permission;
- A letter of permission will not be granted to students who are on academic, program or debarment warning or academic probation. If a student receives an academic, program, debarment warning, or academic probation or is ineligible to proceed at the conclusion of the current session, the letter of permission will be rescinded;
- In major courses in all Honours programs, and in the BAS and BHRM 90 credit degree, credit is granted when an approved course is successfully completed with a minimum grade of C+ (65 per cent). For all other courses credit is granted when an approved course is successfully completed with a minimum grade of C (60 per cent). The Faculty is under no obligation to accept courses taken without its permission.
- Grades for courses taken at the host institution are not listed on York University transcripts and are not included in the calculation of the York grade point average.

Should a student leave York University to pursue study at another postsecondary institution without a letter of permission, upon return to York, a new application to York is required and all previous transfer credit will be reassessed.

12. Faculty transfers

Students who were last registered in an undergraduate degree program in another Faculty of York University, and who wish to transfer to Atkinson must submit a Faculty Transfer Request form to Student Client Services. Refer to the “Academic Standing” section for degree/program academic standing requirements.

13. Course load for Atkinson students

Fall/winter session:
- Students may take up to and including 30 credits without permission.
- 33 - 35 credits during the fall/winter session will be approved if the student has:
  - a cumulative grade point average of 7.0.
- 36 - 42 credits may be taken during the fall/winter session if the student has:
  - a cumulative grade point average of 8.0.

Note: Where permission is required, students should first contact the Atkinson Faculty Council Office.

Winter term or summer session:
- Students may take up to and including 15 credits* without permission.
- 18 credits* may be taken during the summer session if a student has:
  - a cumulative grade point average of 7.0.

*Only 12 credits may be taken concurrently (except for the summer DAY sessions where students are limited to one half or one full course each term.)

- 21 credits to a maximum of 24 credits may be taken during the summer session if a student has:
  - a cumulative grade point average of 8.0.

Note: Where permission is required, students should first contact the Atkinson Faculty Council Office.

14. Examinations

Students must write the examinations on the announced dates.

The language(s) of instruction is (are) normally the language(s) of examination. Other arrangements may be made in special cases, if application is submitted to Atkinson at least one month before the examination.

Some final examinations could take place in a different room and on a different day from the regularly scheduled class. Check the published examination schedule for a complete list of days and times.

Students who have examination conflicts due to religious observances can fill out a request to write an examination at another time. Forms are available in the academic departments.

15. Deferred standing and aegrotat standing

In some cases, students may be eligible for deferred standing or aegrotat standing on the grounds of illness, accident or family misfortune.

Deferred standing. Deferred standing (an extension) may be granted to undergraduate students who are unable to write their final examination at the scheduled time, or to submit their final assignment on the last day of classes. In order to apply for deferred standing, students must complete a Final Exam/Assignment Deferred Standing Agreement (DSA) form and reach an agreement directly with the course director for an alternative final examination date or for an extension to the deadline. The deadline for submitting a DSA is within seven calendar days of a missed examination and/or final assignment due date. A petition for deferred standing (available through the Atkinson Faculty Council Office) may be initiated if the course director indicates on a DSA form that he/she refuses to approve deferred standing or if the request is made after the deadline has passed.

Note 1: When students do not or cannot write a mid-term examination (not held during the formal examination period), alternative arrangements to write the mid-term examination should be made within the duration of the course by the course director and individual student, at the discretion of the course director. The DSA form does not apply.

Note 2: Students who have experienced a misfortune or who are too ill to attend an examination in an Atkinson course should not attempt to do so; they must pursue deferred standing.

Note 3: Atkinson students in York courses other than Atkinson courses must arrange deferred standing in accordance with the regulations and deadlines of the Faculty offering the course.

Note 4: Deferred examinations for AK/ADMS courses are held with the final examinations for the same courses if they are offered in the term immediately following. The School of Administrative Studies will advise students in writing of the date, time and location of the exam. Students are required to contact the school if notification is not received three weeks prior to the examination period.

Aegrotat standing. In cases where a student cannot be expected to complete the work for a course, aegrotat standing may be substituted for the grade on the transcript. Aegrotat standing is seldom granted and only in exceptional circumstances due to the nature and extent of the student’s illness/injury and where deferred standing is inappropriate.

16. Grade reappraisal. Students may, with sufficient grounds, request that a final grade in a course be reappraised. Further information may be obtained from the school/department offering the course. Students who apply to have a grade reappraised should be aware of the following:

- Requests for reappraisals must be filed with the school/department offering the course within 21 calendar days of the release of the final grade in the course.
- Students may question the marking of specific pieces of work or the overall course grade. Normally, however, only tangible work may be reappraised. Tangible work may include written, graphic, digitized, modelled, video recording or audio recording formats, but not oral work.
- An original grade may be raised, lowered or confirmed.
- Students wishing to request a reappraisal of a final grade should complete the appropriate form available from the school/department offering the course and return the completed form to the same office.
- Decisions of Atkinson’s schools/department may be appealed to the Atkinson Faculty Council Office only on the grounds of procedural irregularity.
Grading

1. All course grades, including those assigned after a deferred examination(s) are derived from an evaluation of examination and term work, unless otherwise decided by the Atkinson Faculty Council Office on the recommendation of the course director. The weighting of these two portions is set by the course director and announced early in the course.

2. With the exception of courses explicitly required for certification by a professional body, or other exceptions agreed to by Senate, students pass or fail a course on the basis of final course average, without the additional requirement of having to obtain a passing grade on a final examination. (This does not preclude the possibility of a final examination representing more than 50 per cent of the final grade in a particular course or the requirement that a student pass a specific course lab component.)

3. Unless Senate agrees to explicit exemptions, eligibility to proceed in or graduate from an undergraduate degree program will not be based on a minimum grade requirement for each major course. It should be noted that this does not preclude setting requirements for a minimum cumulative grade point average in a major subject area. Nor does this preclude setting individual course grade requirements when a course is a prerequisite for upper level courses or as part of a “core” requirement. Course grades are not official until approved by the Committee on Examinations and Academic Standards.

4. The letter-grade system is the fundamental system of assessment of performance in undergraduate programs at York University.

5. Percentage grades are used to letter system of grading.

6. Repeating passed or failed courses for academic credit:
   (a) Students are allowed to retake a failed course once for academic degree or certificate credit. Students are allowed to retake a passed course once for academic degree or certificate credit, only if the student has failed to achieve sufficient standing to proceed in a core or prerequisite course in a degree or certificate program and if no alternative remedies are provided (e.g. alternative qualifying exam). Students should note that course availability and space consideration may preclude the possibility of repeating a course in the session they choose.
   (b) When a student is allowed to repeat a course for academic degree or certificate credit, the second grade will be the grade of record and the only grade calculated in the student’s grade point average (major, cumulative, sessional and overall). A course can be credited only once towards satisfaction of degree or certificate academic credit requirements.
   (c) The record of both the first and second time the course was taken will appear on the student’s transcript, with the first course designated as No Credit Retained (NCR).

   Note: The transcript legend will explain that the NCR designation means that neither the course credit and grade have been included in the calculation of the student’s grade point average. Courses that have been repeated will have the notation “NCR” (No Credit Retained).

   (d) The restrictions regarding repeating a passed or failed course also apply to cross listed courses and degree credit exclusions.

   (e) BSW majors who receive a failing grade in AK/SOWK 4000 6.00, may be permitted to enrol in a second and final field placement only upon agreement of the majority of the full-time Social Work faculty.

7. Pass/Fail alternative grading option:
   Students in good standing academically who have passed a minimum of 24 credits are allowed to take up to 12 credits on an ungraded basis (pass/fail alternative grading option) toward an Honours degree or six credits toward a bachelor degree. The pass/fail alternative grading option cannot be used for courses taken to satisfy major, minor, general education, Certificate requirements or 1000-level science courses.

   The ungraded option must be requested from the course director/instructor on a “Pass/Fail Option Application Form” (available from Student Services) within the first two weeks of class for the specific course. The completed form must then be submitted to the Office of Student and Academic Services, 123 Atkinson Building (for Atkinson students). Students will be notified in writing of their eligibility or ineligibility.

   Reversing. Students who elect to switch back to graded status can do so up to the last date to drop the course. Written notice must be received in the Registrar’s Office by this date, using the space provided on the eligibility letter.

   Calculation of averages and credits. Courses taken on an ungraded basis are recorded as either P/Pass or F/Fail. They do not have grade point values so they cannot be calculated into an average. P/Pass credits are added into the total number of credits earned and credits taken. P/Fail credits are added into the total number of credits failed and credits taken.

   Grade reports and transcripts. The ungraded option will appear as either P or F on both grade reports and transcripts.

Grades in Courses

1. The grading scheme (i.e. kinds and weights of assignments, essays, exams etc.,) is to be announced, and be available in writing, within the first two weeks of classes.

   During normal circumstances, graded feedback worth at least 15 per cent of the final grade for fall, winter or summer term, and 30 per cent for ‘full year’ courses offered in the fall/winter term be received by students in all courses prior to the final withdrawal date from a course without receiving a grade, with the following exceptions:

   • graduate or upper level undergraduate courses where course work typically, or at the instructor's discretion, consists of a single piece of work and/or is based predominantly (or solely) on student presentations (e.g. honours theses or graduate research papers not due by the drop date, etc.);
   • practicum courses;
   • ungraded courses;
   • courses in Faculties where the drop date occurs within the first 3 weeks of classes;
   • courses which run on a compressed schedule (a course which accomplishes its academic credits of work at a rate of more than one credit hour per two calendar weeks).

   Note: Under unusual and/or unforeseeable circumstances which disrupt academic norm, instructors are expected to provide grading schemes and academic feedback in the spirit of these regulations, as soon as possible.

   Subsequent changes: In exceptional circumstances, a previously announced marking scheme for a course may be changed, but only with the unanimous consent of students; the new marking scheme must also be distributed in written form.

   In courses where percentages are used as a means of reporting grades on individual pieces of work, the conversion table is used in converting percentage grades to letter grades, unless alternative provisions for scaling and/or conversion are announced to students in writing within the first two weeks of classes.

2. Students in social work practica such as AK/SOWK 4120 6.00 do not receive a course grade in the manner described above. Course work is evaluated and recorded as demonstrating one of the two following levels of performance: “credit”, “no credit”. Criteria for these grades are available from the School of Social Work.

3. AK/NURS 4120 6.00, AK/NURS 4130 6.00 and AK/NURS 4140 6.00 have a practicum component that is graded as: “pass”, “fail”. The grade of “pass” must be achieved for the practicum component in order to receive a grade for the theoretical component of the course. If the grade for the practicum component is “fail” then the overall final course grade is “F”.

4. AK/NURS 4110 9.00 and AK/NURS 4150 6.00 do not receive a course grade in the manner described above. Course work is evaluated and graded as “pass”, “fail”. Successful completion of all practicum components is a requirement in the BScN program.

Courses completed at the “credit” level are credited toward the degree, but are not included in the calculation of the degree's classification. For
purposes of entry and maintenance in the Honours program a course result of "credit" is an acceptable level of performance. A course(s) with a grade of "credit" is not used when calculating grades for graduation. A course result of "no credit" is treated in the same way as failures in the general grading system.

Courses which are offered on an ungraded pass/fail basis only, and where the "fail grade" is to count as zero in the grade point average, will be designated as Credit/No Credit courses.

Academic Standing - BA, BAS, BHRM, BHS, BSc, BScN and BSW Degrees: Entry, Maintenance and Graduation

Academic standing depends on several factors including the number of credits a student has passed, the grade point average achieved during a particular session ("sessional grade point average"), the overall grade point average ("cumulative grade point average"), and the overall major grade point average ("major grade point average").

Change of Major. Students may request to change their major provided they meet the minimum academic standards required for the program requested. A "Change of Major" form must be completed and submitted to the appropriate school/department.

Change of degree. Students may request to change their degree after completion of their first academic session in the Faculty, provided they meet the minimum academic standards required for the program requested. A "Change of Degree" form must be completed and submitted to the Office of Student and Academic Services, 123 Atkinson Building.

*Note: There are additional entry requirements for the BSW and BScN programs.

Change of Major/Degree forms are available from Student Client Services.

Bachelor Degree (90 Credits)

(a) Entry. Students admitted to Atkinson are enrolled in the bachelor program requested.

(b) Faculty Transfers. Students may transfer to an Atkinson bachelor degree program provided they meet the minimum academic requirements for the program requested.

(c) Continuing in a Bachelor Program:

BA and BSc - Students who maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 4.0 may proceed in good standing in the bachelor degree. BAS and BHRM - Students who have completed less than 90 credits and maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 5.0 may proceed in good standing. Students who have completed 90 credits or greater with a cumulative and major average of 5.0 may proceed in good standing and have the option to proceed in honors.

(d) Failure to maintain academic standing:

BA and BSc - Students who fail to maintain the minimum cumulative grade point average of 4.0 will incur academic penalties. Please refer to the section on "Academic Penalties".

BAS and BHRM - Students who have completed less than 90 credits, whose cumulative grade point average is below 5.0, will be placed on "Program Warning" and may continue in the 90 credit bachelor degree only. Please refer to the section on "Academic Penalties".

Students who have completed at least 24 York credits with a cumulative grade point average below 2.5 will be required to withdraw for one year. Please refer to the section on "Academic Penalties".

Students in the bachelor BAS or BHRM who have completed 90 credits or greater with a cumulative grade point average below 5.0 and/or a major grade point average below 5.0 will be ineligible to proceed or graduate. Students may petition to be allowed additional credits to a maximum of 102 credits to graduate with a bachelor degree. These courses must be above the 1000 level and must be taken at York University.

(e) Re-entry into the program:

Students may re-enter the program once they have attained the required grades for the program but not after they have completed 90 credits.

Students may complete a "Change of Major" or "Change of Degree" request form available from Student Client Services. Please refer to "Change of Major" or "Change of Degree" above.

(f) Graduation:

Graduating with a BA or BSc degree. Students must pass at least 90 credits that meet the Faculty's degree and program requirements with a cumulative grade point average of at least 4.0.

Graduating with a BAS or BHRM degree. Students must pass at least 90 credits that meet Faculty's degree and program requirements, with a cumulative and major grade point average of at least 5.0.

Failure to meet academic standing upon completion of 90 credits:

Students in the bachelor BAS or BHRM who have completed 90 credits or greater with a cumulative grade point average and/or major grade point average below 5.0 will be ineligible to proceed or graduate. Students may petition to be allowed additional credits to a maximum of 102 credits to graduate with the bachelor degree. These courses must be above the 1000 level and must be taken at York University.

BA and BSc students who upon completion of at least 90 credits but less than 102 credits who have not met the academic standing required for their degree program will be allowed additional credits to raise their cumulative grade point average (see below).

Additional credits to raise grade point average for graduation:

Students in a BA or BSc degree program who have passed 90 credits in accordance with the Faculty's degree and program requirements, and whose cumulative grade point average is below the requirement for graduation may attempt to raise their average by taking up to 12 additional credits, to a maximum of 102 credits. These courses must be above the 1000 level and must be taken at York University.

Honours Degree (120 Credits)

(a) Entry/qualifying for Honours:

Students admitted to the Faculty with no previous postsecondary education will automatically be admitted to an Honours program.

Students admitted to the Faculty with previous postsecondary education are automatically admitted to an Honours degree if they have met the admission criteria for the program.

*Note: Courses taken at other post-secondary institutions are not calculated as part of the student's grade point average at York, nor do they appear on the York transcript.

Students who have graduated from the Faculty with a bachelor degree and whose standing makes them eligible for Honours may pursue an Honours degree in the same major but must submit a request for reclassification of their degree in writing to the Registrar's Office.

Continuing students are automatically considered to have Honours standing provided they achieve the minimum cumulative grade point average of 5.0.

*Note: There are additional entry requirements for the BSW and BScN programs.

(b) Faculty Transfers:

Students qualify for transfer to an Atkinson Honours program provided they have met the minimum cumulative and/or major grade point average for the program.

*Note: There are additional entry requirements for the BSW and BScN programs. Some programs may have limited entry.

(c) Continuing in Honours:

Students may continue in an Honours program providing they maintain the minimum overall cumulative grade point average of 5.0 with the exception of the following programs:

BAS and BHRM. Students who have completed 90 credits or greater who have a cumulative and major grade point average of at least 5.0 may proceed in honours.

BScN - Students may continue in an Honours BScN program providing they achieve the minimum cumulative grade point average of at least 5.0 and the major grade point average of at least 6.0 or no grade less than a "C" in courses used in the major.
BSW - Students may continue in an Honours BSW program providing they achieve the minimum cumulative grade point average of at least 5.0 and the major grade point average of at least 6.0 or no grade less than a “C+” in courses used in the major.

(d) Failure to maintain academic standing for Honours:

BA and BSc - Students who have completed less than 120 credits who fail to maintain the Honours cumulative grade point average of 5.0 will automatically be placed in the bachelor degree, if applicable.

Students whose grade point average is below 4.0 will incur academic penalties. Please refer to the section on “Academic Penalties”.

Students who have completed at least 24 York credits with a cumulative grade point average below 2.5 will be required to withdraw for one year.

Students who have completed 120 credits or greater with a cumulative grade point average of less than 5.0 will be ineligible to proceed or graduate.

BAS and BHRM - Students who have completed less than 90 credits, whose cumulative grade point average is below 5.0, will be placed on “program warning” and may continue in the 90 credit bachelor degree only. Please refer to the section on “Academic Penalties”.

Students who have completed at least 24 York credits with a cumulative grade point average below 2.5 will be required to withdraw for one year.

Please refer to the section on “Academic Penalties”.

Students who have completed at least 90 credits or greater with a cumulative or major grade point average below 5.0 will be ineligible to proceed in the program. Students may petition to be allowed additional credits to raise the grade point average for graduation in the bachelor program or petition for an honours waiver. Please refer to the section on “Petitions and Appeals”.

Students who have completed 120 credits or greater with a cumulative grade point average below 5.0 or a major grade point average below 5.5 will be ineligible to proceed or graduate.

Students who have completed 120 credits or greater with a cumulative grade point average of at least 5.0 and a major grade point average of at least 5.0 but below 5.5 may apply to graduate with the bachelor degree.

BHS - Students who have completed less than 90 credits whose cumulative grade point average is at least 4.0 but below 5.0 will be placed on “Program Warning” and may continue in the program. Please refer to the section on “Academic Penalties”.

Students who have completed less than 90 credits with a cumulative grade point average of less than 4.0 will be ineligible to proceed in the BHS program. Students who wish to continue in their studies must change their degree program and will proceed in the new program on academic warning.

Students who have completed at least 24 York credits with a cumulative grade point average below 2.5 will be required to withdraw for one year. Please refer to the section on “Academic Penalties”.

Students who have completed at least 90 credits or greater with a cumulative grade point average of at least 5.0 and a major grade point average of at least 5.0 but below 5.5 will be required to withdraw for one year.

Please refer to the section on “Academic Penalties”.

BScN - Students who have completed less than 120 credits will be placed on “program warning” if:

(i) the cumulative grade point average is at least 4.5 but below 5.0, or

(ii) the major grade point average is at least 5.5 but below 6.0.

Students may continue in the BScN program providing they meet program warning conditions. Please refer to the section on “Academic Penalties”.

Students who have completed at least 24 York credits with a cumulative grade point average below 2.5 will be required to withdraw for one year. Please refer to the section on “Academic Penalties”.

Students who have completed less than 120 credits, with a cumulative grade point average below 4.5 or a major grade point average below 5.5 or have a grade below “C” for courses used in the major will be ineligible to continue in the program and must change their degree if they wish to proceed in their studies. Students with a cumulative grade point average below 4.0 will proceed on academic warning in the new program. Please refer to section on “Academic Penalties”.

Students who have completed 120 credits or greater who do not have the required cumulative grade point average of at least 5.0 or the overall major grade point average of at least 6.0 or a minimum grade of “C” in courses used in the major will be ineligible to proceed or graduate.

BSW - Students who have completed less than 120 credits will be placed on program warning if:

(i) the cumulative grade point average is at least 4.5 but is below 5.0, or

(ii) the major grade point average is at least 5.5 but is below 6.0.

Students may continue in the BSW program providing they meet program warning conditions. Please refer to the section on “Academic Penalties”.

Students who have completed at least 24 York credits with a cumulative grade point average below 2.5 will be required to withdraw for one year. Please refer to the section on “Academic Penalties”.

Students who have completed less than 120 credits whose cumulative grade point average falls below the 4.5 or major grade point average falls below the 5.0 or have a grade below “C+” for courses used in the major will be ineligible to continue in the program and must change their degree if they wish to proceed with their studies. Students with a cumulative grade point average below 4.0 will proceed on academic warning in the new program. Please refer to section on “Academic Penalties”.

Students who have completed 120 credits or greater who do not have the required cumulative grade point average of at least 5.0 or an overall major average of at least 6.0 or a minimum grade of “C+” in courses used in the major will be ineligible to proceed or graduate.

(e) Re-entry to an Honours program:

Students who are ineligible to continue in Honours because the cumulative or major grade point average has fallen below the requirements listed above will automatically be placed in the honors program in the same major if they attain the 5.0 cumulative grade point average prior to completion of 90 credits. No extra courses may be taken in a subsequent session in an effort to raise the grade point average. Students who have the 5.0 cumulative grade point average and wish to change their degree/ major may request to do so. Please refer to the information above for change of major or change of degree.

Students who have completed at least 90 credits but less than 120 credits, who do not have the grade point average (s) for Honours, may petition for an honours waiver.

(f) Graduation:

Graduating Honours BA, BHS or BSc. Students must pass at least 120 credits which meet the Faculty’s degree and program requirements with a cumulative grade point average of at least 5.0.

Graduating Honours BAS or BHRM. Students must pass at least 120 credits which meet the Faculty’s degree and program requirements with a cumulative grade point average of at least 5.0 and a major grade point average of at least 5.5.

Graduating Honours BScN. Students must pass at least 120 credits which meet the Faculty’s degree and program requirements with a cumulative grade point average of at least 5.0 and a major grade point average of at least 6.0 including a minimum grade of “C” in all courses used n the major.

Graduating Honours BSW. Students must pass at least 120 credits which meet the Faculty’s degree and program requirements with a cumulative grade point average of at least 5.0 and a major grade point average of at least 6.0 including a minimum grade of “C+” in all courses used in the major.

Failure to meet academic standing upon completion of 120 credits. Students who upon completion of 120 credits have not met the academic standing required for the degree program will be ineligible to proceed or graduate. Students may apply to graduate with a bachelor degree (90 credit) with the exception of BHS, BScN and BSW.

BAS and BHRM students who have completed 120 credits or greater with a cumulative grade point average of at least 5.0 and a major grade point average of at least 5.0 but is below 5.5 may apply to graduate with the bachelor degree (90 credit).
Option to graduate with a bachelor degree:
Students registered in an Honours degree may opt to graduate with a bachelor degree (if applicable) if they fulfill degree and program requirements. Students who wish to take advantage of this option should complete an application to graduate available from Student Client Services.

Academic Penalties

Students whose academic record does not meet the Faculty or program standards are subject to the academic penalties of academic warning, program warning, required withdrawal, debarment warning, debarment and academic probation.

1. Academic warning for BA and BSc:
Students whose cumulative grade point average falls below 4.0 (C) at the end of any session, or who enter the Faculty with a grade point average equivalent to less than 4.0 (C) on the York scale, receive an academic warning.

Academic warning conditions:
Students on academic warning must achieve a cumulative grade point average of at least 4.0 (C) within the next 24 credits taken, or earn a sessional grade point average of at least 5.0 (C+) in the session in which that 24th credit is completed and in each subsequent session until the cumulative grade point average reaches 4.0 (C), or be required to withdraw.

Students whose cumulative grade point average on at least 24 credits is below 2.5 will be required to withdraw for twelve months.

2. Program warning for BAS, BHRM, BHS, BScN, BSW:
BAS
BAS students who have completed less than 90 credits, whose cumulative grade point average is below 5.0, will be placed on program warning and may continue in the 90 credit bachelor degree only providing they meet the program warning conditions outlined below.

Program warning conditions for BAS:
BAS students on program warning, within the next 24 credits taken, must raise the cumulative grade point average to at least 5.0. At no time may the cumulative grade point average fall below 2.5 upon completion of at least 24 cumulative credits. Upon completion of 90 credits, BAS students who do not have both the cumulative and major grade point average’s of at least 5.0 will be ineligible to proceed in the program.

Note 1: Students who plan to graduate with the 90-credit bachelor BAS must meet both the cumulative and major grade point averages of at least 5.0 at the 90th credit.

Note 2: Students with both the cumulative and major grade point averages of at least 5.0 at 90 credits may elect to proceed with the honour’s degree. Graduation with the honours BHRM at the 120th credit requires the cumulative grade point average of at least 5.0 and the major grade point average of at least 5.5.

BHRM
BHRM students who have completed less than 90 credits, whose cumulative grade point average is below 5.0, will be placed on “program warning” and may continue in the program providing they meet the program warning conditions outlined below.

Program warning conditions for BHRM:
BHRM students on program warning, within the next 24 credits taken, must raise the cumulative grade point average to at least 5.0 but is below 5.0, will be placed on “program warning” and may continue in the program providing they meet the program warning conditions outlined below.

BHS
BHS students who have completed less than 90 credits, whose cumulative grade point average is at least 4.0 but is below 5.0, will be placed on “program warning” and may continue in the program providing they meet the program warning conditions outlined below.

Program warning conditions for BHS:
BHS students on program warning, within the next 24 credits taken, must raise the cumulative grade point average to at least 5.0. At no time may the cumulative grade point average fall below 4.0.

Upon completion of 90 credits or greater, BHS students who do not have the cumulative grade point average of at least 5.0 will be ineligible to proceed in the program.

BScN
BScN students who have completed less than 120 credits will be placed on a “program warning” if:
(i) the cumulative grade point average is at least 4.5 but is below 5.0, or
(ii) the overall major grade point average is at least 5.5 but below 6.0.

Students may continue in BScN providing they meet the program warning conditions outlined below.

Program warning conditions for BScN:
BScN students on program warning, within the next 24 credits taken, must have both a cumulative grade point average of at least 5.0 and overall major grade point average of at least 6.0. At any time the cumulative grade point average may fall below 4.5 and/or the overall major grade point average fall below 5.5.

Note: BScN students with a grade less than “C” for courses used in the major will be ineligible to proceed in the program.

Upon completion of 120 credits BScN students who do not have cumulative grade point average of at least 5.0, an overall major grade point average of at least 6.0, and a minimum grade of at least “C” for courses used in the major, will be ineligible to proceed in the program or graduate.

BSW
BSW students who have completed less than 120 credits will be placed on a program warning if:
(i) the cumulative grade point average is at least 4.50 but below 5.0, or
(ii) the overall major grade point average is at least 5.5 but below 6.0.

Students may continue in BSW providing they meet the program warning conditions outlined below.

Program warning conditions for BSW:
BSW students on program warning, within the next 24 credits taken, must have both a cumulative grade point average of at least 5.0 and overall major grade point average of at least 6.0. At any time the cumulative grade point average may fall below 4.5 and/or the overall major grade point average may fall below 5.5.

Note: BSW students with a grade less than “C+” for courses used in the major will be ineligible to proceed in the program.

Upon completion of 120 credits BSW students who do not have the cumulative grade point average of at least 5.0, and an overall major grade point average of at least 6.0, and a minimum grade of “C+” in each course used in the major will be ineligible to proceed in the program or graduate.

Failure to meet the above program warning conditions:
Students who do not meet the program warning conditions for their program as listed above will not be eligible to continue in the program and must declare a new degree program to be eligible to continue with their studies.
Students with less than a 4.0 cumulative grade point average who have completed less than 90 credits must declare a new degree program and will proceed in the new degree program on academic warning.

Students whose cumulative grade point average on at least 24 credits is below 2.5 must withdraw for twelve months.

3. Required withdrawal:
Students whose academic record shows marked weakness may be required to withdraw from their studies for one year, during which they are encouraged to identify and remedy any problems which may have contributed materially to their failure to perform up to their potential, and to reflect on their reasons for pursuing a university education. The following regulations apply to required withdrawals.

Grade point average below 4.0 and equal to or greater than 2.5: Students who have received an academic warning for a cumulative grade point average below 4.0 (C) must achieve a cumulative grade point average of at least 4.0 (C) within the next 24 credits taken or earn a sessional grade point average of at least 5.0 (C+) in the session in which that 24th credit is completed and in each subsequent session until the cumulative grade point average reaches 4.0 (C); otherwise, they must withdraw for twelve months. Students will be required to withdraw for twelve months should their cumulative grade point average fall below 2.5 at any time after completion of 24 credits.

Grade point average below 2.5: Students whose cumulative grade point average on at least 24 credits is below 2.5 must withdraw for twelve months.

4. Petition to continue without interruption:
Students who have been required to withdraw may submit a petition to the Atkinson Faculty Council Office requesting permission to continue their studies without interruption. Students granted such a petition would be allowed to continue their studies on debarment warning.

5. Reactivation after required withdrawal:
Students who have been required to withdraw may apply for reactivation after the requisite period of absence by submitting a form obtainable from Student Client Services. Students who return to their studies after such a required withdrawal (as well as those who have been allowed to continue their studies by virtue of a petition to the Committee on Awards and Petitions) receive a debarment warning.

6. Debarment warning:
Students who have been required to withdraw from the Faculty of Liberal and Professional Studies, or from another Faculty at York, or elsewhere receive a debarment warning upon continuing their studies in the Faculty.

Debarment warning conditions. Students on debarment warning must achieve a cumulative grade point average of at least 4.0 (C) within the next 24 credits taken or earn a sessional grade point average of at least 5.0 (C+) in the session in which the 24th credit is completed and in each subsequent session until the cumulative average reaches 4.0 (C), and must then maintain this average. Students who do not fulfill these conditions will be debarred from the University. Students whose cumulative grade point average falls below 2.5 at any time while on debarment warning will be debarred.

7. Debarment:
Students who fail to meet the debarment warning conditions outlined above will be debarred from the University. Debarment, the minimum period for which is normally two years, means that the student is no longer a student at York University.

8. Petition to continue without interruption:
Students who have been debarred may submit a petition to the Atkinson Faculty Council Office requesting permission to continue their studies without interruption. Students granted such a petition would be allowed to continue their studies on academic probation.

9. Reapplying after debarment:
Students who have been debarred and who wish to resume their studies must apply for readmission through the Admissions Office, and must provide persuasive evidence that they are ready and able to complete a degree program. Students who are readmitted (as well as those who have been allowed to continue their studies by virtue of a petition to the Committee on Awards and Petitions) receive an academic probation.

10. Academic probation:
Students who have been debarred and who subsequently resume their studies in the Faculty whether by petitioning to continue without interruption or by applying for readmission, receive an academic probation. Students on academic probation must meet the debarment warning conditions outlined above; otherwise, they will be debarred.

11. Suspension:
A penalty imposed for serious academic offences for a variable but limited period during which students may not be registered in the University. This penalty may be imposed only by a Faculty-level committee which has received authority to do so from a Faculty Council.

12. Rustication:
A sanction terminating the right of students to continue as a student of the University permanently or for a fixed or indefinite period of time, imposed by the University Discipline Tribunal for non-academic misconduct.

Petitions and Appeals

Students are expected to familiarize themselves with the University policy on Petitions and Grade Reappraisal before taking any steps which may have costly repercussions or affect their academic progress. The purpose of a petition is to request an exemption from a regulation or deadline. Ignorance of regulations or deadlines does not constitute a valid reason for a petition.

For further information, Atkinson students may contact: the Atkinson Faculty Council Office, 121 Atkinson Building, telephone: 416-650-8193, fax: 416-650-8179, e-mail: akcouncil@mail.atkinson.yorku.ca.

1. Petition:
A written request for the waiver of an academic regulation or deadline. A petition cannot be used to create legislation (i.e. a degree program) that does not exist. Petitions are submitted to and considered by a student’s home Faculty.

Petitions relating to a student’s enrolment status in a course will only be considered if they are submitted within 30 days of the last day of classes. Such petitions may be considered for a period of up to one year if they are based on special circumstances.

2. Petitions procedures:
The Committee on Petitions, on behalf of the Atkinson Faculty Council, considers Atkinson student petitions for exceptions to all Faculty regulations, including petitions to continue studies without interruption in cases where a student has been required to withdraw or debarred. The Committee will give due consideration to transition difficulties documented by students in their first university session. Petitions are held in the strictest confidence. The Committee considers the petition itself, any supporting documentation (from professors or medical practitioners) and other relevant information contained in the student's record. Students may not normally appear in person.

3. Initiating a petition:
To initiate a petition, Atkinson students should obtain a petition package and relevant forms such as a Student Course Performance Summary (CPS) form, and/or an Attending Physician’s Statement (APS) form, and/or a Statement by Counselling and Development Counsellor form. All forms are available from the Atkinson Faculty Council Office, 121 Atkinson Building or online at http://www.atkinson.yorku.ca.

Note: Students in the Faculties of Arts, Fine Arts, Education and Pure and Applied Science must petition to the Registrar’s Office. Students from faculties not listed should contact the respective Office of Student Programs.

Student academic petitions must be presented on the appropriate petition form (available from the Atkinson Faculty Council Office) and accompanied by a personal letter outlining the specific request and grounds for the petition as well as relevant original supporting documentation such as medical certificates, letters from employers etc.

Note: Student petitions regarding standing in a course must be accompanied by a Student Course Performance Summary (CPS) form filled out by the course director.
When a petition appears to be complete and has been processed by the Atkinson Faculty Council Office, it will normally be heard at the next regular meeting of the Committee on Petitions. Students will be notified in writing of the decisions made on their petitions.

4. Appeal:
An appeal is a written request for the alteration of the decision taken on a petition generally made to the same level but to another person, panel or committee.

Appeals against decisions of the Atkinson Petitions Committee will be permitted only on the grounds of:
(a) new evidence, or
(b) evidence of procedural irregularity in the committee’s consideration of the case.

Graduation and Academic Excellence
Atkinson recognizes the academic excellence of its students in appropriate ways. The following honours are recorded on a student’s transcript:

1. Atkinson Sessional Academic Achievement List recognizes the outstanding achievement of the following students:
   (a) Students taking 12 - 17 credits in a given session who have attained a sessional grade point average of 8.0 or higher.
   (b) Students taking 18 or more credits in a given session who have attained a sessional grade point average of 7.5 or higher.

2. Graduating with honours academic standing: Students with high grade point averages are eligible for the following honours upon graduation from Atkinson.
   (a) Honours degree, cumulative grade point average as follows:
      Summa cum laude, 8.0 or above;
      Magna cum laude, 7.8-7.99;
      Cum laude, 7.5-7.79;
      Dean’s Honour Roll, 7.0, with a minimum grade of C in all major requirements.
   (b) Bachelor’s degree, cumulative grade point average as follows:
      With distinction, 8.0 or above;
      With merit, 7.5-7.99;
      Dean’s Honour Roll, 7.0, with a minimum grade of D+ in all major requirements.

Degree Requirements
Students interested in any of the following degree programs should contact the school/department offering the program or the Office of Student and Academic Services, 123 Atkinson Building, 416-736-5222.

General Education Requirements:
The following general education requirements are required in all Atkinson degree programs (with the exception of BScN and BSW post-degree programs), and consist of 24 credits at the 1000 level to be taken within the first 42 credits taken at Atkinson as follows:
- six credits from humanities at the 1000 level
- six credits from modes of reasoning or mathematics at the 1000 level (see note 2)
- six credits from natural science at the 1000 level (see note 3)
- six credits from social science at the 1000 level

Note 1: No more than 30 general education credits will count towards a degree.
Note 2: Some degrees and majors require AK/MATH 1710 6.00 (refer to program requirements)
Note 3: Students who have successfully completed humanities, social science and mathematics/modes of reasoning may take a 2000- or 3000-level science and technology studies (STS) course to fulfill the natural science general education requirement.
Note 4: 1000-level general education courses do not fulfill major or elective requirements. Major/elective courses do not fulfill general education requirements.
Note 5: Students entering the BHRM or BHRM (Honours) program with 42 credits or more may replace the social science 1000-level (six credits) general education course with an upper-level social science course (six credits).
Note 6: For BSW (Honours) direct entry, BHRM and BHRM (Honours) degrees, 24 general education credits noted above or 24 credits in accordance with the Faculty of Arts general education requirements as follows: nine-credit foundations at the 1000-level social science or humanities, six credits at the 1000-level natural science and nine-credit foundations at the 2000 level social science or humanities. (Students who take a nine-credit foundations humanities at the 1000 level must then take a nine-credit foundations social science at the 2000 level or vice versa).
Note: For BHRM, AK/MATH 1710 6.00 is required for those students who have not completed a grade 12U (new high school curriculum) or an OAC (old high school curriculum) mathematics course or equivalent.
Exception: Students who have successfully completed a Faculty of Arts nine-credit foundations course at the 1000 level will be recognized as having satisfied six credits of course work in the corresponding Atkinson general education area of study and three credits of course work in an elective or equivalent area of their degree program.