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DECLARATION

• I agree that my secondary and post-secondary grades may be released to UBC.
• I agree to notify Undergraduate Admissions of any additional secondary and/or post-secondary studies taken or registered courses from which I withdraw subsequent to the date of this application.
• I certify that the writing sample and information provided in written responses are accurate and my own.
• I agree that if I knowingly or carelessly provided untrue, incomplete or plagiarized information with this application then UBC may in its sole discretion do any or all of the following:
  (a) withdraw any offer of admission, whether accepted or not;
  (b) require me to withdraw from UBC;
  (c) subject me to academic discipline;
  (d) share the information I provided with other post-secondary institutions, law enforcement agencies, or other third parties.
• I agree that UBC may verify the information provided by contacting any references provided and institutions attended.
• I agree that UBC may release my name to my school and school district if I am a Scholarship recipient.
• I agree, if admitted to UBC, to comply with all rules and regulations of the University, present and future.

COLLECTION AND USE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

Legal Authority: UBC collects, uses, retains and discloses personal information in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA), R.S.B.C. 1996, c.165, as amended, and the University Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c.468, as amended.

Collection: During the admissions process, and throughout your university career, UBC will collect personal information from you for the purpose of carrying out its mandate and operations.

Use: UBC will use your personal information for the purpose of carrying out its mandate and operations, including but not limited to the following purposes:

• making decisions about your academic status, including but not limited to admission, registration, and graduation
• providing you with ongoing service and assistance
• operating athletic, residential, alumni and other UBC-related programs and activities (including issuing UBC Card and U-Pass)
• other purposes authorized by the FIPPA

Disclosure: UBC may disclose your personal information as follows:

• within UBC to carry out its mandate and operations
• to the UBC Alumni Association for the purpose of registering individuals with the Association and to allow the Association to communicate with its members concerning UBC and Association initiatives, including fund-raising and marketing products and services
• to UBC student societies (UBC Alma Mater Society and UBC Okanagan Students Union) for the purpose of running elections, managing and communicating with their membership, and administering student programs (including the UBC Alma Mater Society and Graduate Student Society Health Plan)
• to other UBC student organizations to carry out their mandates
• to other educational institutions when necessary for academic purposes
• to professional organizations for membership and licensing purposes
to the provincial government to carry out its mandate
to entities participating in or operating UBC-related programs (e.g., U-Pass)
to third parties for statistical and research purposes (e.g. to conduct surveys in order to gain feedback from students regarding their experiences at UBC)
for other purposes authorized by the FIPPA

For more information, contact the Registrar of the University of British Columbia.

UBC Graduate Admissions Student Declaration

DECLARATION

• I agree that my post-secondary grades may be released to UBC.
• I agree to notify the graduate program(s) to which I am applying of any additional post-secondary studies taken or registered courses from which I withdraw subsequent to the date of this application.
• I certify that information provided in written responses are accurate and my own.
• I agree that if I knowingly or carelessly provided untrue, incomplete or plagiarized information with this application then UBC may in its sole discretion do any or all of the following: (a) cancel my application; (b) withdraw any offer of admission, whether accepted or not; (c) require me to withdraw from UBC; (d) subject me to academic discipline; (e) share the information I provided with other post-secondary institutions, law enforcement agencies, or other third parties.
• I agree that UBC may verify the information provided by contacting any references provided and institutions attended.
• I agree that UBC may release my name to my previous institutions if I am a Scholarship recipient.
• I agree, if admitted to UBC, to be bound by the statutes, rules and regulations, and ordinances (including bylaws, codes, and policies) of the University of British Columbia, and of the faculty or faculties in which I am registered, and any amendments thereto which may be made while I am a student of the University, and that I may be subject to discipline or other consequences for failure to comply with the same.

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Collection: During the admissions process, and throughout your university career, UBC will collect personal information from you for the purpose of carrying out its mandate and operations.

Use: UBC will use your personal information for the purpose of carrying out its mandate and operations, including but not limited to the following purposes:

• making decisions about your academic status, including but not limited to admission, registration, academic progress, funding, and graduation
• providing you with ongoing service and assistance
• operating athletic, residential, alumni and other UBC-related programs and activities (including issuing UBC Card and U-Pass)
• other purposes authorized by the FIPPA

Disclosure: UBC may disclose your personal information, inside or outside Canada, as follows:
within UBC to carry out its mandate and operations

• to the UBC Alumni Association for the purpose of registering individuals with the Association and to allow the Association to communicate with its members concerning UBC and Association initiatives, including fund-raising and marketing products and services

• to UBC student societies (such as UBC Alma Mater Society and Graduate Student Society) for the purpose of running elections, managing and communicating with their membership, and administering student programs (including the UBC Alma Mater Society and Graduate Student Society Health Plan)

• to other UBC student organizations to carry out their mandates

• for the purpose of graduate supervision and examination, including disclosure to your external supervisors and examiners as well as to members of the public who attend your doctoral defence

• to organizations providing financial support to you (such as student loan issuers, government sponsors, and research funding agencies)

• for the purpose of facilitating your educational or professional development activities, experiential learning activities, internships or other work/research placements

• to other educational institutions when necessary for academic purposes

• to professional organizations for membership and licensing purposes

• to the provincial government to carry out its mandate

• to entities participating in or operating UBC-related programs (e.g., U-Pass)

• to third parties for statistical and research purposes (e.g. to conduct surveys in order to gain feedback from students regarding their experiences at UBC)

• to Canadian immigration officials to expedite my visa processing and verification of student status in Canada

• for other purposes authorized by the FIPPA

For more information, contact the Registrar of the University of British Columbia.

Graduate Admission Procedures

Students apply for admission to the master's and doctoral degree programs at the UBC Okanagan campus either through the College of Graduate Studies or through the admitting faculty, depending upon the program in question.

For information on admission, current application fees, and application deadlines for graduate programs at the UBC Okanagan campus, consult the College of Graduate Studies (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=18,285,983,0#13913), the website of the College of Graduate Studies (http://gradstudies.ok.ubc.ca/welcome.html), and/or the website of the admitting faculty.

Undergraduate Admission Procedures

Inquiries concerning admission should be made to:

Undergraduate Admissions
The University of British Columbia
Enrolment Services
2016-1874 East Mall
Vancouver, BC Canada V6T 1Z1

Tel: 604.822.3014 (local)
Tel: 1.877.272.1422 (toll-free)
Fax: 604.822.3599
Students apply for admission to the UBC Okanagan campus through youbc Okanagan.

For application and document deadlines for the various faculties and schools, see Application and Document Deadlines. All necessary educational documents, including an application for admission and the application fee, must be submitted by the designated date. Applications will not be evaluated until all required documents and the application fee have been received by Enrolment Services. See the online application available through youbc Okanagan and Application and Administrative Fees. All admissions evaluations will be conducted by Undergraduate Admissions in Vancouver.

UBC only admits students to the Winter Session (beginning in September) and the Summer Session (beginning in May or July). In order to begin studies in January, applicants must apply for and be admitted to the Winter Session. Students admitted to the Winter Session can elect to register only for courses beginning in January. Starting classes in January may limit course options and may lengthen the time it takes to complete degree requirements.

For faculties and schools that have more eligible applicants than they can admit, applications received after the deadline will not be processed. For faculties and schools that expect to have space available, late applications may be accepted. However, late applications will only be considered after all other eligible applications, and it may not be possible to process them before the start of classes. Applications that are not complete by the document deadline may be cancelled if the program sought has been filled by that date.

Documents submitted in support of an application become the property of the University and are not returned to the applicant unless they are irreplaceable (e.g., graduation certificates/booklets, Iranian high school transcripts, etc.). Applicants who submit irreplaceable documents may complete a Request for Return of Irreplaceable Documents form. Irreplaceable documents will be returned after the admission evaluation is complete. For applicants who do not attend UBC, documents will be kept on file for one year only. For those who attend UBC, admission documents are retained for five years after a student stops attending the University.

Notification of admission decisions is given to applicants after all necessary documents have been received and evaluated. Offers of admission and information concerning registration procedures will be provided to all successful applicants.

Offers of admission or readmission are valid only for the session(s) and campus indicated on the letter of acceptance.

Application and Document Deadlines

Application and Document Deadlines > Application Deadlines for Undergraduate Degree Programs

The following deadlines pertain to new-to-UBC Okanagan campus applicants, applicants applying to change programs and/or campuses within UBC (Vancouver and Okanagan campuses), and applicants applying for Readmission to a UBC Okanagan campus program in which they have previously been enrolled but have discontinued their studies for any reason. If a deadline falls on the weekend, it will be extended to the next working day. For other important University dates see Dates and Deadlines.

Summer Session (beginning in May) application deadline: January 15
Note: not all degree programs accept applications to the Summer Session.

**Winter Session (beginning in September) application deadline:** January 15

Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply by the application deadline as some programs will not accept applications beyond this date. Applications received after the deadline may be considered by some programs but will not be evaluated on the same basis or with the same priority as those received by the deadline.

**Application and Document Deadlines > Document Deadlines for Undergraduate Degree Programs**

In addition to submitting an application for undergraduate admission, applicants are required to submit documentation in order to satisfy admission requirements.

1. **English Language Admission Standard**
   All applicants are required to meet the English Language Admission Standard (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=2,19,0,0). Applicants are notified by email, and via the Student Service Centre (http://sscadm.ubc.ca/sscportal/servlets/SRVSSCFramework) under "Application Status", of the documentation that is required and the dates by which it must be submitted in order to be considered in an admission decision.

2. **Competitive Academic Requirements**
   All applicants are required to meet University minimum academic standards as well as competitive academic requirements that differ by program. Applicants are notified by email, and via the Student Service Centre (http://sscadm.ubc.ca/sscportal/servlets/SRVSSCFramework) under "Application Status", of the transcripts that are required and the dates by which they must be submitted in order to be considered in an admission decision.

3. **Supplemental Criteria**
   Some UBC Okanagan campus programs require additional information for consideration in admission decisions. This may include a portfolio, audition, manuscript, essay, list of extra-curricular activities, interview, or other information. Applicants are notified by email, and via the Student Service Centre (http://sscadm.ubc.ca/sscportal/servlets/SRVSSCFramework) under "Application Status", of any additional documentation that may be required or optional, and the dates by which this information must be submitted in order to be considered in an admission decision.

Deadlines for the submission of supporting documentation vary depending on an applicant's academic history. While these deadlines will be communicated to applicants once they apply, applicants should be prepared to submit documents such as transcripts, test scores, and supplemental applications as early as possible following the submission of an application as admission decisions are generally made in the spring.

Applicants who are offered admission based on academic work in progress are required to submit final documentation showing successful completion of all admission requirements prior to beginning their studies at UBC.

**Application and Document Deadlines > Application and Document Deadlines for Non-Degree Studies**

The following deadlines pertain to Visiting Students, Access Study applicants, Concurrent Study applicants, Unclassified Studies applicants, and all others applying to enrol in UBC Okanagan campus courses through Non-Degree Studies. The application must be submitted by these dates. For more information see Non-Degree Studies (http://students.ok.ubc.ca/enrolment-services/nondegree.html).
Summer Session Terms 1 and 2 (beginning in May) application deadline: March 15

Winter Session Term 1 (beginning in September) application deadline: July 15

Winter Session Term 2 (beginning in January) application deadline: November 15

Policy on Admissions

Admission requirements, including academic standards, grades, course requirements, and due dates, are subject to the approval of the Okanagan Senate and may change throughout the year. For more information, see Okanagan Senate meeting minutes (http://www.senate.ubc.ca/okanagan/minutes).

Admission information herein reflects information current to the most recent Academic Calendar release and pertains mainly to applicants to begin studies during the 2021/22 academic year. Admission requirements for future years will be published as they become available.

The University of British Columbia seeks applications from students who can benefit from and contribute to its varied and stimulating academic life. The University’s admission regulations and procedures are intended to identify such students and to ensure that they enter programs at a level that will allow them to get the maximum benefit from their studies.

Undergraduate applicants are evaluated on the basis of a range of criteria indicative of their preparedness for study at UBC. The criteria include English language abilities, academic performance in specific courses, the strength of their overall program of study, and may also include achievement in standardized tests and other indicators of personal preparedness such as demonstrated aptitudes, accomplishments, involvement in projects and activities, and non-academic admission criteria. For more information see youbc Okanagan (http://you.ubc.ca/applying-ubc/applied/application-evaluation/).

Excellent students who do not meet all of the published admission requirements may be considered for admission in exceptional cases by the dean of the faculty or the dean's designate.

The number of new students that can be admitted to each program is dependent on a number of factors, including space limitations and the quality of the applicant pool for the application year. The chances of receiving an earlier offer of admission may be increased by the early submission of an application, application fee, and all supporting documentation. Application and document deadlines published are the latest dates on which an application or document will be accepted. (See Application and Document Deadlines (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=2,345,0,0).)

The University reserves the right, the published regulations notwithstanding, to deny admission on the basis of overall academic record and to limit enrolment by selecting from among qualified applicants those who will be admitted.

Except in special circumstances, no student under the age of 16 is admitted.

The stated admission requirements refer to the minimum educational level necessary for admission to undergraduate programs. Because of enrolment limitations, the academic standing required for admission to most programs is higher than the published minimum. Reference may also be made to the faculty and school entries for specific requirements for admission to the various programs of study in the faculties and schools.

In calculating an admission average, grades reported for secondary schools not following the BC/Yukon secondary school curriculum may be adjusted to accurately assess the grades in terms of their ability to predict future performance at the University.
Classification of Students

1. **Access Studies.** Applicants may be enrolled as Access Studies students upon approval by a faculty (a) to allow them to take a limited number of courses in a specific area to upgrade or achieve a qualification, or (b) when they do not wish to pursue a specific program. Distance Education students may be enrolled in this category.

   Students in this category may normally take up to 6 credits per academic term, up to a maximum of 24 credits in total while registered as Access Studies students.

   Students enrolled in a UBC degree program may not normally be concurrently registered as Access Studies students. Although documentation requirements vary by faculty, Access Studies applicants are not normally required to submit transcripts or other academic documentation of prior study.

   Students with English as a second language, however, are required to satisfy the English Language Admission Standard (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=2,19,0,0) in the same way as applicants to degree programs.

   Students who have been required to withdraw from any post-secondary institution must provide official transcripts. To be welcomed as an Access Studies student, one must normally first complete a minimum of 15 credits of transferable coursework with a GPA of 2.0 on the 4.0-point scale since having been required to withdraw. Students who have been required to withdraw more than once from any post-secondary institution or program are not eligible for admission as Access Studies students.

   Continuation as an Access Studies student is normally contingent upon maintaining a passing grade on all courses attempted. Admission as an Access Studies student does not guarantee that a student will be able to register for any course offered. Admission as an Access Studies student does not imply future admission as a regular student.

   For further information about Access Studies, please contact Enrolment Services at nondegree.ok@ubc.ca.

2. **Exchange.** A visiting student studying at UBC under a Senate-approved student exchange program and enrolled in studies for transfer to a degree program at another university.

3. **Mature Student.** An individual whose formal education was interrupted and who did not meet the normal requirements for admission but who demonstrated an intellectual maturity that permitted acceptance to the University. Mature students are permitted to undertake degree or diploma studies on the same basis as a regular student. Admission criteria are outlined under Mature Applicants.

4. **Qualifying.** A student whose academic background entitles him or her to serious consideration for admission to graduate studies but who is considered to be inadequately prepared to enter a graduate program in the specific discipline (e.g., three-year degree holders from other Canadian universities, a student changing from one field of study to another, or a student upgrading his or her academic standing) may be admitted as a qualifying student. Qualifying students are not considered graduate students.

   If, at the end of a qualifying term or year, the graduate program and the College of Graduate Studies are satisfied with the calibre of the student's work, the student may apply for admission to a graduate degree program.

   Courses taken during a qualifying year or term that are necessary in order to meet the requirements for full admission to graduate studies cannot be transferred to a subsequent graduate program. However, other courses may be transferred upon the recommendation of the department and with the approval of the Dean of the College of Graduate Studies.

   Qualifying student status is available only to applicants who do not require a study permit to enter Canada.

5. **Regular.** A student enrolled for studies leading to a degree, diploma or academic-credit certificate, whether on a full- or part-time basis.

6. **Unclassified.** A student enrolled for studies not intended to lead to a particular degree or diploma. Unclassified students should normally have a recognized degree. Admission as an unclassified student does not guarantee that a student will be able to register for any course offered. Admission as an unclassified student does not imply future admission as a regular student. Students with a failed year in a faculty will not be admitted as unclassified until they have discontinued their studies for at least one year. After a second failed year, admission as unclassified will be subject to the approval of the Senate.
Admissions & Awards Committee.

1. **Unclassified Students Applying to Second or Subsequent Undergraduate Degree Programs.**
   
   A faculty may limit the number of credits taken as an unclassified student that may be counted for credit toward a second or subsequent undergraduate degree. See individual faculty listings and/or contact faculty advisors for details.

2. **Unclassified Students Applying to Graduate Programs**

   Courses taken as an unclassified (or non-degree) student may be approved for transfer toward a graduate program on permission of the department and the Dean of the College of Graduate Studies. See College of Graduate Studies (Calendar page: [http://appleton.ad.students.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=18,285,984,1403#17984](http://appleton.ad.students.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=18,285,984,1403#17984)).

7. **Visitor.** A student enrolled in studies at the UBC Okanagan campus for transfer back to their current home post-secondary institution which is recognized by UBC. Students must be in good standing at their home institution and must submit an official transcript and a Letter of Permission with their application. Course registrations will be made on a space-available basis only. A Letter of Permission is valid for one session only. A Letter of Permission must be submitted for any subsequent sessions in which a student wishes to register for courses. For applicable fees, see [Fees](http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=18,285,999,1206).

8. **Visiting International Research Student.** An international student who is enrolled in an undergraduate, graduate, or graduate-equivalent program at another university, or is a participant in a UBC-recognized (through Go Global) “bridging” program between undergraduate and graduate studies, who visits UBC for one month or longer to conduct research only.

   A Visiting International Research Student must be supervised by a UBC faculty member throughout the visit, and must have the written permission of their home institution or sponsoring program to visit UBC to conduct research. The Head for the unit or laboratory with which the visitor will be affiliated has final authority to approve a Visiting International Research Student visit. Students whose home institution has a formal academic student exchange agreement with UBC will be registered as exchange students unless reciprocity quotas are filled; in which case additional students may come under the Visiting International Research Student designation.

   A Visiting International Research Student will normally come to UBC for a maximum of one year. At the end of the approved visit period, the student may request an extension for up to one year. A visit lasting more than one year will require renewal of their permissions, registration, and fees.

   See also Visiting Graduate Student ([http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=18,285,999,1206](http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=18,285,999,1206)).

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**English Language Admission Standard**

**English Language Admission Standard > English Language Competence**

As English is the language of instruction at the UBC Okanagan campus, all applicants, regardless of citizenship status or country of origin, will be required to demonstrate competence in the English language prior to admission. Competence is expected in all four of the following skills: listening, reading, speaking, and writing.

Applicants may demonstrate English language competence by one of the following:

- completion of four or more consecutive years of full-time education in English in a country where English is the principal language, as determined by UBC. Such education must include BC Grade 12 English or equivalent and can be in a combination of secondary and post-secondary education.
- completion of four or more consecutive years of full-time education in English at a recognized international secondary school that uses English as the language of instruction but operates in a country where the primary language is not English, as determined by UBC. Such education must include BC Grade 12 English or equivalent and can be in a combination of secondary and post-secondary education.
- a minimum final English (non-ESL) grade in one of the following:
IB English A1 or A2 (Standard or Higher) 5
AP English Language and Composition 4
AP English Literature and Composition 4
GCE Advanced-Level English B

- successful completion of the equivalent of four years of full-time instruction in a school/institution in Canada in which the major language of instruction is other than English, but where the level of English proficiency required is equivalent to that in English-language schools or institutions in Canada. Such education must include the equivalent to BC Grade 12 English and can be a combination of secondary and post-secondary education (this will include applicants from CEGEPs who have completed English as a first language);
- graduation from a recognized degree program at an accredited university at which English is the primary language of instruction and in a country where English is the principal language, as determined by UBC;
- successful completion of 6 credits of post-secondary first-year English studies for which UBC grants transfer credit;
- successful completion of the UBC Okanagan campus English Foundation Program (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=2,348,1085,0);
- successful completion of the UBC Vantage College program (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=12,307,0,0);
- the competence standard indicated on one of the tests or programs of English language proficiency as listed in the table English Language Proficiency Tests and Programs (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=2,19,1040,0) that evaluates skills in listening, reading, speaking, and writing.

## English Language Admission Standard > English Language Proficiency Tests and Programs

Unless otherwise stated, the scores below represent the minimum required on each part of the examination. Minimum scores must be achieved in a single sitting of the test (i.e., scores across multiple instances of a test may not be used to satisfy minimum component requirements). Tests taken more than two years prior to application for admission will not be considered.

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IELTS | International English Language Testing System (Academic) | 6.5, with no part less than 6.0 | 5.0, with no part less than 4.5 | 6.0, with no part less than 5.0 | 5.5, with a minimum of 5.0 in Speaking and Listening, and minimum 5.5 in Reading and Writing

OC EAP | Okanagan College English for Academic Purposes | Level \(^3\) | Level \(^4\) | Level \(^5\) | N/A

PTE | Pearson Test of English (Academic) | Overall Score: 65 | Overall Score: 34 | Overall Score: 50 | Overall Score: 48

| | Reading: 60 | N/A | N/A | Reading: 43
| | Listening: 60 | N/A | N/A | Listening: 43
| | Writing: 60 | N/A | N/A | Writing: 43
| | Speaking: 60 | N/A | N/A | Speaking: 43

TOEFL | Test of English as a Foreign Language | Overall Score: 90 | Overall Score: 70 | Overall Score: 80 | Overall Score: 70

| | Reading: 22 | N/A | N/A | Reading: 16
| | Listening: 22 | N/A | N/A | Listening: 16
| | Writing: 21 | N/A | N/A | Writing: 16
| | Speaking: 21 | N/A | N/A | Speaking: 16

1 Administered by Cambridge Assessment English.
2 From UBC's English Language Institute. See [http://eli.ubc.ca](http://eli.ubc.ca) for further details.
3 Level 4 requires completion of Okanagan College EAPD 040, EAPW 040, and EAPR 040. UBC requires a grade of 70% or higher in each course to satisfy the English Language Admission Standard.
4 An average between 50% and 69% on all Level 3 courses is required.
5 A minimum average of 70% on all Level 3 courses is required.
6 The TOEFL revised Paper delivered test is eligible for consideration and will be reviewed on an individual basis.

**English Language Admission Standard > Waiver of the English Language Admission Standard**

Applicants who do not meet UBC’s English Language Admission Standard but who believe they have the proficiency of a native English speaker may request to have the requirement waived. A student should consider arranging to meet the requirement through regular means in the event that the student’s request for a waiver of the requirement cannot be granted. To request a waiver, students should send to Admissions:

- a brief letter or email explaining why they believe the requirement should be waived;
- a letter of recommendation from the student's high school English teacher, guidance counsellor, principal, or headmaster, that attests that the student's level of English proficiency is close to or equal to that of a native speaker. The letter should provide information as to how the writer may be contacted (including an email address if possible);
- an official transcript of grades, including the student's interim senior year or Grade 12 marks and predicted IB or AP grades (if not already sent); and
- any additional evidence that may reflect the student's English competence such as achievement test scores (e.g., Scholastic Aptitude Test [SAT] scores).
Changes to Undergraduate Admissions for Secondary School Applicants in 2019

In the 2019 admission cycle, the University of British Columbia introduced a new, holistic approach to assessing secondary school students applying for undergraduate admission. Now, the entirety of the applicant’s secondary school transcript, including all courses taken at the Grade 11 and Grade 12 levels, will be considered in the undergraduate admission decision. UBC will look at grades in all academic courses with particular attention to those in subject areas that are relevant to the applicant’s intended area of study at UBC.

Where possible, UBC may also consider the number of Grade 11 and 12 courses presented in order to recognize students who challenge themselves with a heavier course load. Similarly, the admission decision may also consider rigour of coursework in order to better recognize students who have challenged themselves with coursework that includes more advanced or post-secondary level content.

UBC encourages students to actively explore their academic interests in secondary school. As a result, the admission evaluation will omit a course with the student’s lowest academic course grade if it is in an area that is unrelated to their intended area of study at UBC. Similarly, there may be some non-academic courses (where grades are not used) that speak to the student’s intended area of study at the university that are looked upon favourably in the admission process.

The courses required for admission (i.e., the prerequisites) to undergraduate programs have not changed from previous years. Students who present the minimum requirements for admission (as described in the Program Requirements for Canadian Secondary School Applicants (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=2,356,0,0)) will be eligible for consideration.

Admission to The University of British Columbia is competitive and satisfying the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission. In addition to presenting the necessary prerequisite courses, an applicant’s admission decision will be based upon the following principles:

1. To what extent has the applicant excelled in secondary school, as evidenced by their grades?
2. To what extent has the applicant challenged themselves in secondary school, as evidenced by the number and academic rigour of courses completed?
3. To what extent has the applicant taken courses in subjects that are relevant to their intended area of study at the University?

Taken in conjunction with the UBC personal profile, the UBC undergraduate admission decision approach rests on a holistic assessment of the applicant, placing value on all learning in secondary school.

Admission for Secondary School Applicants

Admission Requirements

Academic criteria are the primary basis for determining admissibility to UBC. Many programs also consider non-academic information. For secondary school applicants, the academic assessment consists of an overall assessment and a core academic assessment, the latter being specific to the program(s) to which the student has applied. In addition, breadth, rigour and relevancy of secondary school coursework may also factor into the admission decision.

Although there is not a strict minimum number of courses required, UBC does recommend that students graduating with a Canadian secondary school credential present at least six academic and non-academic Grade 12-level courses (including Grade 12-level courses taken in the Grade 11 year). Non-academic courses include subjects classified as Applied Design, Skills and Technologies,
Career Education, Physical and Health Education, or Faith-based. For applicants from outside of Canada, the minimum number of senior-year courses will vary by jurisdiction. Students with fewer than the recommended number of Grade 12-level courses will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Academic averages for the purpose of admission are based on final or in-progress Grade 11 and Grade 12 (or equivalent) course grades available in the spring. The minimum academic qualification for admission is secondary school graduation from a recognized secondary school.

**The Overall Academic Assessment (All Programs)**

The overall academic assessment is designed to broadly assess an applicant’s academic history. The assessment is the same regardless of the program to which the student has applied and focuses on the marks presented in all academic Grade 11 and 12 coursework (regardless of the year in which the course was completed). Wherever possible, UBC will exclude the academic course with the applicant’s lowest grade so long as the course is not required or relevant to the intended area of study at UBC.

**The Core Academic Assessment (Program-Specific)**

The core academic assessment is designed to assess an applicant’s aptitude for a particular area of study within the university. The core academic assessment will vary depending upon the program to which the student has applied (see [Program Requirements for Canadian Secondary School Applicants](#)). The assessment focuses on the grades presented in all relevant academic Grade 11 and 12 (or equivalent) coursework, although in cases where the student presents a course at both the Grade 11 and the Grade 12 level, emphasis is placed upon the mark obtained in the more senior-level course. There is not a minimum number of courses required for admission, but applicants are encouraged to challenge themselves with a substantial number of courses that are relevant to their intended area of study at UBC. Certain programs may require a competitive minimum grade in individual prerequisite courses used in the core academic assessment.

**Additional Considerations**

In addition to the marks presented in the academic Grade 11 and Grade 12 (or equivalent) coursework noted above, both the overall and the core assessments may be influenced by a number of factors. While none of the following are required to gain admission to UBC, where it is potentially to the student’s advantage, the following may receive additional consideration:

- **Breadth of coursework:** Students are encouraged to pursue all their academic interests in secondary school. Students who evidence doing so by pursuing a heavier course load may be advantaged in the admissions process. This may also be evidenced by students who present dual high school diplomas through a second language immersion program.
- **Rigour of coursework:** Students are encouraged to challenge themselves in secondary school. Students who evidence doing so by presenting more academic courses, including those that contain rigorous/first-year university content may be advantaged in the admissions process. This includes courses such as Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, Calculus, or Dual-Credit.
- **Relevancy of coursework:** Students are encouraged to pursue additional courses that are relevant to their intended area of study at UBC, even if the course marks are not used in the calculation of the admission average. Students who evidence doing so may be advantaged in the admissions process. Examples include: applicants to the Faculty of Applied Science who present applied courses in electronics or robotics; applicants to the Faculty of Management who present applied courses in accounting or marketing. The relevancy of a particular course will be determined as part of the admissions process.
- **Personal Circumstance:** In some cases, it may not be possible for students to demonstrate breadth, rigour, and/or additional relevant courses. For example: an applicant may attend a school in a smaller community that does not offer a wide selection of courses; an applicant may take a smaller course load in secondary school to attend to family commitments (e.g., caring for a younger sibling) or other personal circumstances (e.g., working a part-time job to fund their education). Applicants will be invited to include this type of information with their application and such situations will be considered on a
case-by-case basis within the undergraduate admissions process.

As a general rule, grades received as a result of challenging a course may not be used in the calculation of an admission average. However, students may use challenged courses to satisfy program prerequisites such as the Bachelor of Arts Language other than English Requirement (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=18,282,857,1084#12404).

If there are circumstances where an applicant must present a challenge-based mark for a required Grade 12 mathematics, science, or English course, or where a strong academic student wishes to challenge a UBC-required Grade 12 course in order to take a more advanced course load in high school, please contact UBC Admissions (http://you.ubc.ca/contact-us/) for consideration on a case-by-case basis.

A minimum overall admission average of 67% or equivalent on a 50% pass scale is required for consideration to all undergraduate programs. Due to receipt of many more qualified applicants than there are spaces available in most programs, a higher average is often required.

Applicants who, because of administrative difficulties in their school or because they have a physical, sensory, or specific learning disability, cannot present the courses as required, may be excused a specific admissions course requirement. Supporting documentation sent by the principal of the school concerned is required.

All courses must be completed by June. Summer school courses or grades obtained in supplemental examinations will not be considered.

All offers of admission are subject to satisfactory completion of secondary school graduation requirements, completion of all required courses, and maintenance of minimum university admission standards. Offers of admission may be withdrawn from students who do not satisfy these requirements.

The Personal Profile

In order to assess a student’s preparedness and potential for university study, UBC will evaluate applicants on a broad range of criteria including academic performance, as well as personal experiences and achievements. The UBC personal profile consists of short answer questions where applicants are encouraged to share significant achievements, as well as what they have learned from their experiences and the challenges that they have overcome.

Program Requirements for Canadian Secondary School Applicants

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1 Does not include any courses classified as Applied Design, Skills, and Technologies, Career Education, Physical and Health Education, or Faith-based.

2 Outstanding applicants missing Pre-Calculus 12 or equivalent are encouraged to apply and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

The following presents categories of courses (by subject area) where course grades may be used in the overall or core academic assessments. Courses are typically presented at the Grade 11 or 12 level, although approved equivalent International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, or post-secondary courses may also be used. Subject areas below are presented as examples and do not constitute a comprehensive list of courses that may be considered in a particular category.

**Language Arts Category**

Includes courses that focus on language and literacy. Examples of subject areas include (but are not limited to): English; English
First Peoples; English/French Literature; Creative Writing.

Mathematics and Computation Category

Includes courses that focus on numeracy, numerical methods, and symbolic computation. Examples of subject areas include (but are not limited to): Mathematics; Pre-Calculus; Calculus; Computer Science; Statistics.

Visual and Performing Arts Category

Includes courses focused upon artistic expression. Examples of subject areas include (but are not limited to): Drama; Music, Media Arts.

Sciences Category

Includes courses that help us better understand our natural world. Examples of subject areas include (but are not limited to): Biology; Chemistry; Earth Science; Physics; Geology.

Second Languages Category

Includes all second language courses, excluding Introductory Language 11 courses. Examples of subject areas include (but are not limited to): French; Spanish; Japanese.

Social Studies Category

Includes courses that focus on individuals, human society and culture. Examples of subject areas include (but are not limited to): Comparative World Religions; Contemporary Indigenous Studies; Economics, Ethics, Geography, History; Law Studies, Media Studies; Philosophy, Political Science; Psychology; Social Justice.

For additional information for Canadian secondary school applicants, please see the sections specific to different provincial jurisdictions and curricula at "Applicants Following Canadian Secondary School Curriculum" [http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/prox http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/proof/edit/index.cfm?tree=2,23,69,0].

1 Applied mathematics courses, such as Foundations of Math, History of Math, or Workplace Math are not included in the assessment for any UBC program that has Pre-Calculus 12 as a prerequisite for admission.
2 While secondary school Calculus is not required for admission, the course is recognized to be rigorous and is recommended for students entering programs at UBC that require first-year Math.
3 Does not include applied courses in Information and Communications Technology.

Applicants Following the BC/Yukon Secondary School Curriculum

Applicants Following the BC/Yukon Secondary School Curriculum > Minimum Academic Qualifications

The minimum academic qualification for admission is secondary school graduation, including the following Grade 12 courses:

Grade 12 English Studies 12 or English First Peoples 12
A minimum average of 67% is required for admission to all programs. However, due to limited enrolment, a higher average is required in most programs.

Approved courses offered in French will also be accepted. (Français Langue 12 is not accepted in place of English Studies 12 or English First Peoples 12.)

For BC/YT students who graduated in 2018 and 2019: Applicants are required to write the final examinations offered by the BC Ministry of Education (BC Provincial Examinations) that are required for graduation. For admission decisions, BC Provincial Examination results will be used if the examination result increases the applicant’s admission average. However, in cases where a significant discrepancy exists between the course grade and the examination grade, UBC reserves the right to use the examination grade only.

For BC/YT students graduating in 2021 and thereafter: Applicants are required to provide a completed Literacy Assessment (part of the Ministry of Education graduation program) before UBC can make an offer of admission.

Canadian Aboriginal Language Post-Secondary Courses

UBC recognizes Canadian Aboriginal language post-secondary courses from a recognized institution for admission in place of one Grade 12 course. Please contact Undergraduate Admissions for more information.

Applicants Following the BC/Yukon Secondary School Curriculum > Post-Secondary Courses that Count Toward BC/Yukon Secondary School Graduation

The UBC Okanagan campus recognizes certain post-secondary courses, completed as part of the high school graduation requirements, for admission and for transfer credit.

For the purpose of admission, all post-secondary courses completed toward high school graduation must satisfy the requirements of the program of study to which an applicant is admitted. These courses must be transferable to the Okanagan campus in accordance with agreed-upon equivalencies published in the BC Transfer Guide (http://www.bctransferguide.ca). Successfully completed post-secondary courses are considered electives and will not be used in place of required Grade 12 courses.

The admission average will be calculated on all academic Grade 11 and Grade 12 coursework. Applicants must arrange to have an official transcript sent directly from their post-secondary institution to Undergraduate Admissions.

Courses successfully completed at recognized colleges and universities in BC and the Yukon are granted transfer credit in accordance with agreed-upon equivalencies published in the BC Transfer Guide.

1With the exception of Canadian Aboriginal language post-secondary courses. Contact Undergraduate Admissions for more information.

Applicants Following the BC/Yukon Secondary School Curriculum > Concurrent Enrolment Policy
Students who are enrolled in a BC secondary school may be admitted to the UBC Okanagan campus to pursue concurrent studies. Students pursuing concurrent studies are admitted under the Access Studies student category. Please see Access Studies for more information. The following conditions will apply at the University:

- the applicant must have a superior academic record;
- the applicant must be enrolled in a BC secondary school in a program that meets regular UBC Okanagan campus entry requirements;
- the applicant must have the written recommendation of the secondary school principal;
- the applicant must have the written consent of the parent or legal guardian if under the legal age of majority on the opening day of classes; and
- the applicant must have the support of the dean of the faculty for the courses in which the applicant plans to enrol.

Admission will initially be for one academic session but may be renewed with the continued support of the school principal and the dean. Normally no more than 12 credits may be obtained through Concurrent Studies, but students who continue to have superior academic records and the support of the school principal may seek permission from the dean to enrol in further courses.

Students in Concurrent Studies will be treated as regular students in most respects, except that they may not register in a full range of courses. Standard transcripts will be issued and fees and deadlines will be as for regular students.

Students who have enrolled in Concurrent Studies at other recognized post-secondary institutions prior to secondary school graduation may also be eligible for transfer credit.

**Applicants Following the BC/Yukon Secondary School Curriculum > British Columbia Adult Graduation Diploma (BCAGD)**

The UBC Okanagan campus recognizes the British Columbia Adult Graduation Diploma (BCAGD) for admission to the first year of an undergraduate degree.

The overall admission average will be calculated on all academic Grade 11 and Grade 12 coursework, including ABE Provincial Level English, or English Studies 12, or English First Peoples 12.

Applicants from recognized secondary schools must write the BC English 12 provincial examination, even if not required for the BCAGD.

The BC English 12 provincial examination result will be used if the examination result increases the applicant's admission average. In cases where a significant discrepancy exists between the BC English 12 course grade and the BC English 12 provincial examination grade, UBC reserves the right to use the BC English 12 provincial examination grade only.

A minimum average of 67% is required for admission to all programs. However, due to limited enrolment, a higher average is required in most programs. All courses must be completed by June. Summer school courses or grades obtained in supplemental examinations will not be considered.

Entrance requirements to specific programs parallel those for Canadian secondary school applicants. Applicants should refer to Program Requirements for Canadian Secondary School to ensure they have the required courses.
Adult Basic Education (ABE) Courses

The UBC Okanagan campus accepts the BC Certificate of Graduation (Dogwood) in combination with Adult Basic Education (ABE) Provincial Level courses completed at recognized secondary schools, adult education centres, or post-secondary institutions.

For applicants who complete ABE Provincial Level courses, but do not complete the BC Adult Graduation Diploma (BCAGD), the overall admission average will be calculated on all academic Grade 11 and Grade 12 coursework, including ABE Provincial Level English, English Studies 12, or English First Peoples 12.

Applicants Following Canadian Secondary School Curriculum

Applicants who have followed an academic program leading to university entrance will be considered for admission. Graduation from a recognized secondary school is required. Academic criteria are the primary basis for determining admissibility to UBC; however, many programs consider non-academic information as well. See Personal Profile (http://you.ubc.ca/applying-ubc/how-to-apply/personal-profile) for further information on non-academic admission criteria.

The following information should be considered in conjunction with the program-specific admission requirements listed in Program Requirements for Canadian Secondary School Applicants (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=2,356,0,0).

Academic averages for the purpose of admission to UBC are primarily based on Grade 12 final or in-progress course grades; however, an applicant's full academic history may be considered, particularly where sufficient Grade 12 grade information is not yet available. Certain programs may require a competitive minimum grade in individual prerequisite courses used in the calculation of the admission average.

Applicants must arrange for their high school grades to be submitted to Undergraduate Admissions before the stated document deadline. The grade record must include all final grades to date and a list of courses in progress with interim grades where possible. All offers of admission are subject to satisfactory completion of secondary school graduation requirements, completion of all required courses, and maintenance of minimum university admission standards. Offers of admission may be withdrawn from students who do not satisfy these requirements.

The following provincial requirements apply:

Alberta, NWT and Nunavut:

Equivalencies with BC

- English Language Arts 30-1 is the Alberta, NWT and Nunavut equivalent of BC English Studies 12. English Language Arts 30-2 cannot be used as a substitute for English Language Arts 30-1.
- Mathematics 30-1 or Pure Math 30 are the Alberta, NWT and Nunavut equivalents of BC Pre-Calculus 12.
- Math 30-2, Applied Math 30, and Math 30-3 cannot be used as a substitute for Mathematics 30-1 or Pure Math 30.
- Math 31 is the Alberta, NWT and Nunavut equivalent of BC Calculus 12.
- Alberta 20-level sciences are equivalent to BC Grade 11 sciences in the same subject area.
Other relevant Alberta courses

- UBC will consider Alberta, NWT and Nunavut courses numbered 30-2 toward an assessment of the applicant’s breadth of coursework. However, the grades for these classes will not be part of the admission decision. Grades in Math 30-2 will be used in the academic assessment, but Math 30-2 cannot be used as a substitute for Math 30-1.
- 35-level courses and associated grades can be used in the academic assessments.
- UBC will consider Alberta, NWT and Nunavut 3-credit or 1-credit classes that are relevant to an applicant’s intended area of study toward an assessment of the applicant’s breadth of coursework. The grades may be used in the admissions assessment on a case-by-case basis.

Saskatchewan

Equivalencies with BC

- English A30 and B30 together are the Saskatchewan equivalent of BC English Studies 12; one of these two English courses can be replaced with the following Français A30, Français B30 or Français Immersion.
- English Additional Language A20 or B20 cannot be used as substitutes for English A30 and B30.
- Pre-Calculus 30 is the Saskatchewan equivalent to BC Pre-Calculus 12.
- The Saskatchewan curriculum does not offer equivalents to BC Life Sciences 11, Chemistry 11 or Physics 11 but rather groups science 11 courses as Physical Science 20 or Health Science 20.
- Saskatchewan 30-level sciences are equivalent to BC Grade 12 sciences in the same subject area.

Manitoba

Equivalencies with BC

- The following English Language Arts 40S variants are the Manitoba equivalent to BC English Studies 12:
  - Comprehensive Focus
  - Literary Focus
  - Transactional Focus
  - Language and Literary Forms
  - Language and Transactional Forms
- Manitoba Anglais 40S and Français 40S can also be used to satisfy the BC English Studies 12 requirement.
- English Language Arts 40S Language and Technical Communication and English as an Additional Language for Academic Success cannot be used as equivalents to BC English Studies 12.
- Pre-Calculus Mathematics 40S is the Manitoba equivalent of BC Pre-Calculus 12.
- Manitoba 30S sciences are equivalent to BC grade 11 sciences in the same subject area.

Other relevant Manitoba Courses

- Calculus 45A combined with Topics in Math 45A are together considered the Manitoba equivalent to BC Calculus 12.

Ontario

Equivalencies with BC

- ENG4U is the Ontario equivalent of BC English Studies 12. ETS4U (Studies in Literature) and EWC4U (Writers' Craft) are Ontario equivalents to BC Literary Studies 12.
• MHF4U (Advanced Functions) is the Ontario equivalent of BC Pre-Calculus 12. MCV4U (Calculus and Vectors) is the Ontario equivalent of BC Calculus 12. MDM4U (Mathematics of Data Management) is the equivalent of BC Foundations of Math 12 and cannot be used to satisfy BC Pre-Calculus 12.
• Ontario 3U sciences are equivalent to BC grade 11 sciences in the same subject area.

Quebec

Applicants graduating from the 11-year école secondaire system are not considered for direct admission to UBC. Such students are considered only after one year in a pre-university diploma program at a CEGEP. For more information, see Applicants from a CEGEP (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=2,344,1064,0).

Nova Scotia

Equivalencies with BC
• Course numberings in Nova Scotia are closely aligned with those in BC. English 12 is the Nova Scotia equivalent of BC English Studies 12.
• Pre-Calculus 12 is the Nova Scotia equivalent of BC Pre-Calculus 12.
• Nova Scotia grade 11 sciences are equivalent to BC grade 11 sciences in the same subject area.
• Calculus 12 is the Nova Scotia equivalent of BC Calculus 12.

New Brunswick

Equivalencies with BC
• English 121 or English 122 are the New Brunswick equivalents of BC English Studies 12. Pre-Calculus A 120 and Pre-Calculus B 120 (both completed) are the New Brunswick equivalent to BC Pre-Calculus 12. Biology 111 or 112 are the New Brunswick equivalents to BC Life Sciences 11, Physics 111 or 112 are the equivalents to BC Physics 11, and Chemistry 111 or 112 are the equivalents to BC Chemistry 11. Biology 121 or 122 are the New Brunswick equivalents to BC Anatomy and Physiology 12, Physics 121 or 122 are the New Brunswick equivalent to BC Physics 12, and Chemistry 121 or 122 are the New Brunswick equivalent to BC Chemistry 12.

Other relevant New Brunswick courses
• Calculus 120 is the New Brunswick equivalent of BC Calculus 12.

Prince Edward Island (PEI)

Equivalencies with BC
• ENG 621A is the PEI equivalent of BC English Studies 12.
• MAT 611B, or one of MAT 621A or MAT 621B are PEI equivalents of BC Pre-Calculus 12.
• BIO 621A is the PEI equivalent of BC Anatomy and Physiology 12, CHE 621A is the PEI equivalent of BC Chemistry 12, and PHY 621A is the PEI equivalent of BC Physics 12.

Newfoundland and Labrador

Equivalencies with BC
• English 3201 is the Newfoundland/Labrador equivalent of BC English Studies 12.
**Math 3200 or 3201 or 3208 are the Newfoundland/Labrador equivalents of BC Pre-Calculus 12. Math 3103 and Math 3206 cannot be used as equivalents of BC Pre-Calculus 12.**

**Biology 3201 is the Newfoundland/Labrador equivalent of BC Anatomy and Physiology 12, Chemistry 3202 is the Newfoundland/Labrador equivalent of BC Chemistry 12, and Physics 3204 is the Newfoundland/Labrador equivalent of BC Physics 12.**

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**Applicants Following Canadian Secondary School Curriculum > Determining Admissibility**

Academic criteria are the primary basis for determining admissibility to the UBC Okanagan campus; however, many programs consider non-academic information as well. See youbc Okanagan (http://you.ubc.ca/admissions/how-to-apply/personal-profile/) for further information on non-academic admission criteria.

Academic averages for the purpose of admission to the UBC Okanagan campus are primarily based on Grade 12 final or in-progress course grades available in the spring; however, an applicant's full academic history may be considered, particularly where sufficient Grade 12 grade information is not yet available. Certain programs may require a competitive minimum grade in individual prerequisite courses used in the calculation of the admission average.

Applicants must arrange for their high school grades to be submitted to Undergraduate Admissions before the stated document deadline. The grade record must include all final grades to date and a list of courses in progress with interim grades where possible. All offers of admission are subject to satisfactory completion of secondary school graduation requirements, completion of all required courses, and maintenance of minimum university admission standards. Offers of admission may be withdrawn from students who do not satisfy these requirements.

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**Applicants Following Canadian Secondary School Curriculum > Specific Program Requirements**

The UBC Okanagan campus welcomes applications from qualified applicants from secondary schools in Canada. Province-specific admission requirements for programs offered by the UBC Okanagan campus are listed at youbc Okanagan (http://you.ubc.ca/applying-ubc/canadian-highschools/ok/#basic).

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**Homeschooled Secondary School Applicants**

Applicants completing their secondary school education through home study may be eligible for admission. Applicants will be considered on an individual basis and may be expected to present a recognized academic secondary school credential. Homeschooled applicants are encouraged to contact UBC (http://you.ubc.ca/contact-us/) prior to applying for admission.

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**Advanced Credit or Placement**

Advanced placement, and in many cases advanced credit, may be given in appropriate secondary school subjects where high academic achievement has been attained. This provision applies particularly to the Advanced Placement, International
Calculus Examination Certificate

Working in collaboration, UBC, Simon Fraser University, the University of Victoria, and the University of Northern British Columbia offer a three-hour calculus examination to all students who have completed, or are currently registered in, a calculus course in secondary school. Students who pass the examination will be awarded a UBC-SFU-UVic-UNBC Calculus Examination Certificate. The certificate may be presented for credit in MATH 100 at UBC, Mathematics 151 at SFU, Mathematics 100 at UVic, or Mathematics 100 at UNBC, after registering at one of the four universities. Students claiming credit at UBC will have their examination score shown on their transcript as their grade in MATH 100. Only one attempt is permitted. Students who have already started college or university may not participate. Students already eligible for transfer credit because of high AP or IB scores retain their eligibility regardless of their examination score.

The duties of organizing and hosting the examination rotate between the Mathematics Departments of the participating universities.

UBC-SFU-UVic-UNBC Calculus Exam

c/o Mathematics Department
The University of British Columbia
Vancouver, BC, V6T 1Z2
Tel: 604.822.2666
Email: challengeexam@math.ubc.ca

Applicants with International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement Courses

The UBC Okanagan campus recognizes these advanced secondary school programs for admission and for transfer credit.

Program requirements listed in Program Requirements for Canadian Secondary School Applicants will be applied to applicants, as appropriate, for the IB or AP curriculum presented for admission.

International Baccalaureate Diploma

For students who complete the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma, admission to the University will require a minimum of 24 points, including bonus points. Due to limited enrolment, a higher score will be required for admission to most programs.

IB Diploma students are required to complete all courses that are part of their IB Diploma. All courses will be considered as part of the overall assessment. UBC will focus on all IB HL and SL subject areas that fall into course categories relevant to the applicant’s intended area of study to form the core assessment. It is encouraged, but not necessary, to take IB courses to the HL level in subject areas related to the intended area of study. Ab Initio language courses and grades will be used in the overall and core assessments for students completing the full IB Diploma.

International Baccalaureate Certificate Students

International Baccalaureate certificate courses may be combined with an approved high school credential for the purpose of admission.
For students who present IB certificate courses, the admission average will be calculated on the higher of either the official IB final score or the final school grade. In those cases where an IB score is not available at the time of admission selection, the course/school grade will be used.

The grade conversion scale that will be used to determine admission based on official IB results is as follows. Note that the equivalencies are based upon whether the IB course is presented at the Standard Level (SL) or the Higher Level (HL).

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**International Baccalaureate Transfer Credit**

Credit for equivalent first-year UBC Okanagan campus courses will be awarded to students who achieve a grade of at least 5 in Higher Level IB Arts courses and 6 in Higher Level IB Science courses. Select Standard Level IB courses may be considered for credit as well. Details are provided at youbc Okanagan (http://www.ubc.ca/applying-ubc/applied/first-year-credit/ok/).

**Advanced Placement**

Advanced Placement (AP) courses may be combined with an approved high school credential for the purpose of admission.

For students who present AP courses, the admission average will be calculated on the higher of either the final AP exam score or the final school grade. In those cases where an AP examination grade is not available at the time of admission selection, the course/school grade will be used.

The grade conversion scale that will be used to determine admission based on official AP results is as follows:

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**Advanced Placement Transfer Credit**

Credit for equivalent first-year UBC Okanagan campus courses will be awarded to students who achieve a grade of 4 or better on the appropriate AP course. Details are provided at youbc Okanagan (http://www.ubc.ca/applying-ubc/applied/first-year-credit/ok/).
Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Courses Approved to Satisfy Prerequisites

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\(^1\) If it is to the applicant’s advantage, one of AP Calculus (AB or BC), IB Calculus, or the Calculus Examination Certificate ([http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=2,17,0,0#17608](http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=2,17,0,0#17608)) may be used in the calculation of the average of admission (in addition to Pre-Calculus 12), where program admission requirements allow.

\(^2\) IB Math Studies does not satisfy the prerequisite of Pre-Calculus 12.

Applicants Following the American Secondary School Curriculum

Applicants following the American secondary school curriculum must present the following minimum criteria to be considered for admission:

- graduation from an academic or college preparation program at a US regionally-accredited school;
- English to the senior level (not ESL);
- three years of mathematics to the junior level; and
- either (a) SAT I or (b) ACT plus Writing. (in countries where the SAT and ACT are unavailable, exemptions may be granted).

Certain programs may require a competitive minimum grade in individual prerequisite courses.

Students applying with a US high school diploma are recommended to present at least six senior-level courses as part of their diploma. Applicants with a strong academic record who do not present the minimum number of courses as per above will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Academic courses are generally taken in the junior or senior year of secondary school but some appropriate courses may be taken earlier than this. Inclusion of those courses in the overall or core assessment will be determined by the Undergraduate Admissions Office at the time of review. For example, it is possible for students to take AP courses, and some science courses, earlier than junior year. Courses such as these are appropriate for admission, and will be in overall and core assessments.

Program Requirements for Canadian Secondary School Applicants will be applied to applicants, as appropriate, for the US secondary school curriculum presented for admission.

The University reserves the right to determine whether or not a student is eligible for admission and to determine what transfer credit, if any, may be granted.

Applicants Following Other International Secondary School Curricula

All applicants to the UBC Okanagan campus from a secondary school offering English-medium instruction must present a minimum
final grade of 70% (or equivalent) in either junior (Grade 11) or senior year (Grade 12) English. Final grades include both the school grade and mandatory standardized examination results.

Program Requirements for Canadian Secondary School Applicants will be applied to applicants, as appropriate, for the international secondary school curriculum presented for admission.

The following list outlines the minimum standing for admission in terms of educational credentials. All students must present prerequisites appropriate for their intended program of study.

- General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) or General Certificate of Education (GCE), with standing in at least six academic courses from GCSE, AS-Levels, and A-levels and at least three of those courses being at A-level as part of their overall assessment. Applicants with a strong academic record who do not present the minimum number of courses as per above will be considered on a case-by-case basis. It is encouraged, but not necessary, to take courses to the A level in subject areas related to the intended area of study. Courses in Accounting and Business Studies/Management may be used in core and overall assessments. This is an exception to the general description of acceptable courses noted above.
- International Baccalaureate (IB). A Diploma with standing in at least six subjects, three at the standard level and three at the higher level, with a Diploma awarded.
- French Baccalaureate and French Baccalaureate International Option (OIB). Completion of the baccalauréat général or the baccalauréat général(option internationale). All sections - S (scientifique), L (littéraire), or ES (économique et sociale) - are eligible for consideration. The baccalauréat technologique may be considered for admission on a case-by-case basis.
- Singapore (completion in 2008 and onward): Applicants must present completion of the new curriculum. Admission will be based on at least five examinations, including English, with three at the H2 level and two at the H1 level.
- Students applying with a Chinese secondary school diploma are recommended to present at least six academic courses as part of their diploma. Applicants with a strong academic record who do not present the minimum number of courses as per above will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Chinese secondary school applicants are also required to present results in the National Higher Education Entrance Examination commonly known as Gaokao.
- Other international school systems not listed above. Graduation from an approved university preparation program within an education system that comprises 12 years of primary and secondary study or the equivalent. The admission average is calculated on academic courses and/or exams completed at the senior level (final year) of study. These courses and/or exams are selected by Undergraduate Admissions.

Because of the differences in world educational systems, satisfactory completion of secondary school is not necessarily an acceptable basis for admission to first year. UBC reserves the right to determine whether or not a student is eligible for admission and to determine what transfer credit, if any, may be granted.

Certain programs may require a competitive minimum grade in individual prerequisite courses.

Applicants presenting appropriate subjects with high academic achievement on Advanced Level (GCE), Singapore H2 and H3 Level, Principal Level (HSC), Higher Level (IB), French Baccalaureate, or Advanced Placement courses will, where appropriate, be considered for advanced credit or placement.

International Applicants

The University welcomes applications from outstanding international students from around the world. Well-qualified applicants from secondary schools will be considered, as well as students applying as transfer students from recognized universities and colleges. Applications from short-term visiting students from other recognized universities will also be considered. See you.ubc.ca to apply online.
For information about English language admission requirements, see English Language Admission Standard ([http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=2,19,0,0](http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=2,19,0,0)).

For more information and further assistance, international students should contact:

International Student Initiative  
The University of British Columbia  
1200-1874 East Mall  
Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z1 Canada  
Tel: 604.822.8999  
Fax: 604.822.9888  
Prospective Student Inquiries: account.you.ubc.ca/s/ask-ubc ([http://account.you.ubc.ca/s/ask-ubc](http://account.you.ubc.ca/s/ask-ubc))

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English Foundation Program and UBC Vantage College

English Foundation Program and UBC Vantage College > English Foundation Program

Undergraduate degree applicants who meet all admission requirements except the UBC Okanagan campus English Language Admission Standard may be eligible for the English Foundation Program ([http://students.ok.ubc.ca/efp/welcome.html](http://students.ok.ubc.ca/efp/welcome.html)).

Through the program, which is restricted to Bachelor of Applied Science, Arts, Fine Arts, Human Kinetics, Management, Media Studies or Science applicants, eligible students are offered conditional admission to their degree program and given an opportunity to improve their English language proficiency while completing courses that can be applied to their degree.

To qualify for the English Foundation Program, applicants must:

1. Meet all general and applicable program-specific admission requirements, excluding the minimum standards of English Language Competence ([http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=2,19,1039,0](http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=2,19,1039,0)); and
2. Present evidence of a minimum level of English language proficiency. See English Language Proficiency Tests and Programs ([http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=2,19,1040,0](http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=2,19,1040,0)) for the minimum scores required to qualify.

Depending on English language competence, students in the English Foundation Program will be enrolled in either EAP 103 (3) English for Academic Purposes Level III or EAP 104 (3) English for Academic Purposes Level IV. To be enrolled in EAP 104, students must either meet the specified minimum entry scores for the course (see English Language Proficiency Tests and Programs) or complete EAP 103 with a minimum grade of 68%.

Students may also be eligible to enrol in up to two other 3-credit courses while completing the English Foundation Program. See English Foundation Program ([http://students.ok.ubc.ca/efp/academics.html](http://students.ok.ubc.ca/efp/academics.html)) for a list of course options.

English Foundation Program students must satisfy the first-year English prerequisite to register in a first-year English course. As part of the English Foundation Program, students will be enrolled in ENGL 009 and with a passing grade in the course, will satisfy the first-year English prerequisite. See First-Year English ([http://students.ok.ubc.ca/enrolment-services/course-registration/first-year-english.html](http://students.ok.ubc.ca/enrolment-services/course-registration/first-year-english.html)) for more information.

Once enrolled in the English Foundation Program, students cannot substitute results from other English language proficiency tests
to gain full admission to their degree program.

Successful completion of the English Foundation Program requires achieving a minimum grade of 68% in EAP 104. Upon successful completion of the program, students will be granted full admission to their degree program.

**English Foundation Program and UBC Vantage College > UBC Vantage College**

UBC Vantage College offers a first year program for international students from a wide variety of international school systems, and with different linguistic and cultural backgrounds, to have the opportunity to transition into UBC degree programs upon successful completion.

For more information on UBC Vantage College, please see UBC Vantage College in the Vancouver Academic Calendar ([http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=12,307,0,0](http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=12,307,0,0)).

For more information on the minimum English entry scores required for UBC Vantage College, please see [English Language Proficiency Tests and Programs](#).

**Applicants from a Post-Secondary Institution**

**Applicants from a Post-Secondary Institution > Introduction**

Applicants with prior credit from a recognized degree program will be admitted on satisfaction of the appropriate admission requirement as outlined below. Courses successfully completed in prior study, where appropriate, may satisfy requirements of the program of study to which an applicant is admitted.

Applicants with unsatisfactory standing at a college or another university will not be admitted.

**Recognized Degree Programs in Canada**

In British Columbia, recognized degree programs are those authorized by the Ministry of Advanced Education by recommendation of the Degree Quality Assessment Board.

Recognized degree programs offered in other Canadian provinces include, but are not limited to, those offered by institutions with membership in the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (AUCC). Degree programs from other Canadian provinces not offered by AUCC member institutions will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

**Recognized Degree Programs from Outside of Canada**

In the United States, recognized degree programs include, but are not limited to, those offered by institutions with regional accreditation from one of the following accrediting bodies: Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, New England Association of Schools and Colleges, North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, National Association of Independent Schools. Degree programs from the US not offered by a regionally accredited institution will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
Degree programs offered in other countries may be recognized if they are offered by institutions authorized to do so by the national
government or a government-approved accrediting body, and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Applicants from a Post-Secondary Institution > Applicants from a College or University

Academic criteria are the primary basis for determining admissibility to UBC. For post-secondary transfer applicants, the academic
assessment consists of a review of the applicant’s academic record from all previous post-secondary institutions attended.

The minimum academic standing to qualify for admission as a transfer student is a C average (60% where 50% is a passing grade),
or grade point average of 2.0 (calculated on a 4.0-point scale), on the most recent 24 to 30 transferable credits completed, including
failed and repeated courses.

Applicants presenting fewer than 24 transferable credits are eligible for admission as a transfer student as stated above, but will, in
addition to presenting a minimum average, be required to present final secondary school records for consideration.

All applicants are required to be in good academic standing at their previous post-secondary institution(s) and present the
necessary prerequisite courses at the secondary and/or post-secondary level.

Admission to UBC is competitive and satisfying the minimum academic requirements does not guarantee admission. In determining
admissibility, UBC may consider the extent to which an applicant has:

- excelled, as evidenced by consistently strong grades and/or the number of courses registered and then successfully
  completed in any given term;
- selected courses that are relevant and/or complementary to the program to which admission is sought;
- selected a coherent sequence of progressively more challenging courses;
- pursued studies having close comparability in learning outcomes with courses typically taken within the first two years of an
  undergraduate program at UBC.

UBC may ask applicants to provide a rationale for their course selections taking into consideration the points noted above.

Depending on program, applicants may be required to present additional academic or non-academic criteria for admission.
Applicants should consult the relevant Academic Calendar entries and websites for the faculty or school to which they seek
admission for additional admission requirements specific to those programs.

Applicants from a Post-Secondary Institution > Applicants from a CEGEP

Admission

To be admitted to UBC, applicants from a collège d'enseignement général et professionnel (CEGEP) must have at least one full year
of study in a pre-university diploma program. This year must consist of twelve appropriate courses for admission, including either
two courses in ENGL (603) or two courses in FREN (601) plus any prerequisite courses required for the selected degree program.
Admission is based on all academic courses completed in the pre-university diploma program. An admission average of at least 60% is required. Many programs have more qualified applicants than spaces and a higher admission average may be required.

The *côte de rendement au collégial* (R-Score) may be used as a supplement for admission. Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit their R-Score.

**Transfer Credit**

Transfer credit for up to one full year of study may be applied toward a UBC degree for students who have completed the pre-university diploma program and been issued *diplôme d'études collégiales* (DEC). Admitted applicants who do not have a DEC will be considered for transfer credit on a case-by-case basis.

**Applicants from a Post-Secondary Institution > Applicants from an Institute of Technology**

Advanced Standing or transfer credit for up to one full year of degree study may be granted, where appropriate.

**Applicants from a Post-Secondary Institution > Program-Specific Prerequisites**

Many undergraduate programs require post-secondary transfer applicants to satisfy specific academic requirements at either the secondary or post-secondary level in order to be considered for admission.

Transfer applicants should consult Faculties, Schools, and Colleges (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/proof/edit/index.cfm?tree=18,0,0,0) for more information on program and course prerequisites for the program(s) to which they wish to apply.

In some cases, university-transferable coursework may satisfy high school prerequisites. Information on acceptable post-secondary equivalents may be obtained from an academic advisor in the faculty.

**Applicants from a Post-Secondary Institution > Maximum Allowable Transfer Credit**

In general, transfer credit is limited to the first two years of an undergraduate degree program, but credit at a more senior level is possible with the approval of the faculty concerned. No more than 60 credits of transfer credit, or 50% of required program credits, are allowed in any program, and in some programs the maximum may be less.

Courses successfully completed at recognized colleges and universities in BC and the Yukon are granted transfer credit in accordance with agreed-upon equivalencies published in the BC Transfer Guide (http://www.bctransferguide.ca). Courses successfully completed at recognized colleges and universities outside BC are likewise granted credit on the basis of established equivalencies. Where no previously determined equivalent exists, courses will be assessed for transfer credit on a course-by-course basis. Students may be required to supply a course outline in order that an assessment can be made.

1 An exception to this is the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program – Okanagan College Nursing Transfer Access. For details, see their Program Requirements.
Applicants from a Post-Secondary Institution > Unassigned Credit

Unassigned credit may be granted where a course-to-course equivalence cannot be established. This credit may be used as elective credit. Elective credit may be either in a particular discipline (e.g., ECON 1st (3) credits) or in a degree program (e.g., ARTS 2nd (6) credits). Note: there may be specific faculty or school requirements, as well as specific program requirements, that unassigned credit may not satisfy.

Applicants from a Post-Secondary Institution > Associate Degrees

Students with Associate Degrees of Arts or Science from a recognized college or university college in BC or the Yukon, if admitted to the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, are guaranteed full transfer credit (60 credits) for the work done for their associate degree. Students must still meet all 100- and 200-level course requirements for specific degree programs (e.g., majors, honours, faculty-level requirements) and this may require students to take more than 120 total credits to earn their degree. Students admitted with associate degrees must meet the competitive admission average for the program to which they apply if this average is above the published minimum.

Applicants from a Post-Secondary Institution > Credit Earned via Prior Learning Assessment or Challenge

Credits earned via prior learning assessment (PLA), challenge credit, or the equivalent at another recognized post-secondary institution are acceptable at UBC provided that the course to which those credits apply is recognized by the University as suitable for transfer credit. The University accepts only PLA credits that are assigned to specific courses.

Applicants from a Post-Secondary Institution > Appealing for Additional Credit

Students who feel an error has been made in the credit granted at time of admission should first make a written request to Enrolment Services for a review of credit granted on admission. If they are not satisfied with the review decision, students should then consult the faculty or school to which they are seeking admission.

Admission to Undergraduate Programs Requiring Prior Study

Admission requirements for undergraduate programs requiring either substantial progress toward, or completion of, a prior degree are specified in entries for the faculties and schools offering these programs. Applicants are advised that, in some cases, a recognized prior degree may not satisfy requirements for specific pre-admission studies. See Academic Programs for more information.
Mature Applicants

In seeking to admit the best and brightest students, the University recognizes evidence of academic potential in a range of achievements and life experiences. It recognizes that those who have achieved excellence, pursued interests and activities with dedication, determination, and discipline, or overcome significant hardships may have the intellectual maturity required to contribute to and benefit from degree and diploma studies at the University.

Individuals who see themselves in the above statement and who have been outside of full-time formal education for at least four years are encouraged to submit an application and supporting documents for consideration.

The University reserves the right to determine whether or not an applicant can be classified as mature. Applicants to programs with prerequisite subjects are normally required to complete these prior to admission to the program.

Canadian Aboriginal Applicants

The University of British Columbia is dedicated to making its vast resources more accessible to Aboriginal people, and to improving its ability to meet their educational needs. The University recognizes that Aboriginal students make valuable contributions to its learning environment and therefore invites inquiries and applications from Aboriginal candidates to its many and diverse fields of study.

The UBC Okanagan campus may consider applicants who do not meet the current competitive admission cut-off set by the individual faculties and schools, but who meet the UBC Okanagan campus academic minimum of 67% for direct-entry degree programs or a grade point average of 2.0 (calculated on a 4.0-point scale) for applicants applying from a recognized post-secondary institution. Applicants must also satisfy program prerequisites set by the individual faculties and schools.

The UBC Okanagan campus will admit Aboriginal students to direct-entry degree programs who have completed 18 university-level credits with a minimum 60% in each course and a 60% or C average overall. 12 credits of this coursework must be from UBC Okanagan campus courses, of which 3 credits must be from either ENGL 112 or ENGL 114. Students must also satisfy program prerequisites and admission requirements set by the individual faculties and schools.

To be considered under this admission category, applicants must self-identify as an Aboriginal applicant on their application for admission to UBC. Applicants will be the considered on an individual basis by the applicable faculty or school in consultation with a representative of the UBC Okanagan campus’ Aboriginal Programs and Services [students.ok.ubc.ca/aboriginal/welcome.html](http://students.ok.ubc.ca/aboriginal/welcome.html). Achievements that indicate an ability to succeed at university such as educational history, cultural knowledge, community participation, work experience, and educational goals will be considered.

For the purpose of application and admission to the UBC Okanagan campus, and in accordance with the Constitution Act, 1982, Part II, Section 35(2), being Schedule B to the Canada Act 1982 (U.K.), 1982, c. 11, an Aboriginal applicant is an Indian, Inuit, or Metis person of Canada.

Applicants with Disabilities

Academically qualified students who have physical, sensory, or specific learning disabilities are encouraged to attend UBC. The University has a wide variety of services, including several forms of special assistance, designed to accommodate the needs of students with disabilities.
The University will ensure that applicants are not denied admission as a result of their disability and that, where appropriate, accommodation will be made with respect to admission criteria.

Prospective applicants and students with disabilities are encouraged to contact the Disability Resource Centre (http://www.ubc.ca/okanagan/students/drc/welcome.html).

British Columbia Youth in Care Applicants

UBC is dedicated to increasing access to, and participation in, post-secondary education for prospective students who are living or have lived as a child in care in British Columbia between the ages of 12 and 19 (see eligibility criteria below). UBC recognizes that a child in care may have faced challenges that may have impacted his or her education, and therefore provides a mechanism for flexibility with respect to competitive admission thresholds.

Applicants who wish to be considered under this admission category must indicate their eligibility upon application for admission to the University. Applicants will be considered on an individual basis by the applicable faculty or school. A number of factors indicative of personal readiness to succeed at UBC will be considered.

UBC may consider applicants to direct-entry undergraduate programs under this policy who meet the University’s general admission requirements but who do not meet the competitive admission thresholds set by the individual faculties and schools.

In order to be considered under this policy, applicants must fall within one or more of the following categories:

a. The applicant is or was in the continuing custody of a director or a designated representative in British Columbia for at least one year between the date the applicant turned 12 years of age and the date the applicant turned 19 years of age.

b. The applicant was in the guardianship of a director in British Columbia for at least one year between the date the applicant turned 12 years of age and the date the applicant turned 19 years of age.

c. The applicant was subject to a youth agreement in British Columbia on the day prior to the date that the applicant turned 19 years of age.

d. The applicant was subject to a temporary custody order in British Columbia for a period of three years or longer between the date the applicant turned 12 years of age and the date the applicant turned 19 years of age.

For further information please contact admissions.ok@ubc.ca.

Readmission

This section applies to students who have previously attended UBC. For currently attending UBC students who wish to change to a different degree program or campus, please see Change of Degree Program (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=2,274,0,0) or Change of Campus (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=2,21,0,0).

Former UBC students who left In Good Standing and who have been away from certain UBC programs for less than one academic
year may qualify for academic leave and be automatically eligible to register in the same program without applying for readmission. Please see Academic Leave (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=3,326,0,0) for more information.

Former UBC students who left In Good Standing and whose automatic eligibility to register has expired must apply for readmission online through the Student Service Centre (http://students.ubc.ca/ssc) (under ‘Admissions’) and pay a non-refundable application fee. Eligibility for readmission to the same degree program at the same campus will be assessed on the basis of an applicant's performance in his/her last Winter Session at UBC. Eligibility for readmission to a different degree program (at the same or a different campus) will be assessed on the basis of an applicant's ability to satisfy applicable program-specific course requirements and meet the minimum competitive admission average of the program to which admission is sought.

Former UBC students who had received an academic standing of Failed and had been required to discontinue studies at the University may be eligible to resume their program of study at the same campus. See Academic Standing (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=3,41,91,0) and faculty academic regulations in Faculties, Schools, and Colleges (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=18,0,0,0) for more information. Students will be required to submit an application and letter of appeal for readmission online through the Student Service Centre (http://students.ubc.ca/ssc) (under ‘Admissions’) and pay a non-refundable application fee.

Former UBC students who had received an academic standing of Failed and had been required to discontinue or withdraw from their studies at the University and who are seeking admission to a different UBC degree program or campus are advised that all University and program-specific admission and advancement criteria will apply. Students will be required to submit an application and letter of appeal for readmission online through the Student Service Centre (http://students.ubc.ca/ssc) (under ‘Admissions’) and pay a non-refundable application fee. Such applications will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and students are encouraged to contact Enrolment Services for additional information.

All applicants for readmission who have attended other post-secondary institutions since leaving UBC must submit transcripts of that study for assessment.

Students readmitted to a different program may normally transfer a maximum of 60 credits applicable to the new degree program.

Applicants who have completed a bachelor’s degree at UBC and who are readmitted to a second bachelor’s degree program must meet the program requirements specific for degree holders. Please see an academic advisor or a program advisor for more information.

1 Academic evaluations are based on the average of the most recent courses attempted, including any failed or repeated courses, to a maximum of 30 credits unless otherwise prescribed by the program to which a student is applying. In cases where counting back 30 credits lands in the middle of an academic term, the average of that term will be used for the remaining credits required to reach the total of 30. Please see youbc Okanagan (http://you.ubc.ca/applying-ubc/university-college-transfer/) for more information.

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Change of Degree Program

This section applies to students who are currently attending UBC and who wish to change to a different degree program at the same campus.

Current students who wish to change to a different campus, please see Change of Campus (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=2,21,0,0).

Students who have previously attended UBC and wish to return, please see Readmission (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=2,273,0,0).
To be eligible for a program change, currently attending UBC students must be In Good Standing. They must also meet the University minimum average of 60% or 2.0 grade point average (calculated on a 4.0 scale). Some programs require a higher minimum competitive admission average and completion of specific courses.

Students who have been assigned Failed standing and had been required to discontinue or withdraw from their faculty are not normally eligible to change degree programs, but applications will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Students are encouraged to contact Enrolment Services for more information.

Students who wish to change programs must complete the Change of Degree Program/Campus form on the Student Service Centre (http://students.ubc.ca/ssc) (under 'Registration') and pay a non-refundable application fee.

Normally students may transfer a maximum of 60 credits applicable to their new program.

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Change of Campus

This section applies to students who are currently attending UBC and who wish to change from the Okanagan campus to the Vancouver campus, or vice versa, with the exception of students in the Bachelor of Applied Science program.

Current students who wish to change to a different program at the same campus, please see Change of Degree Program (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=2,274,0,0).

Students who have previously attended UBC and wish to return, please see Readmission (http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=2,273,0,0).

To be eligible for a campus change, currently attending UBC students must be In Good Standing. They must also meet the University minimum average of 60% or 2.0 grade point average (calculated on a 4.0-point scale). Some programs may require a higher minimum competitive admission average and completion of specific courses.

Students who have been assigned Failed standing and had been required to discontinue or withdraw from their studies are not normally eligible to change campuses, but applications will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Students are encouraged to contact Enrolment Services for more information.

Students who wish to change campuses must complete the Change of Degree Program/Campus form on the Student Service Centre (http://students.ubc.ca/ssc) (under 'Registration') and pay a non-refundable application fee.

Normally students may transfer a maximum of 60 applicable credits unless registered in a special inter-campus program.

1. Bachelor of Applied Science students who wish to change campuses should contact the School of Engineering Student Development Office on the Okanagan campus.

2. Academic evaluations are based on the average of the most recent courses attempted, including any failed or repeated courses, to a maximum of 30 credits unless otherwise prescribed by the program to which a student is applying. In cases where counting back 30 credits lands in the middle of an academic term, the average of that term will be used for the remaining credits required to reach the total of 30. Please see youbc Okanagan(http://you.ubc.ca/applying-ubc/university-college-transfer) for more information.
Deferred Admission

UBC recognizes that students may encounter opportunities or circumstances that could result in a request for deferred admission. Applicants who are offered admission to full-time study in the first year of a degree program may request a deferral for one year (or two years in cases of mandatory military service).

To be eligible for a deferral, the applicant must:

- Accept the offer of admission by paying a non-refundable registration deposit;
- Submit a final transcript or report of grades;
- Fulfill any conditions of the offer of admission;
- Have received a final offer of admission;
- Not be registered in any courses; and
- Submit an Admission Deferral Request to Undergraduate Admissions by August 15.

Please refer to Deferring Your Admission (http://you.ubc.ca/applying-ubc/admitted/deferring-admission/) page for detailed instruction.

Deferral will not be available to applicants who wish to attend another post-secondary institution. Applicants who attend another institution during their deferral will lose their guaranteed space and will have to reapply for admission.

Deferral may not be possible for students seeking admission to limited enrolment programs.

Students who are granted permission to defer their admission will still have to satisfy any conditions of the admission offer, such as completion of courses in progress, maintenance of a satisfactory admission average, and graduation from secondary school. They must apply to take up the deferred offer by the application deadline of the following year. They must register in the program and at the campus to which they were admitted or they will be required to reapply and compete with the new applicant pool for a space.

Registration in a Course or Program

Registration is the process of formally assigning and recording the enrolment of a student, usually in a course or courses. Registration is available only to those students who have received an offer of admission or readmission, or to students continuing from one Winter Session to the next.

Students register using the Student Service Centre (http://students.ubc.ca/ssc). Certain courses and sections are restricted.

New students will receive an offer of admission and an information package.

All undergraduate students who are newly admitted to the University must pay a non-refundable deposit to confirm their acceptance of an offer of admission before they can register for the first time.

Continuing undergraduate students are required to pay a non-refundable deposit before they can register for the first time for any session. Students must pay any overdue amount in full before paying their deposit.
For further information regarding deposits, see Deposits (Calendar page: http://appleton.ad.students.ubc.ca/okanagan/index.cfm?tree=14,338,0,0#15281). Deposits will be credited in full toward any assessed fees.

Some programs require students to confirm their acceptance of an offer of admission by paying an additional portion of their tuition fee. Students will be notified of this when they are offered admission to the program.

All students must pay their current fee installment in full by the due date.

Admission Appeals

Appeals on Admission or Readmission Decisions

Applications are screened carefully by Enrolment Services in accordance with Senate and faculty admission policies. Applicants who believe they have been unjustly denied admission or readmission to a program due to an error in process, or who believe that they deserve special consideration due to mitigating circumstances, should discuss the matter with their admissions evaluator immediately upon receipt of their final admission or readmission decision. If a satisfactory resolution cannot be achieved, the applicant may submit a written appeal to Enrolment Services for review by the faculty or school responsible for the program to which the appellant has been refused. In some instances, as detailed below, appeal cases will be reviewed by the Senate Admissions & Awards Committee.

Appeals on admission or readmission decisions will be considered on applications for the current year only and must be submitted within 14 calendar days of the date of issue on the notification of an admission or readmission decision.

The appeal form (http://senate.ubc.ca/sites/senate.ubc.ca/files/downloads/Admissions%20appeal%20form_1.pdf) (and appeal processing fee) along with (a) a letter of appeal outlining the reasons for the appeal and the circumstances relating to the appeal, and (b) any relevant supporting documents (see appeal form for details) must be submitted in one complete package to webforms.students.ubc.ca/admission-decision-appeal (http://webforms.students.ubc.ca/admission-decision-appeal) by the deadline.

All appeals on admission or readmission decisions are sent by Enrolment Services to the faculty or school responsible for the program to which the appellant has been refused.

Based on whether or not the applicant has satisfied all relevant University-level admission standards as described in the policies and official regulations of the Academic Calendar, two routes are possible:

1. If the applicant satisfies the admission standards, yet the faculty or school denies the appeal, then Enrolment Services will ask if the applicant (appellant) wishes to have their appeal package forwarded to the Senate Admissions & Awards Committee for review. The applicant has five calendar days to respond. The Committee may allow an appeal where it decides that a faculty or school may have overlooked or misinterpreted information provided by the appellant, arrived at a decision without reasonable consideration of mitigating circumstances, or acted contrary to the faculty's published procedures. The decision of the Committee will be communicated in writing to the appellant and to the dean of the faculty or school. The Committee’s decision is final.

2. If the applicant does not satisfy the admission standards, then the faculty or school's decision and comments, in addition to the appeal package, are automatically forwarded by Enrolment Services to the Senate Admissions & Awards Committee for review. The decision of the Committee will be communicated in writing to the appellant and to the dean of the faculty or school. The Committee’s decision is final.
Appeals on Revoked Admission Offers

Confirmation of the conditions of admission offers are reviewed carefully by Enrolment Services in accordance with Senate and faculty admission policies. Applicants who believe that their conditional offer of admission has been unjustly revoked due to an error in the process or who believe that they deserve special consideration due to mitigating circumstances can appeal this decision.

Appeals on revocations must be submitted within 14 calendar days of the date of the revocation decision email notifying that the offer of admission has been revoked.

The appeal form ([http://senate.ubc.ca/sites/senate.ubc.ca/files/downloads/Admissions%20revocation%20appeal%20form_1.pdf](http://senate.ubc.ca/sites/senate.ubc.ca/files/downloads/Admissions%20revocation%20appeal%20form_1.pdf)) (and appeal processing fee) along with (a) a letter of appeal outlining the reasons for the appeal and the circumstances relating to the appeal, and (b) any relevant supporting documents (see appeal form for details) must be submitted in one complete package to [webforms.students.ubc.ca/admission-decision-appeal](http://webforms.students.ubc.ca/admission-decision-appeal) by the deadline.

All appeals on revoked admission offers are sent by Enrolment Services to the faculty or school for review. If the faculty or school decides to reinstate the offer of admission and the applicant has satisfied all relevant University-level admission standards as described in the policies and official regulations of the Academic Calendar, Enrolment Services ensures that the offer is reinstated.

If the faculty or school decides to support the reinstatement of the offer, but the applicant does not satisfy the relevant University-level admission standards, then Enrolment Services forwards the complete appeal package, with the faculty or school’s decision and comments, to the Senate Admissions & Awards Committee for review.

If the faculty upholds the revocation, then the complete appeal package, with the faculty or school’s decision and comments, are forwarded by Enrolment Services to the Senate Admissions & Awards Committee for review.

The Committee may allow an appeal where it decides that a faculty or school may have overlooked or misinterpreted information provided by the applicant, arrived at a decision without reasonable consideration of mitigating circumstances, or acted contrary to the faculty’s published procedures.

The decision of the Committee will be communicated in writing to the applicant (appellant) and to the dean of the faculty or school. The Committee’s decision is final.