



UNIVERSITY OF
CALGARY

International Counsellor Resource

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CALGARY, CANADA





Dear counsellor,

I would like to acknowledge the important role you have in helping students assess and evaluate their post-secondary options. To help make your role easier, this document contains information about how to connect with us, what's new at UCalgary, admission requirements and our important dates and deadlines.

The recruitment team and I look forward to working with you in the upcoming year.

Best regards,

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ucalgary.ca/recruiters.

LAST YEAR AT A GLANCE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

21,000
APPLICATIONS

6,300
NEW STUDENTS

27,000+
STUDENTS

10%
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

155
COUNTRIES REPRESENTED
ON CAMPUS

UCalgary has more than 300 student clubs, and many of our international students host clubs related to their home country or culture. Examples include the Africa-Caribbean Student Association, Chinese Students and Scholars Association, or the Romanian Students' Association.

a bold choice

five reasons to choose UCalgary

1 Excellence in academics

Students can choose from a range of high-quality programs at one of the top 250 universities in the world. A community committed to excellence, we have 18 alumni who became Rhodes Scholars, and our Faculty of Kinesiology is the #1 sport science school in North America.

2 Research opportunities

We are a leading Canadian research university. With \$487.8 million in sponsored research funding last year, UCalgary provides students the opportunity to gain valuable research experience while helping overcome some of society's greatest challenges.

3 A supportive community

Students can access the support they need throughout their degree. With everything from immigration advising and memorable social outings by International Student Services, academic advising at the Student Success Centre and mental health and wellness professionals at Student Wellness Services, students will find the services and supports they need to thrive at our university.

4 Earn while they learn

Students can take advantage of various employment options while at UCalgary. We offer exciting paid co-operative education and internship opportunities with companies such as BMW and Garmin.

5 Adventurous lifestyle

Students can explore world-famous landscapes like Banff and Lake Louise. With the Rocky Mountains only an hour away, this is the perfect city for anyone who loves adventure.

The world-famous sites of Lake Louise and Moraine Lake are just a two hour drive from Calgary.

a bright future

oh Canada!



Choosing to live and study in Canada is a fantastic choice for your students. Here's why:

Canada is one of the best places to live in the world. Our quality of life is ranked #1.

You may have heard that Canadians are friendly and that you will often hear us say sorry! These assertions are all true. Safe, stable and friendly define Canada.

Canada has some of the most diverse landscapes in the world to explore. In Alberta, we have many world-famous sites, such as Banff National Park and Drumheller, the dinosaur capital of the world.

Full-time students on a valid study permit may work up to 20 hours/week off-campus, and are eligible for a postgraduation work permit to stay and work in Canada for up to three years.

Alberta is the only province that does not have a provincial sales tax. Residents in every other province pay up to 10% in addition to the Goods and Services Tax (GST) paid by all Canadians.

our university



#6 TOP RESEARCH UNIVERSITY IN CANADA



360 INVENTIONS AND INNOVATIONS SINCE 2017



27,000+ UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS



95% FIRST-YEAR UNDERGRADUATE RETENTION RATE



10% UNDERGRADUATE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS – FROM 155 COUNTRIES



94% GRADUATE EMPLOYMENT RATE



18 RHODES SCHOLARS



46 U SPORTS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



185,000 ALUMNI IN MORE THAN 150 COUNTRIES



14 OLYMPIC AND PARALYMPIC MEDALS WON BY STUDENTS



The new Mathison Hall will offer students a technology-rich, innovative learning environment. A rendering of the level four atrium shows some of the new classrooms and collaboration spaces.

what's new?

University of Calgary breaks ground on Mathison Hall, new building for the Haskayne School of Business

Construction began in May 2020 for the Haskayne capital expansion project, which includes the new four-storey 10,000-square-metre Mathison Hall building and renovations to Scurfield Hall. These buildings will combine to become a new home for the Haskayne School of Business when construction is completed for September 2022. The LEED Platinum project will add a dozen new classrooms — ranging in size from 40 to 100 seats — to the business school as well as new spaces for study, group work, student advising, food services and events.

These facilities will greatly enhance business education in Calgary and help equip generations of students to apply their business education to bring innovative ideas to market and entrepreneurial thinking to the economic challenges we will face in 2022 — and beyond.

“The Haskayne Capital Expansion project is an investment in the future of business education in Calgary and will bring immeasurable benefits to our students, province and economy,” says UCalgary President Ed McCauley.

Leadership and entrepreneurial thinking certificates introduced

The University of Calgary is introducing two new embedded certificates starting September 2021. The Embedded Certificate in Entrepreneurial Thinking and the Embedded Certificate in Leadership Studies will support student learning and growth in two key areas for the university.

Embedded certificates are completed as part of a bachelor’s degree, at no extra cost, and are designed to focus on a thematic area and be available to students across faculties. Completion of the embedded certificate is noted on the student’s graduation parchment.

dates and deadlines

2020

October 1

Fall 2021 undergraduate application opens

Fall 2021 competitive undergraduate awards application opens

December 1

Prestige awards deadline

December 15

Prestige awards document deadline

2021

January 1

Application for residence opens

March 1

Fall 2021 admission application deadline

Fall 2021 undergraduate awards application deadline

Deadline to make changes to program choices on admission application

March 15

Deadline for high school applicants to submit unofficial transcript and supporting documents

May 1

Deadline to pay the \$500 non-refundable admissions deposit

Early May

New students begin registering for first-year courses

June 30

Deadline for completion of all high school courses required for admission

August 1 - August 30

Deadline for high school applicants to submit final official transcripts (students can find specific details in their Student Centre at my.ucalgary.ca)

September 2 - 3

New Student Orientation

September 7

Fall semester classes begin

our university

Students can live and study on our park-like main campus — a hub of social, cultural and academic life that boasts strong campus traditions more than 50 years in the making. Our students love the heated above-ground tunnels that connect our campus in the winter months.

Explore the University of Calgary using Google Street View at ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/tours-events.

UCalgary's main campus is 526 acres of park-like space.

exceptional facilities

Taylor Family Digital Library

The Taylor Family Digital Library is one of North America's most technology- and information-rich facilities. It provides many excellent study and collaboration spaces for students.

The Atrium

The Atrium is UCalgary's very own indoor rainforest and a favourite study space for students. It features modern furniture, natural light and luscious vegetation.

International Student Services

International Student Services provides customized immigration advising prior to arrival in Canada and, once students get here, programs to help them succeed academically, make friends, and feel at home while at UCalgary. Visit ucalgary.ca/iss.

The Olympic Oval

The Oval was built for the 1988 Winter Olympic Games. You can watch an international speed skating competition or take skating lessons on the world's fastest ice.

Light rail transit and buses connect the university to the rest of Calgary, so students can easily explore the city. The university transit station is just five short stops from downtown. Students get unlimited use of public transit with their student UPass.

Other resources

GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR WEB RESOURCES

Access helpful resources for students and counsellors. Learn more at ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/counsellors.

STUDENT WELLNESS SERVICES

Medical and mental health services are available on campus. Learn more at ucalgary.ca/wellness-services.

CAREER SERVICES

Students can receive professional support as they prepare for their career after graduation. Learn more at ucalgary.ca/careers.

UCALGARY DINOS

Do you have students who are interested in playing for the Dinos? Students should directly contact the head coach of the sport they are interested in. Learn more at godinos.com.

APPLYING FOR STUDY PERMITS

Staff in International Student Services can legally answer questions from international students about the study permit application process. For more information, visit ucalgary.ca/iss/immigration/study-permits.

LIVING ON CAMPUS

Students are guaranteed a home on campus for the first two years of study if they apply for residence by May 1, 2021. Learn more at ucalgary.ca/residence.

areas of study

Part of the initial application process for our four year undergraduate degree programs is to select a major, which is a student's main focus of study. They can further customize their degree by choosing a minor in an upper year, integrating a certificate into their degree*, or taking a combined degree option and earn two degrees in five years.†

*Learn more at ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/embedded-certificates.

†Learn more at ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/combined-degrees.

FACULTY OF ARTS

Bachelor of Arts

Ancient and Medieval History ^{1,2}	Greek and Roman Studies ^{1,2}	Spanish ^{1,2}
Anthropology ^{1,2}	History ^{1,2}	Urban Studies ²
Archaeology ^{1,2}	International Indigenous Studies ²	Bachelor of Fine Arts
Art History	International Relations ²	Dance
Communication and Media Studies ^{1,2}	Italian Studies ²	Drama
Dance	Latin American Studies ²	Visual Studies ^{1,2}
East Asian Language Studies ²	Law and Society ^{1,2}	Bachelor of Music
East Asian Studies ²	Linguistics ^{1,2}	Composition
Economics ^{1,2}	Linguistics and Language ²	Integrated Studies
English ^{1,2}	Music ¹	Performance
Film Studies ^{1,2}	Multidisciplinary Studies	Bachelor of Science
French ^{1,2}	Philosophy ^{1,2}	Anthropology ^{1,2}
Gender and Sexuality Studies ^{1,2}	Political Science ^{1,2}	Archaeology ^{1,2}
Geography ^{1,2}	Psychology ^{1,2}	Earth Science ^{1,2}
German ^{1,2}	Religious Studies ^{1,2}	Geography ^{1,2}
Global Development Studies ^{1,2}	Russian ^{1,2}	Psychology ^{1,2}
	Sociology ^{1,2}	

HASKAYNE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Bachelor of Commerce

Accounting ^{1,2}	International Business Strategy ^{1,2}	Real Estate Studies ^{1,2}
Business ^{1,2}	Marketing ^{1,2}	Risk Management and Insurance ^{1,2}
Business Analytics ^{1,2}	Operations Management ^{1,2}	Risk Management: Insurance and Finance ^{1,2}
Business Technology Management ^{1,2}	Organizational Behaviour and Human Resources ^{1,2}	Supply Chain Management ^{1,2}
Entrepreneurship and Innovation ^{1,2}	Personal Financial Planning ^{1,2}	
Finance ^{1,2}	Energy and Professional Land Management ^{1,2}	

Note: If you do not know which of the above concentrations to choose, you can select the Business concentration to explore an array of courses, and then switch to a more specific one in an upper year.

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

Bachelor of Science

Actuarial Science ^{1,2}	Computer Science ^{1,2}	Neuroscience (honours only)
Astrophysics ^{1,2}	Ecology ^{1,2,3}	Physics ^{1,2}
Biochemistry ^{1,2,3}	Environmental Science ^{1,2}	Plant Biology ^{1,2,3}
Biological Sciences ^{1,2}	Geology ^{1,2}	Zoology ^{1,2,3}
Cellular, Molecular and Microbial Biology ^{1,2,3}	Geophysics ^{1,2}	
Chemistry ^{1,2}	Mathematics ^{1,2}	
	Natural Sciences ^{1,2}	

CUMMING SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Bachelor of Health Sciences (honours only)

Bioinformatics
Biomedical Sciences
Health and Society

Bachelor of Community Rehabilitation

Community Rehabilitation

WERKLUND SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Bachelor of Education

Five-Year (Combined)^{4,5}
Four-Year (Campus-based)

SCHULICH SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

Bachelor of Science in Engineering

Chemical Engineering ²	Mechanical Engineering ²
Civil Engineering ²	Oil and Gas Engineering ²
Electrical Engineering ²	Software Engineering ²
Geomatics Engineering ²	

Note: Engineering students apply to a major after a common first year.

PROGRAMS REQUIRING PREVIOUS POST-SECONDARY STUDY

Education (after-degree)	School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape
Energy Engineering ²	School of Public Policy
Graduate Studies	Social Work ⁶
Law	Veterinary Medicine (Canadian students with Alberta residency only)
Medicine (Canadian students only)	

FACULTY OF NURSING

Bachelor of Nursing

Nursing¹

FACULTY OF KINESIOLOGY

Bachelor of Kinesiology

Kinesiology¹
Mind Sciences in Kinesiology¹

Bachelor of Science

Biomechanics¹
Exercise and Health Physiology¹
Kinesiology¹
Mind Sciences in Kinesiology¹

FOOTNOTES

- Honours program offered in upper years
- Co-operative education and/or internship option available
- Direct entry honours program
- Must meet entrance requirements for combined degree program
- Combined education program requires that students complete two degrees concurrently
- Online option available

admission requirements

	ESTIMATED COMPETITIVE ADMISSION AVERAGE	REQUIRED SUBJECTS FOR ADMISSION
FACULTY OF ARTS Dance*, Drama, Music*, Visual Studies* <i>*Additional supplementary requirements</i>	• Mid 70s	• English • Four additional courses
FACULTY OF ARTS Earth Science	• High 70s	• English • Mathematics • Chemistry • Two additional courses
FACULTY OF ARTS Economics, Geography (BA, BSc), Psychology (BA)	• Economics and Geography: mid 70s • Psychology: mid 80s	• English • Mathematics • Three additional courses
FACULTY OF ARTS Psychology (BSc)	• Mid 80s	• English • Mathematics • Biology • Chemistry • One additional course
FACULTY OF ARTS All other programs	• Mid 70s	• English • Four additional courses
CUMMING SCHOOL OF MEDICINE Community Rehabilitation	• High 70s	• English • Biology • Three additional courses
CUMMING SCHOOL OF MEDICINE Health Sciences* <i>*Additional supplementary requirements</i>	• High 80s	• English • Mathematics ¹ • Chemistry • Biology • One additional course
HASKAYNE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS	• Low 80s	• English • Mathematics • Three additional courses
FACULTY OF KINESIOLOGY	• Mid 80s	• English • Mathematics ^{2,3} • Chemistry • Biology • One additional course ³
FACULTY OF NURSING	• High 80s	• English • Mathematics • Chemistry • Biology • One additional course
FACULTY OF SCIENCE* <i>*Students are encouraged to take high school science courses related to their intended majors</i>	• Honours and Neuroscience: low 90s • Biology: mid 80s • Computer Science: mid 80s • All other programs: high 70s Note: Natural Science and Earth Science majors must meet the admitting average of their concentration.	• English • Mathematics • Two science courses • One additional course
SCHULICH SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING	• Mid 80s	Regular admission route ⁴ : • English • Mathematics • Calculus ¹ • Chemistry • Physics Biology-based admission route ⁵ : • English • Mathematics • Calculus ¹ • Chemistry • Biology

ESTIMATED COMPETITIVE ADMISSION AVERAGE REQUIRED SUBJECTS FOR ADMISSION

WERKLUND SCHOOL OF EDUCATION (Four Year) Elementary: Early Childhood Education K-12: Early Childhood Education	• Low 80s to mid 80s, depending on teachable subject area	• English • Mathematics • Three additional courses
Elementary: English Language Arts, Fine Arts Education Secondary: English Language Arts, Fine Arts Education – Drama, Fine Arts Education – Visual Arts K-12: English Language Learners, Second Languages	• Low 80s to mid 80s, depending on teachable subject area	• English • Four additional courses
Elementary: Mathematics, Science Secondary: Mathematics, Science - Biology, Science - Physics	• Low 80s to mid 80s, depending on teachable subject area	• English • Mathematics • Two science courses • One additional course
Elementary: Social Studies, Social Studies - Revitalization of Indigenous Languages Secondary: Social Studies K-12: Social Studies - Revitalization of Indigenous Languages	• Low 80s to mid 80s, depending on teachable subject area	• English • History • Three additional courses
WERKLUND SCHOOL OF EDUCATION (Five Year) COMBINED DEGREE	• Low 80s to mid 80s, depending on teachable subject area	• Course requirements for the combined degree program must be met. For degree combinations, see werklund.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate-programs/future-students/pathways-and-admissions/five-year-concurrent-bachelor .

- 1 A grade of at least 70% in Grade 12 or senior level Mathematics is required
- 2 A grade of at least of 70% in Grade 12 or senior level Mathematics is required for Biomechanics and Exercise and Health Physiology
- 3 Calculus is required and Physics is recommended for Biomechanics
- 4 If Calculus was not attempted, the final admission average will be a minimum of 5% higher. Calculus will be replaced with another approved course.
- 5 Admission offers via the Biology-based admission route are conditional on successful completion of the Schulich School of Engineering Summer Bioengineering Institute prior to the start of the engineering program.

International Curriculums

International Baccalaureate (IB):

Diploma holders

By presenting an IB diploma with three higher-level courses and all grades above three, students will be considered for admission based on their overall diploma score.

If a student is currently completing the IB diploma, the initial evaluation of their application will be based on their predicted IB grades. If they have completed the IB diploma, they will be evaluated on their final IB results.

The extended essay, theory of knowledge, and creativity, action and service (CAS) components are included as part of the total IB score calculation. IB course code is 000088.

Certificate holders

By presenting an IB certificate, students will be considered for admission based on five faculty-specific subjects. Individual IB courses are converted into a percentage score and combined with high school

courses from other curriculums to calculate the admission average.

General Certificate of Education (GCE):

Students presenting GCE or GCSE will be considered using five academic courses. Applicants can be considered with two courses at the Advanced Level (A) and three GCSE/Ordinary Level, or four courses at the Advanced Subsidiary Level (AS) and one at the GCSE/Ordinary Level. If their studies are in progress, the initial evaluation will be based on exam board issued GCSE results, as well as predicted/mock GCE AS or A Level results issued by your school.

American Curriculum:

The competitive admission average (GPA) is based on five high school subjects. Students need four years of English. The following courses are equivalent to Canadian senior level subjects:

- Honours, AP and IB courses (AP/SAT course code is 0813)
- Junior and Senior (all courses)

French Baccalaureate:

Students presenting the French Baccalaureate diploma will have their admission averages calculated using the faculty-specific subjects. Some French Baccalaureate courses are equivalent to multiple courses. If they are currently completing the French Baccalaureate diploma, the initial evaluation of your application will be based on year 12 interim grades. Specific course assessments are:

- Mathématiques is equivalent to Mathematics and Calculus
- Phys-chimie is equivalent to both Physics and Chemistry
- Sc. Vie Terre (SVT) is equivalent to Biology

Blended Curriculum

Students who present multiple curricula may be eligible if the required Grade 12 or senior-level subjects are presented.

English language requirements

There are three ways to meet our English language entrance requirements: high school studies, English language test scores, and the Academic Communication Certificate.

High school studies

To meet the English language requirements with a student's high school studies, they must have completed three years of study with English as the primary language of instruction at an accredited high school (including CIS-accredited high schools). This must include at least three years of English from an exempt country, with a student's final English course being equivalent to Alberta's senior level (Grade 12) English.

Learn more at ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/elp-exempt-countries.

English language test scores

If a student's high school education does not fulfil UCalgary's English language requirements, they can present one of the minimum scores listed in the table below.

Note: Our school code for the TOEFL exam is **0813** and the department code is **00**.

Academic Communication Certificate (ACC)

The ACC is for English learners who want to enter a university program. If a student applies for undergraduate admission and complete the ACC through UCalgary Continuing Education by the end of summer term in the year of application, they could be considered for conditional admission to a degree program.

Learn more at esl.ucalgary.ca/programs/academic-communication-certificate.

Acceptable English Language Tests

Minimum score

Advanced Placement (AP) English Literature and Composition, or English Language and Composition	4
CAEL	70
Cambridge English: Advance CAE	180
Cambridge English: Proficiency CPE	180
GCE/GCSE English Language or Literature	B or 6
IELTS (International English Language Testing System)	6.5
IB Higher or Standard Level English A	5
IB Higher Level English B	6
PTE Academic (Pearson Test of English Academic)	60
TOEFL – Internet-based (IBT)	86
TOEFL – Paper-based (PBT)	560

NURSING PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

One of the following:

- TOEFL score of 92 (with a minimum of 23 in each sub-score)
- IELTS score of 7.0 (with no bands below a 7.0)

EDUCATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

One of the following:

- TOEFL score of 108 (with a minimum of 27 in each sub-score)
- IELTS score of 8.0 (with no bands below a 7.0)

For more details on English language requirements and exempt countries, visit ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/a-11.

costs and funding

Approximate costs for an international student's first year (September to April)

COSTS*	CAD\$	Estimate in US\$†	
Tuition	Haskayne School of Business ~	\$22,799	\$17,099
	Schulich School of Engineering ~	\$22,189	\$16,642
	All other programs ~	\$20,172	\$15,129
General fees (includes transit pass, health plan and dental plan)		\$1,295	\$972
Books and supplies (two terms)		\$500 – \$1,500	\$375 – \$1,125
Living expenses and spending money		\$1,000 – \$4,000	\$750 – \$3,000
First-year double room		\$3,875	\$2,906
7-day All You Care to Eat meal plan		\$4,987	\$3,740
TOTAL	\$31,829 – \$38,456	\$23,872 – \$28,842	

* All costs cover an eight-month period and are based on a full first-year course load and a typical student's experience in residence. Fees are based on the 2020 – 2021 academic year.

† Tuition fees are reviewed regularly by the Board of Governors, in consultation with students. Full fee information is available at ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/p-1-1.

~ Most bachelor's degrees take four years of full-time study to complete.

‡ Exchange rate may vary. Actual amount depends on the exchange rate at the time of payment.

COST ESTIMATOR

Our online cost estimator tool helps students plan their expenses.

Students can access the tool at ucalgary.ca/cost-estimator

\$17M+
in scholarships,
bursaries and
awards available
annually

Prestige awards
valued at
**\$39,000 -
\$100,000**

40%
of entering
students receive
scholarships,
bursaries and
awards

\$5,000
scholarships for new
students with an
admission average
of 95% and above

\$2,000
scholarships for
IB students with
a 35 or higher
diploma score

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The University of Calgary acknowledges the traditional territories of the people of the Treaty 7 region in Southern Alberta, which includes the Blackfoot Confederacy (comprising the Siksika, Piikani, and Kainai First Nations), as well as the Tsuut'ina First Nation and the Stoney Nakoda (including the Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Wesley First Nations). The City of Calgary is also home to Métis Nation of Alberta, Region III. The University of Calgary is situated on land adjacent to where the Bow River meets the Elbow River, and the traditional Blackfoot name of this place is "Moh'kins'tsis," which we now call the City of Calgary.

The information in this publication is continually reviewed and subject to change.