

University News

The latest updates straight from the Universities.

Important Reminders:

- ✓ Offers are always under review right up until final marks are received.
- ✓ Most schools have removed MGA4U as an admission requirement for Engineering programs (some schools specify limitations to this rule → see Queens, UOIT and Laurentian sections below for more details)
- ✓ Order of choices on OUAC application - all schools will treat program & school choices equally regardless of their order on the OUAC application form
- ✓ Night school, summer school, virtual school courses – most schools will evaluate a credit equally, regardless of whether it is obtained at day school, night school, summer school, virtual school or a private academy (some schools limit private academy credits in consideration of scholarships → see Waterloo section below for more detail)
- ✓ Retaken courses – if students have taken a course more than once, most schools take the higher of the two grades in admission average calculation (some schools specify limitations to this rule → see Queens & Waterloo sections below)
- ✓ Grade 11 marks – are only used to give early offers of admission by some universities AND to give offers of auditions for some fine arts programs (→ see York and OCAD sections below)
- ✓ Read and highlight any letters you receive from the universities to be sure you don't miss anything!
- ✓ Difficult to make a decision about where to attend without visiting the campuses!
- ✓ When accepting an offer on-line, be sure you receive a confirmation number – no confirmation number, no acceptance.

It is very important to check the websites of the universities you have applied to regularly, to ensure that you do not miss any information about supplementary and scholarship application deadlines!

Brock University

- In Feb. 2006, a limited number of offers will be issued based on academic standing in final 11 U/M courses, successful completion of at least one 12U/M courses and registration in required prerequisite 12U/M courses
- Concurrent Education Profile Questionnaire must be downloaded from the website at <http://concurrent.ed.brocku.ca> and must be received by mail, courier or in person by **January 11, 2006**
- The deadline for most donor scholarships and bursaries is **March 31, 2006** (Brock Leaders Award deadline is **March 17, 2006**)
- Guaranteed entrance scholarships for averages 80%+ (\$1,550-\$10,000)
- Residence cut-off is 75%
- IBT TOEFL minimum is 100

- Students encouraged to complete the Student Profile form, available on-line in January – may give consideration other than marks

Laurentian University

- Has a **fairly new Medical School** – Northern Ontario School of Medicine – designed for students more likely to live and work in northern Ontario (affiliated with Lakehead University) → same entrance requirements as McMaster → no MCAT
- **New program:** Masters in Science Communication
- Provide a \$1,000 scholarship for leadership → one student per Ontario high school
- Engineering still requires MGA4U as requirement

Carleton University

- **Six new clusters offered in 2006-2007:** Mind and Language, Cultures in Context, Canada and the World, Human Rights, Sustainability, Criminology
- Will start making conditional offers in January using a combination of grade 11 or 12 (U or M) marks
- IBT TOEFL score is 86, minimum of 22 on speaking and writing and 20 on listening and reading → 3 years in an English medium school is required for exemption
- Carleton will be offering co-op in Sociology/Anthropology, Law and Economics along with the new Biomedical and Electrical Engineering program
- **Two new scholarships:** The Arthur Kroeger College National Scholarship (\$2,000 above entrance scholarship) and The Cognos Scholarship (\$20,000 over 4 years)

(Wilfrid) Laurier University

- The following courses will be considered for AP transfer credit assessment: Calculus, Chemistry, Economics
- New Kinesiology program at Brantford campus
- Admission average is calculated on best 6 12 U/M courses, which may NOT include the courses required for the program
- Deadline for supplementary applications for teaching and journalism is **February 24, 2006**; deadline for Applicant Background Summary is **March 20, 2006**.
- **New Programs:** Politics, Philosophy and Economics (PPE), Journalism, Mediterranean Studies

McMaster University

- The Arts and Science and Bachelor of Health Sciences programs require the electronic submission of a **mandatory supplemental application by February, 10, 2006**
- IBT TOEFL requirement is 86 (minimum score of 20 in each category) → only require 3 years in an English medium school to be exempt
- **Two new programs** include Medical Radiation Sciences and Software Engineering and Game Design → leads to a B.Eng. with option of M.Eng. with only one more year of study
- Entrance scholarships for averages 80%+ (\$750-\$3,000) → renewable

University of Guelph

- **New programs:** a Bachelor of Bio-Resource Management with specialization in Horticultural Management and Environmental Management (at Ridgetown); co-op option with the major in Public Management (Bachelor of Commerce)
- In February, acceptance will begin to go out to students based on the basis of the existing U or M courses → this consists of 25% of the class

Ontario College of Art and Design (OCAD)

- No longer offers any diploma programs
- Lowest overall average considered is 70%; lowest mark in ENG4U considered is 70%
- Portfolio Interviews will be held February 13-17, 2006
- Recommended that students attend a Portfolio Clinic at OCAD to help prepare them for the Portfolio Interview.

University of Ontario Institute of Technology

- Offers a Bachelor of Business Management and a Bachelor of Commerce → Correction to INFO guide: only the Bachelor of Commerce requires a 4U math
- Engineering still requires MGA4U, but can apply without it
- 3 Engineering buildings – partnerships with General Motors and Ontario Power Generation

University of Ottawa

- Guaranteed residence to all first year students who are admitted before **June 2, 2006**
- Guaranteed (renewable) scholarships for average 80%+ (\$1,000-\$4,000)
- Athletic scholarships available (\$1000) to student athletes who are members of Gee-Gee sports teams (NB: these scholarships are ONLY available once you are a student at the University of Ottawa → they are not allowed to award these to students coming from high school)
- **New Programs:** Applied Ethics, Biomedical Mechanical Engineering, Anthropology, History and Theory of Art, Life Sciences
- **New Co-Op Programs:** Anthropology, Physical Geography, Civil Law and the Joint Honours program in Economics/Mathematics and Geography/Environmental Studies
- Have option of taking a) French Immersion in the existing program, b) individual Immersion courses in their second language or c) second language certification

Queen's University

- **New program:** Bachelors in International Development Studies
- No longer need four 4U courses for entry for most programs (exception is Engineering) → most require ENG4U and two other 4U courses
- **Retaken courses** for Faculties of Engineering and Commerce → the average of all attempts of a course are used in the admission average
- Residence guaranteed for all first year students
- Scholarship application deadline: **January 31, 2006**; document deadline (includes supp. apps): **March 17, 2006**
- Last year's incoming average was around 88% → looking to keep it that way
- For Faculty of Engineering, other courses may be **substituted for MGA4U** (i.e. SBI4U) if the resulting admission average (including the substitution) is 85%+

Ryerson University

- Early offers of admission will be sent out **April 4 - 19, 2006** for students who have overall averages of 75-80% in their best 3-6 Grade 12U/M courses
- Unless otherwise noted, a final average of at least 70% in their best 6 Grade 12U/M and a final mark of at least 60% in all program requirements must be maintained or offer will be rescinded
- Ryerson University will use Grade 11 results in the admission process for Fall 2006
- **New programs:** Psychology, Biology/Chemistry/Contemporary Sciences, Medical Physics
- Statement submissions (essays) for Radio & TV and Graphic Communication programs are due **March 1, 2006**.
- TOEFL scores range from 83-93 (math and science programs requires 83-87--: all others require 92-93)
- **Residence is NOT guaranteed** → it is based on geographic distance with individuals living the farthest away getting first priority
- Students requesting an extension of the June 30 course completion deadline are asked to email their request in writing to xtension@ryerson.ca → extension are not guaranteed and are not addressed/granted until May grades are known

still, now it is possible to change your original choice by going to <http://www.artsandscience.utoronto.ca/collegesandresidences/index.html>.

- **New Major programs at UTM** (Mississauga Campus): Health Science Communication, Bioinformatics, Diaspora and Transnational Studies, Accounting Specialization.
- **UTM will now take up to three AP credit courses for transfer**
- At UTSC (Scarborough Campus), MGA4U and SPH4U are no longer prerequisites for admission for Life Sciences programs
- MGA4U is still required for upper year courses in the majority of programs in the Mathematical and Physical Sciences
- New entrance scholarships for UTSC (\$400-\$1,500)

University of Waterloo

- For most courses, repeated courses will not affect admission decisions, however, for Software Engineering and programs in the Faculties of Engineering and Mathematics, applicants are asked to comment on repeated courses on the Admission Information Form. In most cases, the overall admission will be adjusted.
- Summer and night school courses will be accepted at par. For programs in the Faculty of Mathematics, in some cases, the overall admission score will be adjusted
- **Most programs which have required ENG4U, now require any one of the three Grade 12 U courses. Engineering, including Architecture and Software Engineering, continue to require ENG4U**
- A second Arts-related course is no longer required for the Faculty of Arts
- The Faculty of Mathematics now has separate language requirements for its co-op and regular programs
- **The Faculty of Arts now offers 2 New Majors:** English – Literature and Rhetoric, and Peace and Conflict Studies
- Computing and Financial Management is a new program offered jointly by the School of Computer Science and the School of Accountancy
- **The Faculty of Science is introducing 2 New Specializations** - Medical Chemistry for Chemical Majors and Biotechnology for Science and Business majors
- The Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy will start to be offered in Sept 2007
- Residence is guaranteed for all first year students
- Applicants with a 90%+ average will receive a \$2,000 President Scholarship

University of Western Ontario

- The Faculty of Social Science now provides an Honours Specialization in: Geography, Geographic Information Systems, International Relations, American Cultural Studies, Canadian-American Relations → New Majors offered include Criminology and American Studies
- The Faculty of Science now provides an Honours Specialization in: Physics, Astrophysics, Medical Physics, Materials Science, Biomaterials, Planetary Science, Biochemistry and Cell Biology, Pathology and Toxicology → New Majors include Conservation Biology and Ecosystem Health
- Engineering program will accept ANY 4U in place of MGA4U
- Student profiles due **April 28, 2006**
- Admission will begin in January and continue until late May
- If accepted a student may defer their offer with a letter and deposit, as long as they do not attend another post-secondary institution
- **Final marks including prerequisites are used for scholarship purposes**
- **Guaranteed residence for TWO years if admission average is 90%+**

University of Windsor

- Required courses don't have to be included in top 6 U/M considered for admission
- Entire campus will be wireless by end of 2006
- Alternative offers are given

York University

- **New GO train stop** at York on King/Maple line
- **New Faculty:** Health Faculty
- They will give multiple offers in different faculties → let students choose