

Students who have satisfied the requirements for admission to a European university are generally considered eligible for admission to a Canadian university. Written and oral tests of facility in English or French may be required.

Middle East, Asia, South American and non-Commonwealth African countries

Applicants must produce evidence of having passed an examination such as the British GCE, the US College Entrance Examination Board Tests, the Bacillerato or other examinations that would admit them to university in their own countries.

International baccalaureate

Most Canadian universities recognize the international baccalaureate within the framework of their own admission requirements.

Degree programs and courses²

University programs of three to five years' duration usually lead to a bachelor's degree in arts, pure science or such professional disciplines as engineering, business administration, and agriculture. Degrees in law, theology, dentistry, medicine, and some other subjects take longer to acquire, and in many cases require the completion of a first-degree program in arts or science for admission. Admission of visa students to many professional schools is limited. In the majority of universities, a student may study for either a general or pass bachelor's degree or for an honours bachelor's degree. The honours-degree program, which generally involves an additional year of study, requires a greater concentration on one or two subjects and is open only to students with high academic standing. In most universities, the bachelor's degree is awarded with first-class, second-class or pass standing.

Students who wish to study for an advanced degree must first obtain a bachelor's degree. The minimum time required for the second degree, the master's, is one year beyond the honours bachelor's degree. The student is required to follow lectures in a specific number of subjects and is normally required to prepare a thesis. For the doctorate

²Detailed information concerning course offerings, degree programs and requirements is contained in the *Directory of Canadian Universities*, and the *Commonwealth Universities Yearbook*, referred to in footnote 1, page 1.