

and some other subjects take longer to acquire, and in many cases require the completion of a first-degree course in arts or science for admission. In the majority of English-language 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 normally involves an additional year of study, is open only to those with special academic standing, and requires a greater concentration on one or two subjects. In most universities, the bachelor's degree is awarded with first-class, second-class or pass standing. In the French-language institutions of Quebec, the *diplôme d'études collégiales* is the prerequisite for admission to university.

Students who wish to study for an advanced degree must have obtained 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 -- Ph.D. or equivalent degree -- at least two years beyond the master's degree are required or three years beyond the honours bachelor's degree. Generally, however, more time is required to complete this degree. The completion of the doctorate generally requires formal class-work, a thesis and an oral examination on the thesis. Enrolment in many professional schools is limited and therefore admission can by no means be guaranteed to all students who successfully complete the pre-professional requirements.

Degrees from Canadian universities are usually recognized as equivalent to degrees obtained in universities of the Commonwealth or the United States. Students coming to Canada from other countries would be wise, before leaving home, to inquire about the recognition given to Canadian degrees at home.

- (c) Language requirements All Canadian universities require evidence of language proficiency, but not all require a test. Consequently, a student should not take a test unless invited to do so by a Canadian university that has found him otherwise qualified for admission. An immigration officer may also require proof of language proficiency before granting a visa.

The tests now in use are the following:

- English: (i) The English-proficiency test administered in many parts of the world by the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, U.S.A. This can be taken at any time, and results are provided within six weeks of application.