

(v) *International baccalaureate:*

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

(b) *Degree programs and courses*³

University courses normally lead, in from three to five years, 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 normally 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—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. The completion of the doctorate generally requires formal classwork, a thesis and an oral examination on the thesis.

Degrees from Canadian universities are usually recognized as equivalent to degrees obtained in universities of the Commonwealth and the United States. Students coming to Canada from other countries should inquire about the recognition given to Canadian degrees in their home country.

³Detailed information concerning course offerings, degree programs and requirements is contained in the *Directory of Canadian Universities*, published by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (151 Slater Street, Ottawa, K1P 5N1, Canada) for \$7.00, and available for consultation at Canadian diplomatic posts. The *Commonwealth Universities Yearbook*, available from the Association of Commonwealth Universities Association (36 Gordon Square, London, England, WC1H 0PF, and the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada), can also be referred to for this information. A partial list of summer courses is contained in a brochure entitled *Summer in Canada*, obtainable from the Canadian Bureau for International Education (141 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5J3), and also available for consultation at Canadian posts abroad.