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## UNIVERSITY STUDY IN CANADA

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### I Admission requirements

(a) General information The admission requirements of Canadian universities vary from province to province. Most universities state their requirements for admission to first-degree courses in terms of the secondary-school leaving certificate issued by the department of education of the province in which the university is located.

French-language institutions in Quebec state their requirements in terms of the *diplôme d'études collégiales* (DEC). The admission of students from outside Canada is decided solely by individual universities. As a rule, universities treat equivalent certificates from other countries as qualification for entrance.(2)

Some examples of acceptable foreign certificates are:

- (i) *Britain:* It is the common practice for Canadian universities to treat the British General Certificate of Education as equivalent to junior matriculation when there is evidence of at least five passes at the "ordinary" level, and as equivalent to senior matriculation when there are five passes of which two are at the "advanced" level.

(1) Les étudiants étrangers qui désirent poursuivre des études universitaires au Canada en français peuvent consulter les pages documentaires No 117 intitulées: "Etudes universitaires au Canada" (Revision de juillet 1974).

(2) A detailed listing of requirements for admission to first-degree courses in Canadian universities is published each year in an appendix to the *Commonwealth Universities Yearbook*. A reprint of this appendix, entitled *Perspective*, is also available from the Service for Admission to College and University, 151 Slater Street, Ottawa K1P 5N1, Canada, for \$2.00 in Canada and \$2.50 elsewhere. Copies of this reprint may also be consulted at Canadian diplomatic and consular posts abroad. The calendars of the universities, which can be obtained from their registrars, also contain official and detailed statements about their admission requirements.