

(b) Degree programs and courses³

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, agriculture and education. 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 course in arts or science for admission. Enrolment in many professional schools is limited, and admission can, therefore, by no means be guaranteed to all students who successfully complete the pre-professional requirements. 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 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.

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.

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 would

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- 3 Detailed information concerning course offerings, degree programs and requirements is contained in *Universities and Colleges of Canada, 1975*, obtainable from Statistics Canada and 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* 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 (151 Slater Street, Ottawa, K1P 5H3), and also available for consultation at Canadian posts abroad.