

theology, dentistry, medicine and some other fields take longer, 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 in 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 in Quebec, the diplôme d'études collégiales is a prerequisite for admission in the faculties of letters, theology, and into professional faculties.

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 two years of study beyond the pass bachelor's degree, and one year beyond the honours 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, or three years beyond the honours bachelor's degree, are required. 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 or the United States. Students coming to Canada from other countries would be wise, before leaving their home countries, 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 which has found him otherwise qualified for admission.

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.
- (ii) The test leading to the certificate of proficiency in English of the University of Cambridge. This is given only twice a year, in March and October. Information may be obtained from the local centre of the British Council, or from the Secretary (Examination in English), 47 Bateman Street, Cambridge, England.