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NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF STUDENTS CONSIDERING UNIVERSITY STUDY IN CANADA

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This paper, which complements Reference Paper 106, is directed to students from other countries who are contemplating university study in Canada. It is designed to provide factual information about Canadian universities and advice about Canada and life as a student at a Canadian university.

Choosing a University

Among the factors to be considered in selecting a university are these: courses of study, admission requirements, opportunities for study, language of instruction, location, size of institution, etc. Brief notes on these matters follow.

(a) COURSES OF STUDY

Bachelor's Degree

Most English-language students enter the university after completion of from 11 to 13 years of elementary and secondary schooling. Courses lead, in from three to five years, to a bachelor's degree in arts, pure science, and such professional fields as engineering, business administration, agriculture, and education. Those in law, theology, dentistry, medicine, and some other fields, are longer, in most cases requiring for admission completion of all of a first-degree course in arts or science.

In the majority of English-language universities, an undergraduate in arts or science may study either for a general (or pass) degree, or for an honours degree. A student studies from four to six (generally five) subjects each year. The honours degree programme normally involves an additional year of study and is open only to those with this standing. It requires greater concentration upon one or two subjects. To obtain his degree, an undergraduate