
Admission requirements

General information

The admission requirements of Canadian universities vary from province to province and from university to university. Universities in provinces other than Quebec state their requirements for admission to first-degree programs by reference to the secondary school leaving certificate issued by the department of education of the province in which the institution is located. In the province of Quebec, where secondary school concludes at grade 11, two additional years of study taken at a *CEGEP* (*collège d'enseignement général et professionnel* or college of general and vocational education) are required.

The admission of students from outside Canada is decided by individual universities. As a rule, universities treat equivalent certificates from other countries as qualification for entrance.¹ Some examples of foreign certificates which are usually accepted, are:

Commonwealth

A student from a Commonwealth country will usually be considered eligible for admission to a Canadian university if he has the standing prescribed for admission to a university in his own country as outlined in the *Commonwealth Universities Yearbook*. Some universities, however, require the completion of an undergraduate degree from a university in a student's home country as a prerequisite for admission to their own first-degree programs.

United States

Graduation from a US high school is generally equated with junior matriculation if the choice of subjects and level of attainment are satisfactory. Completion of one year of college work beyond high-school graduation is frequently accepted by Canadian universities for admission. A school principal's recommendation and results of college entrance examination board tests are often required.

¹An outline of requirements for admission to first-degree programs in Canadian universities appears in the *Directory of Canadian Universities* published by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada (151 Slater Street, Ottawa, K1P 5N1, Canada) and available for consultation at Canadian diplomatic posts, and in 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.