

(usually those in arts and science) persons with unconventional patterns of previous schooling, provided that they have been out of school for a number of years and can show promise of success in university. The most common requirement for this kind of "mature matriculation" is that applicants be at least 21 years of age and have been away from full-time schooling for two or more years. Detailed requirements for admission to universities are provided in the calendars of various institutions. The *Directory of Canadian Universities*, published yearly by the Association of Universities and Colleges of Canada, is also a useful source of information on university programs, admission requirements and costs. The price of the 1980 directory is \$9 in Canada, \$11 in the United States and \$12.50 in other countries.

All Canadian universities admit students from other countries, and usually indicate in their calendars and in the *Directory of Canadian Universities* how educational qualifications obtained abroad are equated with Canadian requirements.

Applicants from abroad must obtain a student authorization and/or visa from a Canadian government representative in their home country in order to study in Canada. To fulfil immigration requirements, applicants must give assurance of having been admitted to a university or other approved educa-

tional institution, and of having sufficient funds to meet total expenses including tuition and room and board while in Canada as well as for the return journey. Student authorizations and visas are valid for a specified program, for a pre-determined period, at a particular institution and cannot be changed once the student has arrived in Canada.

It is usual for students from abroad, whose schooling was not in the language used in the university in which they propose to study, to be required to demonstrate their proficiency in that language. The French-language institutions set their own tests. The English-language universities accept the evidence of tests in international use, usually the test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and, less frequently, the University of Michigan English Language Test or the University of Cambridge Certificate of Proficiency in English. In addition, it is usual for Canadian universities to require that records of former schooling be accompanied by notarized translation in English or French, as the case may be.

Some universities impose quotas on the number of foreign students who may be admitted to certain faculties.

Academic year

For most full-time students the academic year consists of two terms or semesters of little less than four