

Admission

York University's Office of Admissions is mandated to ensure that all qualified applicants are considered for admission in a fair and equitable manner. The University makes offers of admission to the highest qualified candidates for undergraduate and graduate studies.

The following pages address admissions information for undergraduate studies. Please visit our Web site at www.yorku.ca/admissions for information about graduate programs, and more detailed information about undergraduate studies.

Categories of Admission

There are several ways to achieve your undergraduate academic goals at York University. Different categories of admission are described below:

Undergraduate Degree

Individuals with appropriate preparation may apply for admission to complete an undergraduate degree at York. Undergraduate direct-entry degrees offered at York include the Bachelor of Administrative Studies, Bachelor of Applied Science, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Design, Bachelor in Environmental Studies, Bachelor of Fine Arts, Bachelor of Health Studies, Bachelor of Human Resources Management, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Bachelor of Social Work and International Bachelor of Business Administration.

Degrees requiring prior postsecondary experience are the Bachelor of Education, Bachelor of Laws, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, and Bachelor of Social Work.

Joint Undergraduate Degree/Diploma

York University students have the opportunity to combine a university degree program with a college diploma/certificate program in a variety of different areas. Please contact the Office of Admissions for more details.

Undergraduate Certificate

Individuals with appropriate preparation may apply for admission to complete an undergraduate certificate. Certificate programs offer students the opportunity to develop a specialized area of study, often within the broader context of a degree program.

Visiting Student

York University will consider for admission individuals who wish to take credit courses, but who do not intend to complete a degree or a certificate. Visiting students are individuals who already hold an undergraduate degree, or are currently attending another recognized university and wish to take York courses on a Letter of Permission issued by their home institution.

International students are welcome to apply as visiting students to the "Canadian Year Abroad" program. For further information on this program, please contact the Office of International Student Recruitment and Admissions.

Provisional Student

In very exceptional circumstances, the University will admit an individual on a provisional basis, for a period not exceeding one academic year (normally in anticipation of admission as a degree candidate). Such provisional status is granted at the discretion of the

University and on the basis of the bona fide presentation of sufficient grounds to sustain a reasonable presumption of an applicant's ability to complete the requirements for a degree or certificate.

Admission Requirements

York University receives applications from around the world. Consideration for admission is given to applicants presenting successful academic credentials earned at recognized/accredited institutions. The following information describes the types of academic preparation York University recognizes. In addition, York requires specific minimum overall average grade requirements and course prerequisites for York programs. Visit the Admissions Web site at www.yorku.ca/admissions for further details. Please note that meeting the minimum requirements does not guarantee admission to the University. If you feel that your academic record does not reflect your abilities, you are invited to present documentation outlining circumstances that may have affected your academic performance. All information will be taken into consideration.

Academic Preparation

High School/Secondary School

British Columbia and Yukon: High school diploma with four academic courses, including Faculty-specific prerequisites at the Grade 12 level. Academic courses do **not** have to be provincially-examinable courses.

Alberta and Nunavut and Northwest Territories: High school diploma with five academic courses including Faculty-specific prerequisite courses numbered 30 or 31.

Saskatchewan: High school diploma with English Language Arts A30 AND B30 (or ELA 30A and Français 30/Fransaskois 30 A or B recommended) and four additional academic courses, with Faculty-specific prerequisites at the Grade 12 level.

Manitoba: High school diploma with English 40S and four academic courses at the 40 level or higher, including Faculty-specific prerequisites.

Ontario (Current curriculum): Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD), or equivalent, and six Ontario Academic Courses (OACs), including Faculty-specific prerequisites. All Faculty-specific prerequisites must be at the OAC level.

Ontario (New curriculum): Completion of the Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD), or equivalent. A minimum of six Grade 12 U or U/C courses, including Grade 12 U English,* all Faculty-specific prerequisites, and at least one Grade 12 U or U/C course from one of the following disciplines: Canadian and World Studies; Classical Languages and International Languages; French; or Mathematics.

**Les étudiants qui fréquentent une école secondaire de langue française doivent communiquer avec le Bureau des admissions pour un cours équivalent.*

Quebec (Cégep): One year of Cégep with a minimum of 12 semestered academic courses, including Faculty-specific prerequisites. (High school-equivalent courses not accepted.) Extra courses will be assessed for transfer credit. Applicants with the DEC may be awarded up to one full year of transfer credit.

Quebec (Grade 12): Grade 12 Certificate of Graduate with six academic (university-preparation level) subjects including Grade 12 English and Faculty-specific prerequisites.

New Brunswick: High school diploma with six academic courses with Faculty-specific prerequisites at the Grade 12 level (120, 121 or 122).

Nova Scotia: High school diploma with five academic or advanced courses with Faculty-specific prerequisites at the Grade 12 level.

Prince Edward Island: High school diploma with five academic courses with Faculty-specific prerequisites at the Grade 12 level (621 or 611).

Newfoundland: High school diploma with eleven credits at the 3000 level, including Language 3101 and one of Literature 3201 or Literature 3202, as well as Faculty-specific prerequisites.

International Baccalaureate: IB Diploma required with passes in six subjects (including Faculty-specific prerequisites):

- Three passes at the Standard Level and three passes at the Higher Level; **or**
- Two passes at the Standard Level and four passes at the Higher Level.

Bonus points are also considered.

Transfer credit may be granted for Higher Level IB courses with grades of 5 or better, to a maximum of 18 credits, depending on the program.

Advanced Placement Courses: Transfer credit of up to 12 credits will be granted for final scores of 4 or 5 on the College Entrance Examination Board Advanced Placement (AP) exams, depending on the programs applied to. Applicants must also satisfy York's regular admission requirements.

General Certificate of Education (GCE): Minimum of two Advanced Level and three GCSE or IGCSE (Ordinary Level) passes. Two Advanced Supplementary Level courses may be substituted for one Advanced Level course. A minimum grade of "C" is required for admission to most programs.

International High School: For admission requirements from other educational systems, please visit our Web site: www.yorku.ca/admissions/.

University

University transfer students must have completed a minimum of four full courses or one year of full-time study or equivalent with an overall grade point average of 2.0 on a 4-point scale (C/60 per cent or equivalent). All honours-level programs require a minimum overall grade point average of 2.3 on a 4-point scale (C+/65 per cent or equivalent). All courses taken, including failed courses, will be included in the calculation of the admission average. Some programs, such as Education, Fine Arts, Pure & Applied Science, and the Schulich School of Business, may require higher averages.

Students must submit institutionally-prepared course descriptions of university courses completed at an accredited postsecondary institution outside of Canada or the US.

Official English or French translations (done by a certified translator) of transcript(s) not in English or French are also required. Course descriptions not in English or French can be translated into English or French by the applicant and submitted with the institutionally-prepared copy.

University courses taken may be assessed for potential transfer credit.

College

- College transfer students must have completed a minimum of eight academic courses or a four-semester diploma from a College of Applied Arts and Technology (CAAT) in Ontario with an overall average of 3.0 on a 4-point scale (B/70 per cent), including all attempted courses; **or**
- A minimum of one year of full-time study at an accredited college outside of Ontario with an overall average of 3.0 on a 4-point scale (B/70 per cent or equivalent), including all attempted courses.

Some programs, such as Education, Fine Arts, Pure and Applied Science, and the Schulich School of Business, may require higher averages for admission.

York will consider granting transfer credit for academic studies completed with a minimum overall grade point average of 3.0 (B/70 per cent or equivalent) on a 4-point scale.

Mature Student

Applicants may be considered for admission under the University's "Mature Student" regulations if they:

- have been out of full-time secondary school studies for at least two years (students who have returned to school to upgrade after a two-year absence are still eligible to apply as mature students)
- have attempted less than one full year of studies at an accredited university or college
- do not have any recent unfavourable academic performance
- are 21 years of age or older as of the first day of classes for the session of expected enrolment
- have demonstrated potential for success through academic, professional, volunteer activities and other accomplishments

Mature student applicants may be considered for admission if they have completed a York University pre-university course with a minimum grade of B.

Senior Citizens

Senior Citizens who wish to be admitted to the University are evaluated as mature students unless the individual has completed previous postsecondary studies (see the appropriate sections above). Applicants must be 60 years of age or older on the first day of classes of any Session (in September and May) for which they have applied.

In order to be exempted from the Domestic Fee Rate, Senior Citizens must meet the rules and regulations outlined by the Office of the Registrar.

Note: All applicants must meet the prerequisite(s) and minimum average requirements of the programs to which they apply. Requirements vary by program. Applicants are encouraged to visit the Admissions Web site at www.yorku.ca/admissions for more detailed information.

Language Proficiency Requirements

York University seeks to ensure that students are able to meet the demands of university-level work in English. This requirement is normally satisfied by the submission of successful results in an acceptable language test (see chart below). However, applicants may be exempted from providing an English language test score if:

- Their first language is English or French and they have successfully studied in Canada for at least four full years at the secondary school level.
- They have successfully completed – or are in the process of successfully completing – four full years of academic study at the secondary school level in English in a country where English is a primary language.
- They have successfully completed – or are in the process of successfully completing – one full year of an academic program in English, in an accredited postsecondary institution in a country where English is a primary language.
- Students may not count time spent in ESL courses toward meeting this exemption.

These are general guidelines only. York University reserves the right to request language proficiency test scores.

If applicants are unsure whether to submit a language test score, they are encouraged to submit the results of one of the tests listed below to York to avoid potential delays in the processing of their application for admission.

Applicants to the Glendon Campus

Since Glendon is a bilingual (French/English) campus, applicants may choose to provide proof of language proficiency in either English or French. They may choose to write one of the acceptable tests of English noted below, or the French Language Admission Test administered through the Glendon Campus. (Contact the Glendon Liaison Service at 416-487-6710 or liaison@glendon.yorku.ca).

Acceptable Language Test	Minimum Score (most programs)	Minimum Score (Engineering/Schulich School of Business)
York English Language Test (YELT)	Overall: 1-5	Overall: 1-2
Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)	Paper-based test: 560 Computer-based test: 220	Paper-based test: 600 Computer-based test: 250
International English Language Testing Service (IELTS)	7	7.5
Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB)	82	87

Language test scores are reviewed in combination with academic credentials to determine admissibility to the University.

- English as a Second Language (ESL) support for admitted students is offered through degree credit programs.
- Non-credit ESL instruction is available prior to university study through the York University English Language Institute. Contact 416-736-5353 for more information.
- Candidates with strong academic averages, but whose language test scores fall slightly below these posted ranges, may still be reviewed for possible conditional admission, or may be required to take an intensive English language course before beginning a regular degree program.

Application Procedures

How to apply

Ontario high school students apply through their guidance office. Please use the 101 application form provided by the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC).

High school students who are 21 years of age or older are encouraged to apply using the 105D application.

All other applicants may apply in one of the following ways:

Those applying to more than one Ontario university should contact:

Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC)
170 Research Lane
Guelph, Ontario N1G 5E2
Tel: 519-823-1940

OUAC forms are also available online at www.ouac.on.ca/.

Please note:

- University and College transfer students and Mature student applicants should use OUAC's 105D application form.

- International students who apply from outside Canada should use OUAC's 105F application form.
- Those applying only to York University should use the York University Application Form available on the York Admissions Web site (www.yorku.ca/admissions) or by contacting the Office of Admissions.

Programs Which Require Additional Information

Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)

The BSW, an Honours degree, is offered in two different ways:

- As a full-time, daytime program; and,
- As a part-time program, offered primarily in the evening for those who hold an undergraduate degree.

The number of applicants to the Social Work program generally exceeds the number who can be accepted. Selection into the program is based not only on academic ability, but also on professional potential.

Social Work Supplementary Information

As part of the admission process, applicants to both of York's BSW programs must also submit a completed Supplementary Information Form and supporting documents.

The Bachelor of Social Work package includes all forms necessary to the application process.

The application, supplementary forms and deadline information are available from the Office of Admissions, and on York's Web site at www.yorku.ca/admissions/download.asp/.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN)

The School of Nursing offers several degree and certificate options. The BScN is an Honours degree that is offered in two distinct programs.

1. Collaborative Program. The first two years of this four-year program are taken at Seneca, Georgian or Durham Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology; the final two years at York's Keele Campus. Apply through the Ontario Colleges Application Services (OCAS). For details on admission requirements, visit the Admissions Web site at www.yorku.ca/admissions/undergrad/nursing.asp/.

2. Post-RN Program. This program is for Registered Nurses. Information about the BScN program may be obtained from the School of Nursing (416-736-5271) or the Office of Admissions at 416-736-5000.

Admission to this program is based on several criteria including: a current Certificate of Competences as a Registered Nurse (RN) in Ontario, a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (B/70 per cent) from a nursing diploma program of a College of Applied Arts and Technology (or equivalent), a completed supplementary information form, a personal statement and references.

The application package, including supplementary information forms and deadline information, can be obtained from our Web site www.yorku.ca/admissions/download.asp or from the Office of Admissions.

Special Needs Services

The Office for Persons with Disabilities offers assistance to students with disabilities, and our Learning Disabilities Program offers services to students with learning disabilities. Applicants are encouraged to contact the Office of Admissions for further information. All pertinent

documentation for admission consideration should be submitted by February 15 (applicants from Ontario) or April 1 (applicants from outside Ontario).

Application Deadlines

Please refer to the Web site www.yorku.ca/admissions for all deadline information. To ensure a timely response to the program of choice, it is advisable to apply and provide all official documentation much earlier than final deadlines. Please be advised that some limited enrolment programs fill much earlier than the deadline indicates.

Eligibility for Advanced Standing (Transfer Credit)

Applicants who present accredited postsecondary studies and meet York's admission requirements may be eligible for advanced standing or transfer credit consideration. The amount of credit granted depends on the academic content of the program completed, the grades received, and the program to which the student has applied to at York. Eligibility for transfer credit consideration is automatically assessed when applications are processed. A separate application is not required. Institutionally-prepared, detailed course descriptions are required for all academic work completed outside of Canada or the US at the postsecondary level. While not required for postsecondary education done in Canada or the US, detailed descriptions of postsecondary academic work completed in the intended major would be helpful.

Failure and Debarment

Students who have been debarred may be re-admitted in some subsequent session only if they give convincing evidence to the Committee on Admissions that they can benefit from further university work. Applications for re-admission will not be considered until two years from the date of debarment. In cases of failure at another university, or where another university's regulations on failure and debarment differ from York's, or where that institution calculates years or semesters differently from the York method, the York regulations will normally apply.

For More Information

Admission Enquiries Service, Office of Admissions

The Admission Enquiries Service provides information to prospective students on undergraduate day and evening programs, graduate programs and the York English Language Test (YELT).

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International Student Recruitment and Admissions

The Office of International Student Recruitment & Admissions provides information and assistance to undergraduate international applicants from abroad, and undergraduate international students studying in Canada. For information on application and admission requirements, country equivalent certificates, financial assistance, etc., please contact:

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