

V. 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 information provides an overview about admission specifically to the Atkinson Faculty of Liberal and Professional Studies. Please refer to the York University Undergraduate or Graduate Calendars for further information on York University's other Faculties and program offerings. As well, visit our Web site at www.yorku.ca for more detailed information.

Categories of Admission

There are several ways to achieve your undergraduate academic goals at York University. Different categories of admission are described below. In order to be considered for admission, all applicants must meet the prerequisite(s) and minimum average requirements of the programs to which they have applied. Requirements vary by program and admission is not guaranteed. Applicants are encouraged to visit the Admissions Web site at www.yorku.ca/admissions/.

Undergraduate Degree

Individuals with appropriate preparation may apply for admission to the Atkinson Faculty of Liberal and Professional Studies to complete an undergraduate degree. Undergraduate direct-entry degrees offered at Atkinson include the bachelor of administrative studies, bachelor of arts, bachelor of health studies, bachelor of human resources management, bachelor of science, bachelor of science in nursing and bachelor of social work.

Degrees requiring prior postsecondary study are the bachelor of education, bachelor of laws, the post RN bachelor of science in nursing and the post degree bachelor of social work.

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. Refer to www.atkinson.yorku.ca for a listing of certificate programs.

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.

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 compelling evidence 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. Some programs require supplementary information. 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.

Diploma 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 consideration 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 who have completed a minimum of four full courses or one year of full-time study or equivalent with a minimum overall grade point average of 2.0 on a 4-point scale (C/60 per cent or equivalent) may be considered for admission. In addition, 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) to be considered for admission. All courses taken, including failed courses, will be included in the calculation of the admission average. Some programs will require minimum higher averages. University courses taken may be assessed for potential transfer credit.

Students must submit institutionally-prepared course descriptions of university courses completed at an accredited postsecondary institution outside of Canada or the US. Course descriptions must be translated into English or French and submitted with the institutionally-prepared copy in the original language. Applicants may translate course descriptions themselves. However, if academic transcripts are in a language other than English or French, these must be translated by a certified translator; as well, official copies of the transcripts must be provided to the University in the original language.

College

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

Some programs will require higher averages for admission.

York may 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 a recent unfavourable academic record;
- are 21 years of age or older as of the first day of classes of the session for which you have applied;
- have demonstrated potential for success through academic, professional or volunteer activities or other accomplishments.

Mature student applicants may be considered for admission if they have completed a York University pre-university course offered through the Department of Continuing Education with a minimum grade of B and who also meet specific program and language proficiency requirements

Senior Citizens

Senior citizens who wish to be admitted to the University are evaluated as mature students unless they have completed previous postsecondary studies (see the appropriate sections above).

In order to be eligible for a domestic tuition fee waiver applicants must be 60 years of age. Please refer to the Office of Student Financial Services for additional information.

Language Proficiency Requirement

If you are applying to an undergraduate program at York, you may meet our English language requirements if you have successfully completed - or are in the process of successfully completing - one of the following:

- four full years of study in Canada in English or French at the secondary school level;
- four full years of study at the secondary school level in English in a country where English is a primary language;
- one full year of study in an accredited university degree program in English in a country where English is a primary language;
- two full years of study in an accredited college diploma program in English in a country where English is a primary language.

Note: Time spent in ESL courses will not be counted towards meeting these requirements. Language requirements will not be waived based on letters written by students or as a result of completing senior-level high school English course(s).

The above requirements are general guidelines only. York University reserves the right to require a successfully completed language proficiency test. If you are in doubt about whether you meet our language requirements, submit an acceptable English language test score as soon as possible to avoid potential delays in the processing of your application for admission.

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 Exemption for Students who Complete Courses at the York University English Language Institute (YUELI)

Completion of the YUELI Intensive Program Level 6 with Distinction, Honours or Pass satisfies York's English Language Proficiency requirements for admission to most of York's undergraduate programs. Engineering and the Schulich School of Business programs require Distinction. For more information, contact YUELI at 416-736-5353.

- 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.

Application Procedures

For the most up-to-date information on application procedures and deadlines, please visit our Web site at www.yorku.ca/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/.

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 or Georgian or Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology; the final two years at York's Keele Campus. For details on admission requirements, visit the Admissions Web site at www.yorku.ca/admissions/.

2. Post-RN Program. This program is for Registered Nurses in Ontario. 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 Competence 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/ 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 March 1 (applicants from Ontario high school) or April 1 (all other applicants).

Application Deadlines

Please refer to the Web site at 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 after the candidate has been admitted and booked an enrolment appointment. 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 please contact:

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