



Applying to Canadian Universities

Application Information 2015-2016



Applying to a Canadian University with an OSSD

Rosedale Academy overseas students can earn an Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) without leaving home and apply to top universities in Canada and around the world as Ontario high school graduates.

The minimum requirements necessary for a successful application to a Canadian University include the following:

- Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD)
- 6 Grade 12U or 12M Courses including ENG12U (English Grade 12)
- Although English 12U is required for every university academic program, many also have course specific requirements. For example a Business program may require one or two Grade 12 math courses as well.
- English Language Proficiency Level IELTS score of 6.5 or more (Students with a score between 5.0 and 6.5 may be eligible for admission into a combined ESL Foundation and degree program if it is offered by the university)
- Although English 12U is required for every university academic program, many also have course specific requirements. For example a Business program may require one or two Grade 12 math courses as well. Fine arts or Media programs may require a portfolio of work.
- While the minimum admission average for university programs can be as low as 70%, most highly competitive programs have admission averages ranging from 80 to 90%.
- Some programs require students to submit personal profiles, essays or videos as part of the application process.
- Students with an OSSD who are applying to an Ontario university will do so through the Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC). Student grades will be transferred automatically by

Rosedale Academy.

- Students with an OSSD who are applying to Canadian universities outside of Ontario must follow the application processes and deadlines outlined on the University's website. Students will be responsible for sending their grade transcripts to these universities.



Important **Ontario** University Application Information and Dates 2015-2016

The following information will help you with the process of applying to an **Ontario University** through the Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC). Remember that Rosedale Academy academic staff are here to help you too!

September/October, 2015

Now is the time to research Ontario University Programs and Requirements to determine which schools you will apply to. The best sources of information to get you started are [My Blueprint](#), individual University websites and the [eInfo](#) website.

[eINFO](#) is a guide to Ontario universities for Ontario high school students and guidance counsellors. It provides information about university programs, admission requirements and more.

Fall, 2015

If English is not your first language, or you were educated in a country where English is not the language of instruction, most universities require you to take one of these language tests:

Note: Each institution has its own requirements, which are subject to change. [Contact the universities](#) directly for more information. **In particular pay close attention to the deadline for submission of English language proficiency test results as these vary widely across universities.**

IELTS: International English Language Testing System
www.ielts.org

MELAB: Michigan English Language Assessment Battery
www.lsa.umich.edu/eli/testing/melab/

TOEFL: Test of English as a Foreign Language
www.toefl.org

YELT: York English Language Test
www.yorku.ca/web/futurestudents/requirements/yelt.html

Determine what the Language Proficiency requirements are for the Universities you intend to apply to.

November 6, 2015

Rosedale Academy will send electronic data on your behalf to the Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC) to begin your application process. Rosedale Academy will be sending your final grades from previously completed Grade 11 and 12 courses and a list of all current-year courses in progress.

By the end of November 2015

You will receive your Application Access Code Letter from Rosedale Academy with your school number, student number and temporary PIN to use in completing the online university application. Keep this letter for your records. You will need this information to apply.

January 13, 2016

Deadline for you to submit completed online applications to the Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC) <http://www.ouac.on.ca/ouac-101/> **Do not** wait until the last day as the OUAC server can be overloaded and you may have difficulty accessing the website.

A note regarding the January 13, 2016, deadline above:

Applications received after this date will still be processed by the Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC) and distributed to the universities. However, specific university deadlines will apply so you will want to be aware of each university's particular application deadlines. Rosedale Academy can help you with this process.

February 11, 2016

Deadline for the OUAC to receive, from Ontario secondary schools, all final first-semester grades and current full-year grades for 4U/M courses. Rosedale Academy will send these grades to OUAC on your behalf.

April 28, 2016

Deadline date for Rosedale Academy to send to the OUAC, midterm grades for second semester courses and interim grades for full-year courses. Grades that the OUAC receives earlier will be sent to Ontario universities when received.

May 27, 2016

This is the latest date by which you can expect a response from an Ontario university. The response will be one of:

- 1) an offer of admission,
- 2) a refusal, or
- 3) a deferral pending the receipt of specific additional information.

June 1, 2016

This is the earliest date by which Ontario universities may require a response from you to an offer of admission and a financial commitment of any kind (e.g., registration deposit, residence deposit, etc.)

All other admissions-related elements including scholarships, other forms of student assistance or financial incentives, and offers of residence are considered part of the offer of admission. Therefore, a student may accept these other offers prior to June 1, 2015, but Ontario universities shall not compel a student in any way to make an earlier decision.



Ontario University Application Centre (OUAC) “How to Guide” for Applying to an Ontario University

What’s on the website?

[Ouac.on.ca](https://ouac.on.ca) allows you to apply to Ontario Universities, check your application status and get access to program information for Ontario universities, including admission information

How to apply:

Step 1: Research Your University Selections

- Check out university publications and university websites.
- Visit My Blueprint and/or [eINFO](#) to browse program information.
- Review the [101 Instruction Booklet \[PDF\]](#) on ouac.on.ca
- Check the [101 Addenda](#) on ouac.on.ca for important updates.

Step 2: Gather the Information Needed to Apply

- In November Rosedale will send you the Application Access Code letters that contain the information required to [apply online](#), including your school number, student number, and temporary PIN.
- Narrow down the university program selections by talking to your parents, teachers and guidance counselors about your interests and options.
- Watch the [instructional video on how to apply online](#).
- Review the [101 Important Dates](#)

Step 3: Apply

- Use the information in your Application Access Code Letter to log in to your online application. **Note:** The first time you log in you must change your temporary PIN to a personal password. Use your password (instead of your PIN) the next time you log in.
- Complete all sections of the application.
- Review your program selections before clicking “I Verify and Agree”.
- Submit your application, with payment, well before the 101 application deadline and any university program-specific deadlines.
- Record the OUAC Reference Number you receive. You will require this number, along with your password, for future access to your application, and to respond to university offers of admission.

Step 4: After Applying

- After one business day, log in to your [online application](#) to verify the details. Review and make any necessary changes.
- Ensure spam filters are set to accept email from the OUAC and the universities you applied to. Email is the primary mode of communication for the universities and the OUAC.
- The universities will acknowledge that they received your application.
- After you receive your report card, log in to verify your grades information. Notify your guidance counsellor of any necessary corrections.
- Expect to receive either an offer of admission or a refusal from the universities you applied to by the end of May. Review the [101 Important Dates](#).

Note: It is very important that you carefully read all letters and emails from OUAC and the Universities so that you do not miss an important deadline.

Summary of Fees

All fees are non-refundable. Your application will not be forwarded to your university choice(s) until you submit full payment to the OUAC. Fees for withdrawn university choices are not refunded. All fees are listed in Canadian dollars.

Base Application Fee: \$140

For the initial three university/program choices

International Service Fee: \$10

If the mailing address is outside of Canada

Additional Choice Fee: \$47/choice

For each university/program choice beyond the initial three (e.g., if two additional university choices are added, you must pay \$94 in addition to the base application fee)

Note: You may apply to as many Ontario universities/programs as you wish; however, you are limited to a maximum of three program choices at any one university (including its affiliates). Some universities may further limit the number of programs you can apply to.



Working in Canada – Information for International Visa Students

As of June 1, 2014, the Government of Canada has made it easier for study permit holders to work off campus. **Full-time students** pursuing an academic, professional or vocational training program at a [designated learning institution](#) will be:

- **eligible to work on/off campus without a work permit;**
- **allowed to work on/off campus for up to 20 hours per week** during a regular academic session and full time during regularly scheduled breaks; and
- able to work off campus immediately rather than waiting six months.

Work as part of a co-op/internship program

- Starting June 1, 2014, students will be able to work as part of a co-op or internship program only if the work is an essential part of an academic, vocational or professional training program offered by a designated learning institution.
- **To work as part of a co-op/internship program, you will need a co-op work permit that is separate from your study permit.**

If you are studying English or French as a second language (ESL/FSL), or participating in general interest or preparatory courses, you will not be eligible to work during your studies, unless you become eligible to apply for a work permit with a positive [Labour Market Impact Assessment](#) from [Employment and Social Development Canada](#)