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# University of Ottawa Counsellor's News Provincial Dialogue 2008

## New for 2009 applicants

**Admission requirements**: Students applying to the faculty of Science, the faculty of Engineering, the Telfer School of Management or to the Honours Bachelor in Human Kinetics (BSc) can be admitted without the Calculus and Vectors prerequisite as long as they take the course before or during their first semester at the University. For more details, please see page 3.

**Visual Arts**: Students applying to the Bachelor of Fine Arts or the Major in Visual Arts (BA) will no longer be required to attend an interview. The admission requirements will now include a detailed digital portfolio. *Application deadline: February 1, 2009*.

## **New Academic Programs**

- Conflict Studies and Human Rights, Faculty of Social Sciences (B.Soc.Sc., 4 year, introduced in 2007)
- Economics and Public Policy, Faculty of Social Sciences (BSocSc, 4 year, introduced in 2007)
- Entrepreneurship, Telfer School of Management (BCom, 4 year)
- Film Studies, Faculty of Arts (Minor, complementary program)
- Human Kinetics BHK or BScHK, Faculty of Health Sciences (4 years programs, introduced in 2007)
- International Economics and Development, Faculty of Social Sciences (BSocSc, 4 year, introduced in 2007)
- Jewish Canadian Studies, Faculty of Arts (BA, minor, complementary program, introduced in 2007)
- Leisure Studies, Faculty of Health Sciences (Minor, complementary program)
- Native Teacher Education Program, Faculty of Education (BEd or Certificate, 2 year community-based program)
- **Nutrition Sciences**, Faculty of Health Sciences (offered in French for bilingual students, BNutSc, 4 year)
- *Common Law et Science politique*, Faculty of Social Sciences and Faculty of Law (offered in French only, B.Soc.Sc./LL.B., 6 year, introduced in 2007)
- Droit civil et Développement international et mondialisation (offered in French only, B.Soc.Sc./LL.L., 4 year, introduced in 2007)
- *Techniques de rédaction*, Faculty of Arts (Minor, complementary program, offered in French only)

## **New Co-op Options**

- Biomedical Mechanical Engineering (introduced in 2007)
- Conflict Studies and Human Rights (introduced in 2007)
- Droit civil et Développement international et mondialisation (offered in French only)
- Economics and Public Policy (introduced in 2007)
- International Economics and Development (introduced in 2007)

# Immersion Program – unique in Canada!

Students have the opportunity to obtain their Bachelor's degree accompanied by a "French Immersion Certificate". This option is tailored to the personal linguistic objectives of all students aspiring to improve their French language skills within their regular program of studies. A language test is required for admission. See www.immersion.uOttawa.ca for more information.

#### **Co-operative Education Streams**

The University of Ottawa introduced its first co-op stream in 1980 and after 28 years, it is now the second largest in Ontario, proudly boasting a placement rate of 98% year in and year out. Students also have the advantage of using a bridging service to further their employment opportunities with the federal government.

#### **International Exchanges**

University of Ottawa students also have the opportunity to expand their horizons and world culture through one of our 214 exchange programs with universities around the world. Nearly 350 uOttawa students travel in 43 different countries

#### **Student Academic Success Service**

SASS offers students the ideal tools to succeed in university not only academically, but also in terms of their personal and professional development.

#### ADMISSIONS: WHERE DO WE STAND?

Ontario High School Applications (As of May 9th, 2008)

Faculties	Applications	Offers made
Arts	5464	3997
Engineering	2134	1396
Health Sciences	3208	1719
Management	2779	1759
Science	3746	2827
Social Sciences	5402	3924

## uOttawa Scholarships ————

More than \$21.4 million in scholarships are awarded annually. Here are a few examples of the hundreds of scholarships available:

Name	Average (%)	Value	Automatic?	Renewable?	Allotted
President's Scholarship	92 +	\$30,000 (\$7,500 annually)		<b>√</b>	6 (+ finalists)
Chancellor's Scholarship	92 +	\$28,000 (\$6,500 annually)		✓	6 (+ finalists)
Canada's university - Immersion Scholarship	84 +	\$20,000 (\$5,000 annually)		<b>√</b>	42
Admission Scholarship	95 to 100	\$4,000	✓	✓	unlimited
	92 to 94.9	\$3,000	1	✓	unlimited
	88 to 91.9	\$2,500	1	✓	unlimited
	84 to 87.9	\$2,000	✓	✓	unlimited
	80 to 83.9	\$1,000	✓	✓	unlimited
Jean Chrétien Scholarship (Faculty of Social Sciences)	92 +	\$5,000			up to 5
Dean's Merit (Faculty of Social Sciences)	90 +	\$1,500	<b>✓</b>		varies
Faculty of Science Undergraduate Research Scholarship	90 +	\$10,000			16
Dean's Leadership Scholarship (Telfer School of Management)	95 to 100	\$4,000	1		varies
	90 to 94.9	\$2,000	1		varies
Admission Scholarship (Faculty of Engineering)	88 to 100	\$1,000	<b>√</b>		varies
	80 to 87.9	\$500	1		varies
Memorial Scholarship (Faculty of Engineering)	87 +	\$2,000			7
Droste Kennedy Admission Scholarship in Civil Engineering	80 +	\$1,000			varies
Nortel Founding Scholarship for SITE	80 +	\$2,500			2
Ontario Professional Engineers Foundation for Education Scholar- ship		\$1,000			2
Dean's Merit (Faculty of Arts)	90 +	\$1,000	✓	<b>√</b>	10
Student Mobility Scholarship	82 +	\$1,000 to 4,500			unlimited
Immersion Study Scholarship	80 +	\$1,000 to 1,500	✓		200
Athletic Awards	70 +	\$1,000			74
Education Bursary	75 +	\$1,000			unlimited

#### **Student Academic Success Service**

Academic Support Unit • Phone: 613-562-5101 • sass@uOttawa.ca
Academic Writing Help Centre • Phone: 613-562-5601 • cartu@uOttawa.ca
Access Service (Special needs) • Phone: 613-562-5976 • adapt@uOttawa.ca
Career Services • Phone: 613-562-5806 • scs@uOttawa.ca
Experiential Learning Service • Phone: 613-562-5800, ext. 2729 • sae-els@uOttawa.ca

What can I do with my studies in...? • www.sass.uottawa.ca/careers/studies/

Guidance Counsellor Hotline: 613-562-5779 1-877-UOTTAWA (868-8292) # 5779 www.admission.uOttawa.ca advisors@uOttawa.ca

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### Can students upgrade their average?

Yes. Students have until September 1 to complete the requirements of their conditional offer of admission. We will always calculate the highest grade or average achieved.

#### When are averages for scholarships calculated?

The Financial Aid and Awards Service recalculates the averages three times throughout the admission process: after the first semester, with the interim grades of the second semester, and finally at the end of the school year.

#### When do you send out offers of admission?

We have three rounds of offers starting as early as mid-December until mid-May.

#### Do you send out alternate offers? Do you permit any deferrals?

No. We do not guarantee that an alternate offer of admission will be sent if the applicant does not meet the minimum requirements of the program to which they had originally applied. Only our professional programs and our graduate and postdoctorate programs permit deferrals.

#### Do you recognize courses taken outside the traditional secondary school setting?

The University of Ottawa will recognize all courses that have a Ministry of Education approved curriculum.

#### Can students change their program of study?

Yes. In most cases, it is very easy to change programs even after the first year of university studies. Students should meet with their faculty's academic advisors.

#### Is residence guaranteed?

The University of Ottawa guarantees housing to all first-year students who have requested it on their application and who have gained admission before May 28, 2009.

#### Do students need to speak both English and French?

No. For most programs, students are able to study entirely in their preferred official language. However, the University of Ottawa offers a variety of programs and activities in which one can learn and perfect their second language.

# What are the new 2009 admission requirements in regards to the mathematics prerequisites?

## New personalized Viewbooks!

The University of Ottawa proudly launched its new personalized Viewbook in September 2007. Students have the opportunity to go online and order a viewbook that is created according to their personal interests! Find it at: <a href="www.uOttawa.ca/viewbook">www.uOttawa.ca/viewbook</a>. Counsellors can receive a CD of the complete publication by requesting it at: viewbook@uOttawa.ca.

#### **Online Chat**

Prospective students now have the opportunity to chat online with members of our Student Ambassador team. Chat lines are open from 5:45pm to 9:00pm from Monday to Thursday, from mid-October to mid-May (excluding statutory holidays). This allows students to ask questions and get real time answers on topics from student life, to deadlines and applications. Students can find our chat button at: www.admission.uOttawa.ca.

Prerequisites and additional requirements Programs and/or Faculties Mathematics, Statistics English or French 4U A combined minimum average of 70 % is required for the Advanced Functions 4U Faculty of Science prerequisite courses in mathematics. Calculus and Vectors 4U English or French 4U All other programs A combined minimum average of 70 % is required for all Faculty of Science Advanced Functions 4U prerequisite courses in science and mathematics. Calculus and Vectors 4U\* Two of the following courses: Biology 4U, \* Applicants who are missing Calculus and Vectors may take Chemistry 4U, Physics 4U, Earth and the replacement course at the University of Ottawa the Space Science 4U summer before or during their first semester. English or French 4U \* Applicants who are missing Calculus and Vectors may take All programs Telfer School of Management Advanced Functions 4U the replacement course at the University of Ottawa the Calculus and Vectors 4U \* summer before or during their first semester. English or French 4U Computer Science (BSc) A combined minimum average of 70 % is required for the Faculty of Engineering Advanced Functions 4U prerequisite courses in mathematics. Calculus and Vectors 4U\* \* Applicants who are missing Calculus and Vectors may take the replacement course at the University of Ottawa the summer before or during their first semester. A combined minimum average of 70 % is required for all All other programs English or French 4U Advanced Functions 4U prerequisite courses in sciences and mathematics. Faculty of Engineering Calculus and Vectors 4U\* Chemistry 4U \* Applicants who are missing Calculus and Vectors may take Physics 4U the replacement course at the University of Ottawa the summer before or during their first semester. Human Kinetics (BSc) English or French 4U \* Applicants who are missing Calculus and Vectors may take Faculty of Health Sciences Biology 4U the replacement course at the University of Ottawa the Advanced Functions 4U summer before or during their first semester. Calculus and Vectors 4U\* One of the following courses:

Chemistry 4U, Physics 4U, Physics 3U