



UNIVERSITY OF
CALGARY

Guide for IB applicants



Admission requirements

Diploma holders

By presenting your full IB diploma with at least three higher-level courses and all grades above 3, you'll be considered for admission based on your overall diploma score; you must present all 5 faculty-specific required courses.

If you're currently completing the IB diploma, the initial evaluation of your application will be based on your predicted IB grades. If you've completed the IB diploma, you'll be evaluated on your final IB results.

The extended essay, theory of knowledge, and creativity, action and service (CAS) components are included as part of the total IB score calculation.

Certificate holders or Partial IB

By presenting your IB Certificate, you'll be considered for admission based on five faculty-specific courses. Individual IB courses are converted into a percentage score (see chart) and combined with equivalent high school courses from other curriculums to calculate the admission average.

Career-Related Programme

Students who complete the IB Career-Related Programme are considered for admission based on five faculty-specific courses. Individual IB accepted courses are converted into a percentage score and combined with equivalent high school courses from other curriculum to calculate the admission average (see Certificate Holder requirements).

IB COURSE CONVERSION

| IB course score | Conversion to a percentage score |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|
| 7 | 100% |
| 6 | 91% |
| 5 | 83% |
| 4 | 75% |
| 3 | 68% |
| 1, 2, or N | fail/not complete |

Submitting transcripts

If you're currently completing the IB program, you'll need to submit your predicted results by uploading them directly to your myUCalgary Student Centre (my.ucalgary.ca). Official final IB transcripts are required to finalize your offer of admission and receive advanced credit. You must request your transcript be released to UCalgary through the IB Organization.

UCalgary IB Institution code: 000088

Advanced Credit toward your degree

Earn up to a full year of first-year credit (30 units) for completing your IB diploma.

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Specific advanced credit may be granted for higher level courses with grades above 5. Diploma holders will receive additional first-year option credit to bring the total credit to 30 units.

| Program | Estimated competitive IB score | Required IB courses ¹ | Notes |
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| SCHOOL OF ARCHITECTURE, PLANNING AND LANDSCAPE | 27-30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English ² Mathematics ³ One of: Physics, Chemistry, Biology Two approved courses | |
| FACULTY OF ARTS Dance, Drama, Music, Visual Studies | 24-25 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English ² Four approved courses A maximum of two approved Fine Arts courses | Dance, Music, and Visual studies have additional supplemental requirements. |
| FACULTY OF ARTS Economics, Geography (BA, BSc), Psychology (BA) | Economics: 24-25 Geography: 24-25 Psychology: 33-34 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English ² Mathematics ³ Three approved courses | |
| FACULTY OF ARTS Psychology (BSc) | 33-34 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English ² Mathematics ³ Chemistry Biology An approved course | |
| FACULTY OF ARTS All other programs | 24-25 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English ² Four approved courses | |
| CUMMING SCHOOL OF MEDICINE Community Rehabilitation | 27-30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English ² Biology Three approved courses | |
| CUMMING SCHOOL OF MEDICINE Health Sciences | 33-34 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English ² Mathematics ³ Chemistry Biology An approved course | The Cumming School of Medicine Health Sciences program requires applicants to present a minimum grade four in Mathematics. ³ Online supplementary application required. |
| HASKAYNE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS | 27-30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English ² Mathematics ³ Two approved courses (excluding courses equivalent to physical education, fine arts and non-calculus mathematics.) An approved course | |
| FACULTY OF KINESIOLOGY | 30-33 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English ² Mathematics ³ Chemistry Biology An approved course | For Biomechanics: applicants who present Mathematical Studies (SL) need to meet a higher admission average. Estimated competitive average for those who present Mathematical Studies (SL) is 33-35. Physics is recommended. |
| FACULTY OF NURSING | 29 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English ² Mathematics ³ Chemistry Biology An approved course | <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="background-color: #c00000; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center; width: 40px;"> CLICK HERE </div> <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>A new lottery admission process is in place for Nursing. Learn more: ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/admissions/nursing</p> </div> </div> |
| FACULTY OF SCIENCE Biochemistry; Biological Sciences; Cellular, Molecular and Microbial Biology; Neuroscience; Plant Biology; Zoology | Biochemistry, Neuroscience: 38-42 All other programs: 33-34 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English ² Mathematics ³ Biology Chemistry An approved course | |
| FACULTY OF SCIENCE Chemistry, Energy Science, Geology, Geophysics | 27-30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English ² Mathematics ³ Chemistry One of: Biology, Calculus, Physics, Computer Science An approved course | |
| FACULTY OF SCIENCE All other programs | Computer Science: 30-33 All other programs: 27-30 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English ² Mathematics ³ Two of: Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, Physics, Computer Science An approved course | Students are encouraged to take high school courses related to their intended major. |
| SCHULICH SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING | 33-34 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English ² Mathematics ³ Chemistry Physics or Biology | Applicants who present Mathematical Studies (SL) need to meet a higher admission average. Estimated competitive average for those who present Mathematical Studies (SL) is 33-35. Applicants admitted with Biology will have their offer finalized after passing the Bioengineering Summer Institute offered in August, prior to the start of the Engineering program. |
| WERKLUND SCHOOL OF EDUCATION | 27-34 depending on program and teachable subject area | Please view our admissions requirements page: ucalgary.ca/future-students/undergraduate/requirements | |

FOOTNOTES

¹ Applicants may present an official final AP or SAT subject test as a substitute for any mandatory course.

² English: we accept either English A Literature (HL or SL), English A Language and Literature (HL or SL), English Literature and Performance (SL), or English B (HL).

³ Mathematics: we accept either Mathematics (HL or SL), Further Mathematics (HL), Analysis and Approaches (HL or SL), Applications and Interpretations (HL or SL), or Mathematical Studies (SL).

IB APPROVED COURSES

- Biology, Calculus, Chemistry, Economics, History, Language other than English, Pre-Calculus, Physics
- Fine Arts courses; One of:** Art, Dance, Drama/Theatre, Music

IB APPROVED OPTIONS

- All Standard Level courses